

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

February 4, 2007

11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: Prelude in G Major.....Mendelssohn
Joanne Daykin, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....No. 68

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON..... The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, Associate Pastor
Call to Confession
Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy upon us. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises, declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant, O merciful God, for Christ's sake that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. 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: O How He Loves You and Me..... No. 270
O how he loves you and me, O how he loves you and me; he gave his life—what more could he give? O how he loves you, O how he loves me, O how he loves you and me!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM: Tall Walls Fall!..... Waldrop
Middle School Handbell Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25.....Pew Bible, pp. 156
Becky Rader, Reader

\* 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: Christ for the World! We Sing..... No. 561

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: The Holy Vine..... Moore

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 3:3b-10 (Insert)

“Big Fish... Bigger God: Drastic Times and Drastic Measures”
Dr. Brown

\*HYMN: Go to the World! (Verses 1,2,3)..... No. 553

\*INVITATION AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE: Go to the World! (Verse 4)..... No. 553

POSTLUDE: Postlude in G Major.....Mendelssohn

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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. 2/11/07, Jonah 4:1-4, "And This Is a Bad Thing?"
2. 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.

**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](mailto:bichoperez@aol.com).

**As we enter 2007, the flower calendar is rather empty.** If you would like to place flowers in the church during worship in honor or in memory of someone, please call or stop by the church office. The flower calendar will be in the Parlor over the next several Sundays for your convenience. Please take a moment to see if there is a Sunday you would like to place flowers in the church.

**Our seventh annual Talent Show and covered dish supper is next Sunday evening, February 11** in the fellowship hall. The show is open to anyone and, yes, you can still sign up by simply seeing Alan Sledge anytime before Sunday evening. Do you know someone who has a talent to share? Give them a call and encourage them to be a part of this fun evening. The purpose of the event is to share some fun, some laughs and fellowship with the church family. As usual, childcare will be provided during the show. The meal will be a covered dish supper coordinated by church hostess Jeilyn Fair and volunteers from Circle No. 2, assisted by members of the Diaconate. The church will provide meat and drinks; you will bring the sides and desserts. There will be donation baskets on the tables to cover the cost of the meat. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. followed by the show at 7:00 p.m.

**The Presbyterian Men's breakfast next Sunday at 8:30 a.m.** will feature a presentation by Mr. John Koppelmeyer- president of the Barium Springs Home for Children. As you may know, Barium Springs initially began as an orphanage and today it continues its wonderful outreach by providing residential care, educational services, childcare, and a campus ministry. Men are invited to bring their families to this breakfast and hear about a true valentine: the services that Barium Springs provides to North Carolina families and children. Please call the church office and let them know how many family members will be attending.

**Camp Grier:** Camp Grier Director Dave Cohn will present a program on summer camping opportunities during the Logos/MSM dinner hour this Wednesday, February 7. Parents and all interested in summer camping are encouraged to attend; the program will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Camp Grier is located in Old Fort, NC, and offers camping programs for children in rising second through twelfth grades.

**Christian sympathy** is expressed to Susan Poore and family in the death of her mother in Raleigh, NC and to Mark Kortright and family in the death of his brother-in-law in New York.

**Recent prayer requests:** Terry Stevens; Sam and Margaret Sanders; Jim Drye; Eleanor Templeton; John McClure and family; Mirian McNeely's brother, Emory Watson; Brent Curtis' mother, Sue Pamell'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 Handbells  
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry  
5:15 p.m. - PYF "Souper Bowl" Sunday
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - *Lent in the Living Room* Facilitator Training in FH  
7:30 p.m. - Bible study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Zaxby's  
6:00 p.m. - Brownies in room 319  
7:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner  
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM - *Camp Out/Gone Fishin' Night*  
5:00 p.m. - Kairos  
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