

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

November 12, 2006

11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: Praise and Thanksgiving ..... Wood  
Joanne Daykin, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalms 127:1-2)..... Bob Campbell

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house,

**People: those who build it labor in vain.**

Leader: Unless the Lord guards the city,

**People: the guard keeps watch in vain.**

Leader: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;

**People: for he gives sleep to his beloved**

\*HYMN: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*..... No. 111

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there were no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us close to You and build our relationship with You and with Your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

ANTHEM: *Bright Canaan*..... Arr. Shaw  
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

\*HYMN: They'll Know We Are Christians..... No. 595

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from *The Book of Confessions*, 9:31)

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares His labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to His call.**

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: *The River*..... arr. Page  
Exaltation Ringers

\*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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... Jennifer Robinson

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 5:26-6:5 ..... Insert

SERMON: *All About Grace: Loving One Another*..... Dr. Coates

\*HYMN: *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* (vv.1-3)..... No. 575

\*INVITATION AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE: *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* (v. 4)..... No. 575  
**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in loving deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

POSTLUDE: *Lobe den Herrn*..... Drischner  
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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 worshiping 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 First Presbyterian family of faith 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 Clay Brown, our pastor/head of staff, following today's service.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** this morning are given to the glory of God and in thankfulness to God for blessing all of us (Carole Crews and family) with "Memaw" Rebecca Rhodes, who would be 100 years old this morning.

**Next Sunday's sermon** by the Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown will be on Galatians 6:6-18, the final installment in the 12-part *All About Grace: A Walk Through Galatians* sermon and study series.

**The Promise-Driven Life-2007 Pledges:** If you have not had the opportunity to respond, please do so as soon as you are able. Please step out in faith as God leads you, trusting in his promises for your time, talent, and treasure.

## *Announcements*

**The next *Discover First Pres* class is scheduled for today, 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.

**Have you ever wanted a low-stress, high-touch, non-threatening way to share** with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members about the wonderful message of Christmas and about what's going at First Presbyterian Church? Here it is! Next Sunday, November 19, you will have the opportunity to take with you professionally recorded and produced music CDs from FPC's music ministry. The CDs have a Christmas theme, focusing on familiar Christmas carols (see the *Music Notes* page in this month's newsletter for more information). The CD jacket will have a listing of our Advent and Christmas activities and a brief invitation from Clay Brown to join us in the joy of the season. The CDs are free. As you give away these CDs, please invite the recipients to attend our congregation's Advent and Christmas events. Christmas is perhaps the best time of the year for evangelism, so you may hand out CDs to non-Christians and those without a church family as a witness of your faith in Christ. We believe the Lord will provide both the people to whom you should give a CD and the funds to cover the production costs—approximately \$2.50 per CD—yet the CDs are meant for you to pass out as a free outreach of FPC's ministry without passing on any costs. Your kind donations will be gratefully accepted.

**Congregational Meeting called for today.** In fulfillment of the Presbyterian *Book of Order* and the bylaws of First Presbyterian Church, a congregational meeting has been called for today, November 12, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of receiving a report from the Church Officer Nominating Committee. This report will place into nomination a slate of officers for the Session and the Diaconate Classes of 2009. During the meeting, qualified persons may also be nominated from the floor, with the prior consent of the person being nominated. The election will take place immediately once nominations are closed. See the slate of nominees on the back of the insert in today's bulletin.

**There will be an Executive Committee meeting** on Monday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the library. All members are asked to make every effort to attend.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child should be turned in to the church office by Sunday, November 19. Brochures with information regarding this ministry to needy children around the world may be found at the rear of the sanctuary and in the church office.

### Slate of Officer Nominees for 2007

Elders	Deacons
Christine B. Ahearn "Chris"	Dale W. Brawley
Karen D. Brawley	Judy L. Cole
Frances Michael Campbell, M.D. "Mike"	John G. Donelson "JD"
Philip L. Heilman "Phil"	Eric H. Estes
Weldon M. Hitchcock "Sparky"	C. Marshall Horsman, Jr. "Marshall"
Thermond E. Thompson	Kathleen H. Irwin "Cathy"
J. Scott Vaughan "Scott"	Julie R. Morrow



11:00 A.M. Order of Worship

## First Presbyterian Church

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*The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him...*  
Habakkuk 2:20

## Calendar

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Early Worship with Kairos  
8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
**12:00 p.m. - Congregational Meeting to elect 2007 officers**  
5:15 p.m. - Alpha/Omega P YF hayride  
6:00 p.m. - *Discover FPC* – begins at the manse  
6:00 p.m. - Personnel and Administration Committee meeting  
7:00 p.m. Budget & Finance, CE, Missions, Property, and Worship & Music Committee meetings
- Monday: 9:30 a.m. - "Moms in Touch" in the Session room  
2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the parlor  
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the Session room  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred and Jean Coates  
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- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the parlor  
12:00 p.m. - Women of the Word (No. 5) at the home of Mary Fortanbary  
5:30 p.m. - P YF Supper Club at Wendy's  
6:00 p.m. - Brownie Scouts  
7:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *Pilgrim Party*  
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*If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.*

**B. How NOT to love (5:26)**

*Let us not become...*

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