

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 11, 2007

11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP..... The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor

Welcome and Friendship Pads

Announcements

Invocation

PRELUDE: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*..... arr. Wagner

Exaltation Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN: *We Have Come to Join in Worship*.....No. 647

*CONFESSION AND PARDON.....Dr. Brown

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all grace, in Jesus Christ You have revealed the light of Your glory. In Him we glimpse eternal things, and sense the mystery of Your holiness. But too often we turn away. We become distracted, uncertain, and afraid. We fall into doubt and then despair. We wander and become lost. Forgive us for our aimless ways! Grant us fresh wisdom by which to live in Your light and to follow in the way of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ...Friends, hear again and believe the good news of the gospel.

Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE: *At the Cross (Refrain)*.....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

ANTHEM: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*..... Founds

PYF Praise Team

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 2:5-11 Pew Bible, pp. 185

Elaine Drye, 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: *Open Our Eyes*.....No. 491

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: *Shout To The Lord*..... Zschech

*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 9:28-36 (Insert)

Living on Your Growing Edge: Discipleship with the Apostle Peter Sermon Series

"When You Know Who Shows Up"

The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, Associate Pastor

*HYMN: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (Verses 1,2,3).....No. 358

*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (Verse 4).....No. 358

POSTLUDE: *Lift High the Cross*..... Ore

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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 memory of loved ones by Bob and Mimi Dobbins.

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 remaining sermons and Scripture passages our pastors will preach during Lent.

- ☐ **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.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of Barb Fuller who died on March 4 and to Johnny Stutts and family in the death of his mother.

Make plans to attend the Pancake Meals for the Mwandu Benefit on Friday, March 17 from 5-8 p.m. or Saturday from 7:00-11:00 a.m. The Missions Committee members are selling tickets. Also, the **Logos Musical, Giddyup, Giddalong, Gideon** will be performed on Sunday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. with dessert following.. You don’t want to miss either of these events!

Volunteers for “Step Two”: “Step Two” is a one-time, one-hour conversation with new members about how they may become involved and “plug in” at FPC usually held during the Church School hour. We need caring, relational people to help our new members become connected to our church community. If you sense God’s leadership to be a “Step Two” volunteer, please contact Dr. Brown.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to tour the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer this Friday, March 16. Plans are to leave at 10:45 a.m., eat lunch in the Salisbury area and tour the facility following lunch. Cost is \$5.50. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to make a reservation.

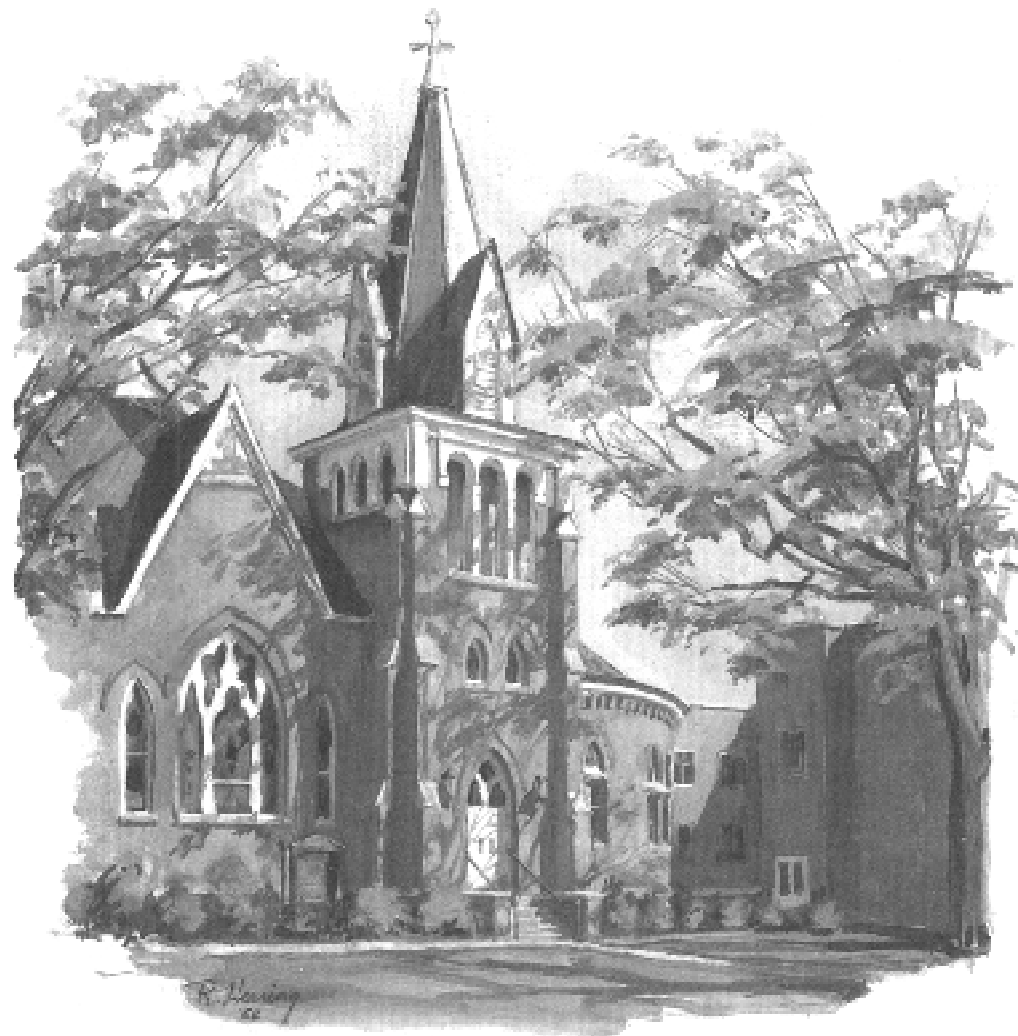
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In Memoriam

Barbara Woksa. Fuller

October 12, 1931 – March 4, 2007

**Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth
that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13**



11:30 a.m. Worship
First Presbyterian Church

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

Habakkuk 2:20

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8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Exaltation Ringers
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the parlor
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:00 p.m. - Mwandi meeting in Room 300
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
7:00 p.m. - Committee meetings
Lent in the Living Room

Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the parlor
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the Session room
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts in the Scout building
- Lent in the Living Room

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 Lorra Lee Holshouser (Bring a bag lunch)
5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Shiki
6:00 p.m. - Brownies in Room 219
7:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
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4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *St. Patrick's Day*
5:00 p.m. - Kairos
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
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