

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

February 25, 2007

11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: Andante.....Mendelssohn
Joanne Daykin, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN: Shine, Jesus, Shine..... No. 319

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession
Unison Prayer of Confession

Even when we give our best to Your service, O God, still we fall short of the glory You intend for us. Even in our moments of sharpest clarity and most profound wisdom we are yet creatures of ignorance and foolishness. You know how we fail to see Your Truth clearly, to follow it fully, and to love You completely. Lord have mercy on us. Remind us again that the magnitude of our sins is far outweighed by the magnitude of your mercies. So may we turn to You as grateful people, trusting that our sins may be forgiven and our folly overruled by Your abundant grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Silent Prayers of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Scripture remind us, "If anyone is in Christ, there 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: At the Cross..... No. 258

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away, it was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11..... Pew Bible, pp.166
Charlie Heilman, 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give
Offertory: Remember MeAlt house

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

Luke 5:1-11 (Insert)

Living on Your Growing Edge: Discipleship with the Apostle Peter

"When You're Out of Your Comfort Zone"

Dr. Coates

*HYMN: Beneath the Cross of Jesus..... No. 255

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 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.

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune in D..... Daley

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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.

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.

Announcements

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!

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.

- ☐ **1st Sun. of Lent, Feb. 25: “When You're Out of Your Comfort Zone,” Luke 5:1-11.**
- ☐ **2nd Sun. of Lent, Mar. 4: “When You Step Out in Faith,” Matthew 14:22-33.**
- ☐ **3rd Sun. of Lent, Mar. 11: “When You-Know-Who Shows Up,” Luke 9:28-36.**
- ☐ **4th Sun. of Lent, Mar. 18: “When You Finally Get It Right,” Matthew 16:13-17.**
- ☐ **5th Sun. of Lent, Mar. 25: “When You Have Nowhere Else to Turn,” John 6:60-69.**
- ☐ **6th 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.

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@moorvillefirstpres.org. Child care is available with advance notice.

Needed: Help to deliver arranged flowers to our shut-ins at their homes or nursing homes. Your reward: Appreciation from the recipients. This small gesture means so much to them. Please call the church office (704-664-5275) and say, “Count on me.”

Church School: Everyone is encouraged to attend the kick-off to “March MADness,” (March Attendance Dash) next Sunday, March 4, from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Breakfast refreshments will be served. During the month of March, all church school classes are encouraged to increase their attendance and participation, with a goal of 30% increased attendance. Church school classes are held each Sunday for all ages, birth through adult, from 9:45-10:00 a.m.

Recent Prayer Requests: Terry Stevens; Anne Lowe; Barb Fuller, health concerns; Asa McNeely; Richard Newton, Angie Thompson's father in the hospital; Bob Lytle; John McClure; Margaret Sanders; and Laban Thompson and 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. - Worship with Communion and Logos Choir
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
7:00 p.m. - Session
Lent in the Living Room

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - VBS Meeting in Room 300
Lent in the Living Room

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Salsarita's
6:00 p.m. - Brownies in Room 219
6:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
Lent in the Living Room

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4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *Hunger/Homelessness Night*
5:00 p.m. - Kairos
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
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- I. THE PRESSING CROWD (VV. 1-3)**

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