

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

October 22, 2006

11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION.....The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor

PRELUDE: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty..... Walter Joanne Daykin, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP: From Hebrews 11 and 12; 2 Corinthians 5..... Lynelle Owen
Leader: What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot see.

People: We walk by faith, not by sight.

Leader: God gave his approval to people in days of old because of their faith.

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Leader: Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress, and let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the Originator and Perfector of our faith.

People: We walk by faith, not by sight. Let us worship God!

*HYMN: O Worship the KingNo. 2

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, Associate Pastor

Merciful God, through Jesus Christ you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of your Body. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves. We cling to destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow the past to hold us hostage and live in fear of the future. In your loving kindness, O Lord, have mercy on us. Free us from our sin. Remind us of your promises, so that we may rise to new life, and live daily in your grace. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray; Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: . . . Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: We Give Thee But Thine Own.....No. 688

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 21 and 86

Leader: What is true faith?

Unison: It is not only a certain knowledge by which I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word, but also a wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the gospel, that, not only to others, but to me also God has given the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of sheer grace solely for the sake of Christ's saving work.

Leader: Since we are redeemed from our sin and its wretched consequences by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why must we do good works?

Unison: Because just as Christ has redeemed us with his blood, he also renews us through his Holy Spirit according to his own image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves grateful to God for his goodness, and that he may be glorified in

us; and further, so that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and by our reverent behavior may win our neighbors to Christ.

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: Treasures in Heaven Pote Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:25-34..... Insert

SERMON: The Promise-Driven Life: All These Things Dr. Brown

2007 PLEDGES WITH TODAY'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Hymn: I Surrender All (Verses 1-3).....No. 474

*Presentation of Pledges, Tithes, and Offerings Congregation

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment..... Dr. Brown

*Hymn: I Surrender All (Verse 4).....No. 474

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee; fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.....No. 34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Darwall.....Willan

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* Those who are able will please stand.

If you are our guest today, welcome to First Presbyterian! We're so glad you're worshipping with us. For more information, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and speak with one of the pastors following the service. God bless you! Please return to worship with us again.

You can become part of the FPC community today by your profession of faith, transfer of church membership, or reaffirmation of faith. The Session meets after every service to receive new members. Please speak with Fred Coates, our associate pastor, following today's service.

Recordings of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

Next Sunday's sermon by the Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown will be on Galatians 5:1-15, True and False Religion, the ninth in the All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians sermon and study series.

Announcements

The Promise-Driven Life—2007 Pledges: Today we have the opportunity to bring our 2007 Stewardship financial pledges and our “Time and Talent” pledges to the Lord’s Table along with today’s tithes and offerings. Pledge cards and “Time and Talent” forms are inserted in your bulletin. Please respond in faith as God leads you to do, trusting in his promises for your time, talent, and treasure.

Our newest members who became part of the FPC family last Sunday are: *Sue and Robert Kopecek*, transfer of membership from First Presbyterian, Bethlehem, PA; and *Madeline and Walt Morgan*, transfer from Woods Memorial Presbyterian, Severna Park, MD. Please welcome them into our community of faith.

Volunteers for “Step Two”: Our new “Pathway for Membership” includes “Step Two,” a one-time, one-hour conversation with new members about how they may become involved and “plug in” to our life at FPC. These conversations will normally take place during the Church School hour at the church. We need caring, relational friends to help our new members become connected to our church community. If you sense God’s leadership, please contact either Clay Brown or Gene Vaughan, chair of the Membership and Evangelism Committee. Training will be provided by Dr. Brown.

The next *Discover First Pres* class is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, 6:00-9:00 p.m. We will begin at the Manse with a dessert reception hosted by Cathy and Clay Brown, take a tour of the church facilities, and conclude with a short class on all things Presbyterian with Clay. Child care will be available if requested in advance. It is not too early to register for this upcoming class. Please contact the church office at 704-664-5275 or secretary@moorsvillefirstpres.org.

Sign Up for *Thursdays with Clay: Discover the Book God Wrote*. *Thursdays with Clay* is our new Bible study time with our senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. Clay Brown. A morning session convenes from 11:00 a.m. to noon, and an evening session from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The next *Thursdays with Clay* offering promises to be most helpful. For four Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, and 30, Clay will lead us in *Discover the Book God Wrote*, based on the book by the late Bill Bright. *Discover the Book God Wrote* is an introduction to the Bible, but it’s also much more than that. The course will focus how to read and study the Bible for ourselves and how reading, knowing, and applying the Bible can transform our walk with Christ. Prior Bible knowledge isn’t necessary! You can register by contacting the church office at 704-664-5275 or secretary@moorsvillefirstpres.org. Books are \$16 each, and checks may be made payable to the church. You will be able to pick up your book at the church beginning Sunday, October 29.

Gathering of “Constitutional Presbyterians” Nov. 3-4 at First Presbyterian, Greenville, SC: Targeting Presbyterians in the Southeast, the meeting will focus how we may affirm, support, and encourage the PCUSA’s Constitution’s provisions of fidelity in marriage and chastity in singleness for all ordained ministers, elders, and deacons. Speakers include **Howard Edington**, senior pastor of Providence Presbyterian, Hilton Head, SC; **Ron Scates**, senior pastor of Highland Park Presbyterian, Dallas, TX; **James Logan, Sr.**, elder from Charlotte; and **Samuel Moffett**, professor emeritus of mission at Princeton Theological Seminary. The program begins Friday at 7 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 4 p.m., with an overnight stay in Greenville. **Your pastoral staff and members of the Session will attend. You are invited to attend also.** If you’re interested, please contact Clay or Fred for more details.

Saints Alive Beach Trip: Fifty-eight participants are registered for the Saints Alive trip to Myrtle Beach, SC, this Wednesday through Saturday. Those riding in the church van should plan to be at the church by 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25. The group plans to return late Saturday afternoon. All payments for shows should be made prior to leaving on the trip; room payments should be paid directly to Sea Island.

PYF will depart for Garden City Beach, SC after 5th Quarter this Friday, Oct. 27. They will return on Monday, Oct. 30. For details see Fred or Alan.



11:00 A.M. Order of Worship

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The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him...

Habakkuk 2:20

SERMON NOTES ♦ OCTOBER 22, 2006
The Promise-Driven Life: All These Things ♦ Matthew 6:25-34

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1:00 p.m. - Choir Recording Session (Christmas CD)
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