

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 7, 2007

11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIPThe Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor

- Welcome and Friendship Pads
Announcements
Invocation

PRELUDE: Creator of the Stars of Night..... Haan
Joanne Daykin, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name..... No. 106

*CONFESSION AND PARDON..... The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, Associate Pastor

- Call to Confession
Unison Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess to you that our perspectives and actions are twisted by pride. We see ourselves as pure when in reality we are stained, and mighty when in reality we are weak. We have failed to live in your love. We have neglected to be just. We have turned away from your truth. God of mercy, forgive our sin, so we may serve you joyfully and fearlessly. Through Jesus Christ we pray; Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Scripture says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone; behold, the new has come." Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE: To God Be the Glory (Verse 1).....No. 66

To God be the glory, great things he hath done; so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 11:29-32.....Elaine Drye

*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.

*HYMN: When Peace Like a River..... No. 428

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give
Offertory: Psalm 139..... Pote

Chancel Choir

*Doxology: 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

SERMON

Jonah 1:1-3 (Insert)

"Big Fish... Bigger God: Anything But That"

Dr. Brown

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution and Breaking of Bread
Communion of the People
Post-Communion Prayer

*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: The Lord's Prayer.....No. 740

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom com, 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.

POSTLUDE: Somerset.....Daly

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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.

Announcements

New Sermon Series—Big Fish... Bigger God: Think the story of Jonah is simply about a whale swallowing a man? Think again! The book of Jonah is about the prophet Jonah and his struggles and successes in following God's will. The book of Jonah is about opening our eyes to see the world the way God sees it, with the love God has for all people. The book of Jonah is about our response—with our struggles and successes—to God's calling in our lives. Seven sermons from January 7-February 18 in both 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will take us through this remarkable Old Testament witness to the acts of a loving, gracious God and the responses God desires from us.

Preaching Schedule for Big Fish... Bigger God:

1. 1/7/07, Jonah 1:1-3, "Anything But That"
2. 1/14/07, Jonah 1:4-16, "You Can Run..."
3. 1/21/07, Jonah 1:17—2:10, "Getting Our Attention"
4. 1/28/07, Jonah 3:1-3a, "A God-Sized Task"
5. 2/4/07, Jonah 3:3b-10, "Drastic Times and Drastic Measures"
6. 2/11/07, Jonah 4:1-4, "And This Is a Bad Thing?"
7. 2/18/07, Jonah 4:5-11, "Looking at Life Through a God-Shaped Lens"

A wonderful way for you to prepare for each sermon in this life-changing series is to read the Scripture passage for Sunday before you come to the worship service. Come to worship ready to hear God's Word shared, explained, and applied to our lives through the incredible and inspiring story of Jonah.

Congregational Meeting Today following 11:00 a.m. Service: This meeting's purpose is to nominate and elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for the new position of Associate Pastor/Director of Youth Ministries and to approve a job description for the new position as well as changes in our current Associate Pastor's job description. Church members have received information packets in the mail. Your prayerful participation in this meeting is greatly appreciated.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Today: All professing and baptized Christians, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to commune, as well as baptized children instructed in the meaning of the sacrament. Please eat the bread and drink the cup as the elements are passed to you. May the risen Christ nourish and feed your soul as you commune!

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons Next Sunday: The Class of 2009 elders and deacons will be ordained and installed January 14, 11:00 a.m. Please be in prayerful support and encouragement of our new church officers.

Logos/Middle School Ministry/Kairos: Second semester Logos/MSM/Kairos begins this Wednesday, January 10, at 4:00 p.m. Tuition payments should be made as soon as possible, unless prior arrangements have been made; scholarship help is available upon request. There will be a Parent Meeting for new participants only this Wednesday, January 10, at 6:45 p.m. in the church library.

Pastor's Class: The Pastor's Class will resume meeting this morning at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend; the study will focus on the Lord's Prayer.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Celia Putnam and family and Marshall Horsman, Jr. and family in the death of their father and grandfather, Charles Donaldson, Sr. on January 2; to Lynn Brooks and family in the death of her mother, Nancy Triplett, on January 3; and to Dot McNeely and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Edith Cline on January 3.



11:00 a.m. Worship First Presbyterian Church

249 West McLelland Avenue
Mooresville, North Carolina

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

Habakkuk 2:20

Calendar

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship with Communion
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion
12:00 p.m. - Congregational Meeting
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the parlor
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
- Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle One 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 & Jean Coates
- 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
2:00 p.m. - Library Committee
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Jack in the Box
7:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner
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- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Harding & Peggy Rogers
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The Mooresville Community Alliance will pay tribute to the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by hosting the Fourth Annual Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Holiday Celebration Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. on January 15 at the Charles Mack Citizen Center on Main Street in Mooresville, NC. The speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Dr. Sheldon R. Shipman, senior minister/pastor of Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church, Charlotte, NC. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 years and under. No tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets call 704-663-0067 or 704-663-2917.

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