

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

February 18, 2007

11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: I Come to You Lord Jesus..... Bach
Joanne Daykin, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty..... No. 71

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

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.

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 10:7-16.....Pew Bible, pp. 98

\* 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: Wonderful Grace of Jesus.....No. 362

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 THE GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory: O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus..... Martin
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 4:5-11 (Insert)

“Big Fish... Bigger God: Looking at Life Through a God-Shaped Lens”

Dr. Brown

\*HYMN: Amazing Grace (Verses 1,2,3,4).....No. 422

\*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: Amazing Grace (Verse 5).....No. 422

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune..... Stanley

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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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dale Brawley’s birthday by Donna Brawley and children.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Margaret Sanders and family in the death of her husband, Oscar Samuel Sanders, Jr. on February 9 and to Miriam McNeely and family in the death of her brother, Emory Watson on February 15.

## Announcements

### New Lenten Sermon Series—“Living on Your Growing Edge: Discipleship with the Apostle Peter.”

The sermons preached during Lent will connect with the Scriptures our “Lent in the Living Room” groups will be discussing and will follow a specific theme. This year’s theme is “Living on Your Growing Edge: Discipleship with the Apostle Peter.” What is your growing edge? It is that place in life where God is working with you most to shape and mold your character more and more into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

Here are the sermons and Scripture passages our pastors will preach during Lent.

- ☐ 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of Lent, Feb. 25: “When You’re Out of Your Comfort Zone,” Luke 5:1-11.
- ☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Lent, Mar. 4: “When You Step Out in Faith,” Matthew 14:22-33.
- ☐ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Lent, Mar. 11: “When You-Know-Who Shows Up,” Luke 9:28-36.
- ☐ 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Lent, Mar. 18: “When You Finally Get It Right,” Matthew 16:13-17.
- ☐ 5<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Lent, Mar. 25: “When You Have Nowhere Else to Turn,” John 6:60-69.
- ☐ 6<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Lent, Apr. 1 (Palm Sun.): “When You’ve Blown It,” Matthew 26:30-35, 69-75.

A wonderful way for you to prepare for each sermon in this transformational series is to read the Scripture passage for Sunday before you come to worship and then to participate in a “Lent in the Living Room” small group to discuss the passage during the week. Information on the groups may be found in the bulletin insert. Come to worship ready to hear God’s Word shared, explained, and applied to our lives.

**Saints Alive Luncheon:** The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held this Tuesday, February 20, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall; cost is \$4. This month’s program will be presented by Maryanne Dailey, Executive Director of the Better Business Bureau Consumer Foundation in Charlotte. The program will focus on prevention of consumer fraud and financial exploitation, particularly as it relates to senior adults.

**Saints Alive Trip:** The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to visit Kerner’s Folly, a unique historic home in Kernersville, NC, this Friday, February 23. The group plans to leave at 10:00 a.m. and return in the late afternoon; cost is \$6. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to make a reservation.

**Thursdays with Clay continues on February 22, 1:00-3:00 and 7:00-9:00 p.m.** This popular study series continues this Thursday with “Understanding and Answering the Crisis in the Presbyterian Church USA”. This is a change from the previously listed offering. This new course will focus on the issues of theology, community, and polity that concern many within the Presbyterian Church USA. This course is concentrated and self-contained in a two-hour time period, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and from 7:00-9:00 p.m., to help you use your time wisely and to provide the optimal introduction to the topic at hand. The material presented from 1:00-3:00 p.m. is repeated at 7:00-9:00 p.m., so you may choose whichever time period fits your schedule best. Registration is strongly encouraged so we can prepare enough resources for participants. You can contact the church office by calling 704-664-5275, or by emailing us at [secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org](mailto:secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org). Free child care will be provided upon advance notice given to the church office at registration.

**All committees of the Session will meet tonight at 7:00 p.m.** for their scheduled monthly meetings. We will begin in the Sanctuary with a short Bible study and prayer time led by the Rev. Dr. Clay Brown, then we will move to our individual committee meetings.

**Discover First Pres happens Sunday, March 4, 6:00-9:00 p.m.** Thinking about becoming part of the FPC family or a new member wanting to know more? An excellent opportunity is coming your way! We’ll begin with a dessert reception at the manse next to the church, hosted by our pastor and his wife, Clay and Cathy Brown. Then we’ll move to the church for a tour and a brief introduction to all things Presbyterian led by Dr. Brown, as well as the chance to meet some of the staff and lay leaders. Meeting people, sharing information, orienting you to the First Pres family, and having a good time are the watchwords of the evening. Dress is casual. It should be great fun! If you’re interested or have any questions, please call or email the church office at 704-664-5275 or [secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org](mailto:secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org). Child care is available with advance notice.



## 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. - PYF Ski Trip  
8:30 a.m. - Early Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens for the Lord (No. 6) at the home of Margaret Auten  
6:00 p.m. - Diaconate in room 300  
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings
- Monday: **Weekday Preschool Closed**  
9:30 a.m. - Mom's in Touch  
7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee  
7:30 p.m. - Bible study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates
- Tuesday: - **Newsletter Deadline**  
10:30 a.m. - *Exploring Our Reformed Faith* Study in the library.  
12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive  
5:00 p.m. - JOMC in the Session Room  
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Pie in the Sky  
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 – *Mexican Fiesta Night*  
5:00 p.m. - Kairos  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
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4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF  
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF  
7:00 p.m. - Session

**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).

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**SERMON OUTLINE**

***Big Fish... Bigger God: Looking at Life Through a God-Shaped Lens***

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