

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

November 19, 2006

11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: *Fanfare – Thanksgiving Suite*..... Callahan
Joanne Daykin, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP: From Psalm 98:1-3 Mark McNeely

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

People: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Leader: The Lord has made known his salvation.

People: He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord’s name be praised!

*HYMN: *His Name is Wonderful*..... No. 102

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

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. We pray through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

ANTHEM: *O How Beautiful*..... Horman

Chancel Choir and Logos Choir

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*HYMN: *Just As I Am*..... No. 354

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of

saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*..... Haan
Joanne Daykin, Organist

*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..... Jack Ahearn

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 6:6-18..... Insert

SERMON: *All About Grace: Sowing and Reaping*..... Dr. Brown

*HYMN: *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* (Verses 1 & 2)..... No. 505

*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* (Verse 3)..... No. 505

All the way my Savior leads me; O the fullness of his love! Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father’s house above; when my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day, this my song through countless ages, Jesus led me all the way; this my song through countless ages, Jesus led me all the way.

POSTLUDE: *Thanksgiving – Thanksgiving Suite*..... Callahan

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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 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 “Spiritual Respiration,” with Psalm 32:1-11 as the sermon passage.

Announcements

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 to do, trusting in his promises for your time, talent, and treasure.

Share Christ with Christmas CDs You Can Give Away! 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! Today 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. The CD jacket has 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 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.

Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child should be turned in today.

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, November 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following lunch and devotions, the group will enjoy fellowship together at a "Game Day," where participants are encouraged to bring their favorite board or card games

The second annual Mooresville Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day to provide a holiday meal and fellowship to those in need. Area churches, the Mooresville Christian Mission, the Mooresville Soup Kitchen and area businesses are working together to sponsor this event. The dinner will be held at the First Baptist Church, 150 South Church Street, in downtown Mooresville (current location of the Soup Kitchen) from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on November 23. Sit down dining, carry out, and home delivery (for elderly and disabled only) will be offered. Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve, deliver and clean-up. To volunteer your services, please call Jill Herring at 704-664-2704 or call 704-664-3680 ext. 218 for further information. Donations are welcome and are tax-deductible. Checks should be made out to the Mooresville Christian Mission and sent to P.O. Box 62, Mooresville, NC 28115. Please indicate that it is for the Mooresville Community Thanksgiving Project.



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
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Logos choir
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) at the home of Eloise Brawley
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
7:00 p.m. - Joint Deacon/Session Meeting in the parlor

Monday: **Newsletter Deadline**
9:30 a.m. - "Moms in Touch" in the Session room
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred and Jean Coates

Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - *Exploring Our Reformed Faith* Study
12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at What-A-Burger
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers

Wednesday: Weekday Preschool closed through Sunday
11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
No Logos/MSM/Kairos
7:30 p.m. - Chancel choir

Thursday: Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Friday: Church office closed

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THE BASIC PRINCIPLE (6:7-8)

- **A practical reality...**
- **A spiritual reality too...**
- *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (2 Corinthians 9:6 ESV)*

THE PRINCIPLE APPLIED (6:6,9-16)

- **In proclamation and teaching (v. 6)**
- **In good deeds, mercy and compassion (vv. 9-10)**
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