

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 28, 2007

11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIPThe Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor
Welcome and Friendship Pads
Announcements
Invocation

PRELUDE: I Wonder as I Wander..... Barr
Joanne Daykin, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN: Come, Christians, Join to SingNo. 87

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession
Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts, we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ..Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE: Grace Greater than Our Sin (Verse 1)..... No. 353
Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Thermond Thompson

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:7..... Pew Bible, pp. 170-171
Susan Meade, Reader

*SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

*HYMN: Lord, Be Glorified No. 465

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

Invitation to Give
Offertory: Torches and Trumpets..... Noel

Logos Choir

And the Lord looked at him and said "Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?"

*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 3:1-3 (Insert)

"Big Fish... Bigger God: A God-Sized Task"

Dr. Brown

*HYMN: The Summons (Verses 1,2,3)..... No. 350

*INVITATION AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE: The Summons (Verse 4)..... No. 350

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

POSTLUDE: Brighter and Best..... Peeters

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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 a member of First Presbyterian TODAY by your profession of faith, transfer of church membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Elders from the Session meet after every service to receive new members. Please speak with Fred Coates, our associate pastor, in the Parlor 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! 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.

Remaining Sermons for *Big Fish... Bigger God*:

1. 2/4/07, Jonah 3:3b-10, "Drastic Times and Drastic Measures"
2. 2/11/07, Jonah 4:1-4, "And This Is a Bad Thing?"
3. 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.

Lent in the Living Room: You will have the opportunity to participate in something new and exciting for First Presbyterian Church this Lent—a small group ministry called "Lent in the Living Room."

What happens during "Lent in the Living Room"? Small groups of between 8-14 people will meet once a week for six sessions in host homes in locations throughout Mooresville and the surrounding area during Lent. When they meet, they do the following:

- Study the Scriptures together, using the sermon passage preached the previous Sunday as the text with discussion questions and a trained small group facilitator from the church.
- Share with one another and get to know each other.
- Pray together.

Groups will begin to meet the week of the First Sunday in Lent, February 28, and will end the week of the Sixth Sunday in Lent, April 1. A wide variety of groups will be offered, so you will be able to find a group with the day, time, and location best for you. Group gatherings usually take approximately 70-90 minutes. You will be able to register for the group of your choice beginning Sunday, February 4.

We are actively seeking facilitators to lead discussions and hosts to open their homes to groups. Training will be provided. If you are interested in serving as a facilitator, a host, or both, or if you simply want more information, please contact Clay Brown at 704-664-5275, clay@moorevillefirstpres.org.

Need for Ushers and Greeters: If you are interested in this ministry of hospitality and welcome on Sunday mornings, please contact Phil Heilman, chair of the Worship and Music Committee, 704-663-6518, bichoperez@aol.com.

Save the Soup. Buy a Bowl: The Mooresville Soup Kitchen is hosting a soup supper to increase awareness about the community ministry and raise much-needed funds as the organization prepares to move to a new location. The event is Friday, February 23 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mooresville Soup Kitchen, 150 S. Church Street. The meal will consist of a variety of soups, bread, dessert and beverages. Tickets are \$5. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact MSK board members Chris Ahearn (704-662-8643) or Mac Herring (704) 664-2704. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School Planning Committee: There will be a meeting of the VBS Planning Committee next Monday, January 29, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in helping on the Planning Committee. This year's Bible School is scheduled for June 24-27.

Recent prayer requests: Terry Stevens; Sam and Margaret Sanders; John McClure and family; Sue Parnell's father, Richard Scovil; Doris and Carl Neal; Dennis Ladd; and Laban Thompson and his shipmates on the USS Guardian.



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. - Early Worship
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Logos choir
5:15 p.m. - Alpha & Omega PYF
6:00 p.m. - Chili Cook-Off
7:00 p.m. - Session

Monday: 7:30 p.m. - Bible study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates

Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - *Exploring Our Reformed Faith* Study in the library
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Bojangles
6:00 p.m. - Brownies in room 319
7:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers

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4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *Super Bowl Night*
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