

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 25, 2007

11:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor  
Minute for Mission Harry Weyer

Invocation

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* Kaufmann  
Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

\*Opening Sentences

\*Hymn *We Gather Together* Hymnal, No. 81

\*Prayer of Confession The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, Associate Pastor

\*Silent Prayers of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Anthem *Lord Reign In Me* Brown  
PYF Praise Band and Chorus

Old Testament Reading **Psalm 147:7-11** Pew Bible, pp. 556-557  
Smith Kirk, Reader

\*Hymn *Give Thanks* Hymnal, No. 359

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.**

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Above All* LeBlanc/Beloche  
PYF Praise Band and Chorus  
Soloists: Carson Bridges, Nell Herring, Jordan Sledge

\*The Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal, No. 34

\*Prayer of Dedication

New Testament Reading **Mark 5:35-43 (ESV)**  
Sermon *Who Is This Man? Giver of Life...*

Insert  
Dr. Brown

Prayer of Response

\*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 *Now Thank We All Our God* (vv. 1-2) Hymnal, No. 14

\*Invitation and Benediction

\*Response *Now Thank We All Our God* (v. 3) Hymnal, No. 14

\*Postlude *Nun Danket* Cruger

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\* Those who are able will please stand.

**If you are our guest today, welcome!** We're so glad you're here. For more information, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and pick up a "Welcome Home" folder in the Parlor.

**You can become a member of First Presbyterian TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of church membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with a pastor during the time of refreshments following today's service.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary. **Recordings of the 11:00 a.m. service** are available at the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

**Please turn in your 2008 pledge cards and Time & Talent inventories as soon as you are able.** Extra pledge cards and Time & Talent inventories are available in the Parlor. Please step out in faith as Jesus leads, joining him in his mission of *Loving God... Loving People... Making Disciples.*

**The flowers in the sanctuary** this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Roger and Debbie Hyatt.

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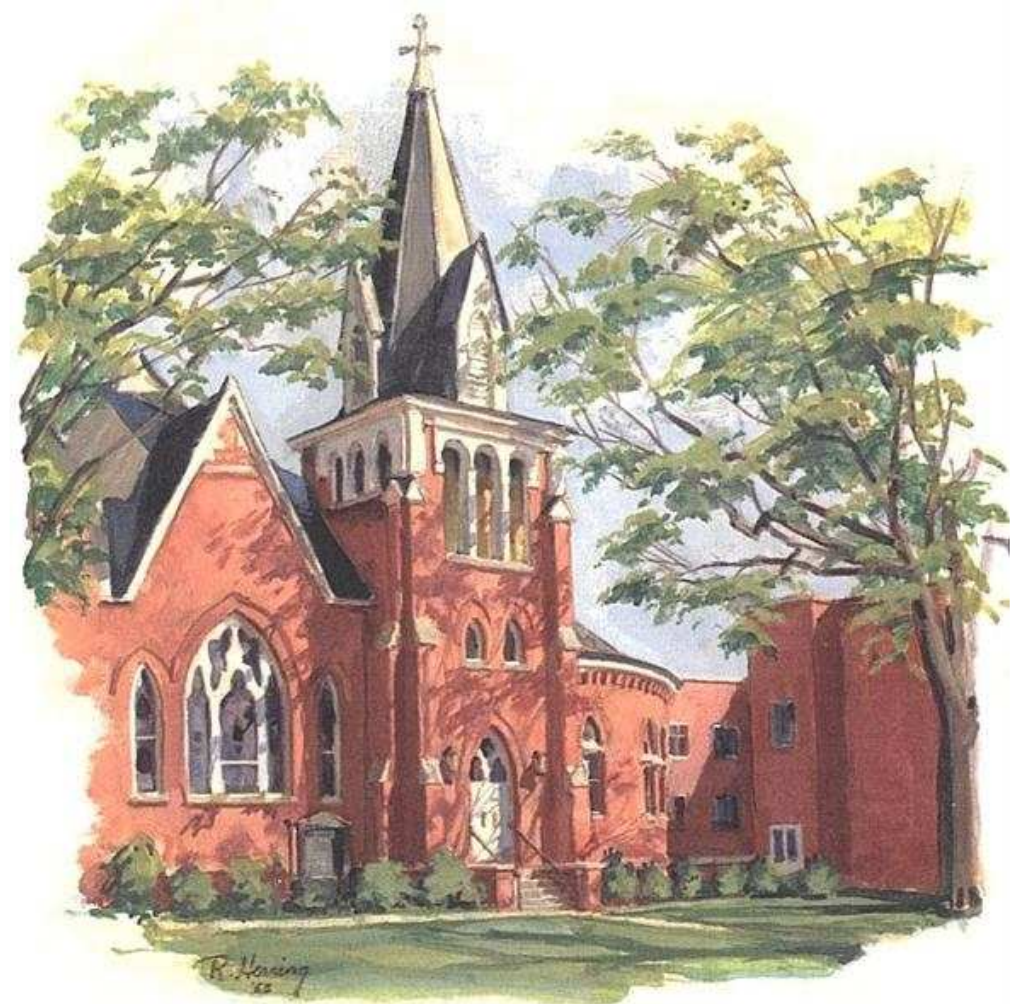
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*Billy Black, Sexton Jerilyn Fair, Hostess Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist*

## *Announcements*

**Share Christ with a Christmas Book You Can Give Away Beginning Dec. 2.** Christmas is perhaps the best time of year for evangelism. This Christmas, we will have a low-stress, high-touch, non-threatening way to share the gospel with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members. Lee Strobel, former atheist and newspaper reporter turned Christian author and minister, has written *The Case for Christmas* to communicate the meaning of Christmas in a clear, insightful way. On Sunday, December 2, please take with you copies of this book along with information about the Advent and Christmas activities of FPC. These books are free. As you give them away, please invite the recipients to attend our Advent and Christmas events as a witness of your faith in Christ. We believe the Lord will provide both the people to whom you should give a book and the funds to cover the costs—approximately \$2 per book—yet the books are meant for you to pass out as a free outreach of FPC without passing on any costs. Your kind donations will be gratefully accepted.

**Help with the Walk Thru Bethlehem:** we need donations of cases of bottled water (for the cast members and other volunteers) that may be brought to the church kitchen by Thursday, Dec. 6th. Anyone who would like to participate in the final preparation weekend, December 1, 9:00 - 1:00, should come to the Brawley Mansion (at the corner of North Broad and Williams Streets) with rakes, hammers, crowbars, etc. Everyone is encouraged to support WTB with their presence and their prayers.

### *Calendar* (Week of November 25 – December 2, 2007)

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
No PYF  
6:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - *Moms in Touch* in the Session room
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner  
4:00 p.m. - Logos *Hero* Night  
6:15 p.m. - HS SupperClub at *Shiki*
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Roger's home  
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Sunday 12/2: 8:30 a.m. - Worship with Baptism  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
9:45 a.m. - Advent Workshop  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Logos/MSM

4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF

5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Dick Fortanbary; Libby Greene; the Waddell family in Mwandia; Jan Stillwell's father; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Martha Andrews; Charles Dixon; Sr. A Tim Irwin, USAF; and QM 3 SW Laban Thompson and shipmates on the USS Guardian.



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