

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 13, 2008

11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor

INVOCATION

PRELUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Fleischer
Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

*THE 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.*

*OPENING SENTENCES

*HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* No. 106

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, Associate Pastor
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.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* No. 472
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 23* Pew Bible, OT p. 484
Smith Kirk, Reader

*HYMN *O Christ the Same* No. 433

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

ANTHEM *Surely the Presence* Wolfe
Chancel Choir

*RESPONSE *We Give Thee but Thine Own (Verse 1)* No. 688
We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be: all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON LESSON *Mark 6:30-44* Insert
SERMON *Feeding Body and Soul* Dr. Brown

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

*HYMN *Break Now the Bread of Life (Verses 1-3)* No. 665

*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.

*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *Break Now the Bread of Life (Verse 4)* No. 665

*POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Manz

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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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Susan Chambers (daughter of Lynelle Owen) and John Adamek in our sanctuary on January 12. The flowers in the vestibule are given in honor of the 53rd wedding anniversary of Marshall and Rosie Crouch by their children.

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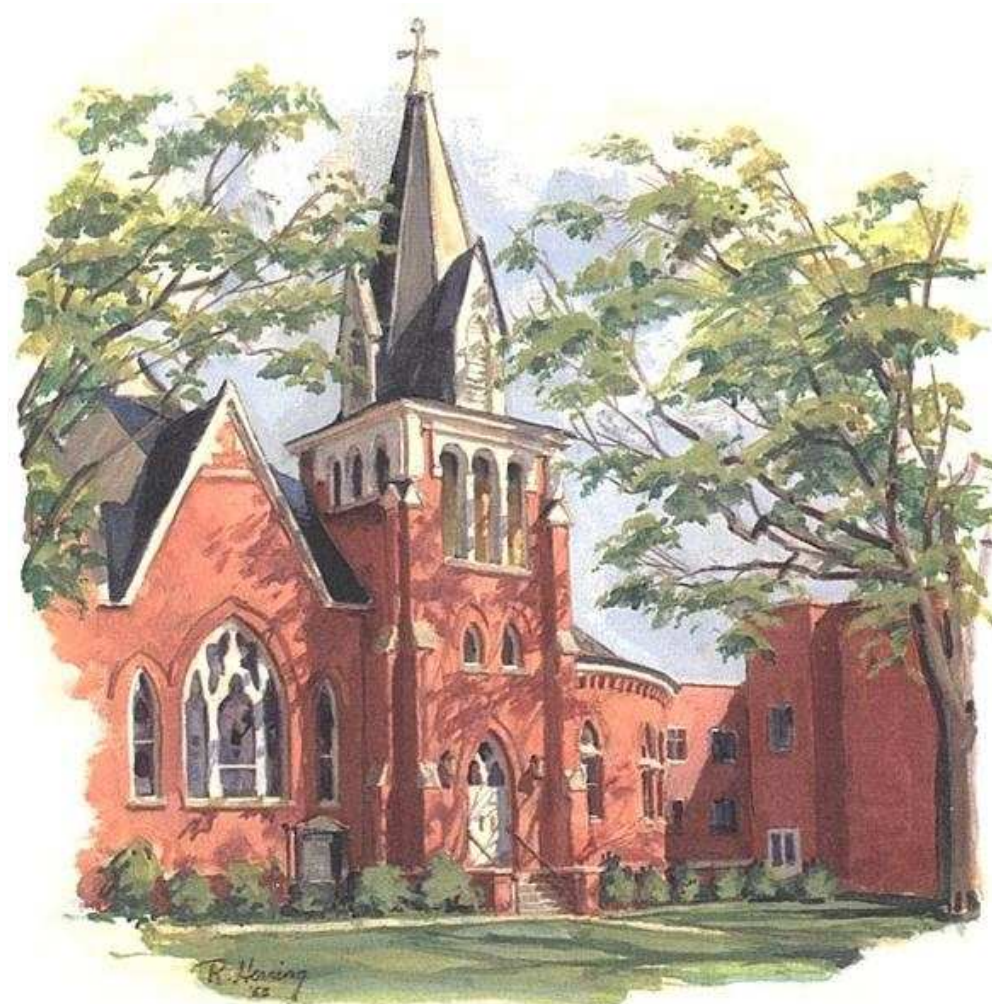
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Loving God... Loving People... Making Disciples

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11:00 A.M. Worship

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Announcements

Marti Estes 5K - Mooresville Community Walk of Faith, April 19, 2008: Registration forms for the race/walk are now available in the Church parlor or you can register online at www.activezach.com/events/eventDetails.cfm?pEventId=2312, or by clicking on the link on the Church website under Missions. Special thanks to the following contributing sponsors - Ladd McCall and Associates CPA, PA; LKN Capital; Leigh Madison Company; All Waterways Construction, Inc; Crouch Brothers, Inc. Gold, Silver, and Bronze level sponsorships are still available but you better act fast! Sponsorship info can be found in the Church parlor or contact Bob Campbell at 704-662-8286 or 704-491-2289 for more information.

Congratulations are expressed to Susan Chambers (Lynelle Owen's daughter) and John Adamek who were married in our sanctuary on January 12.

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held this Tuesday, January 15, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (\$4). Join "older" adults in the congregation for lunch, fellowship and a program, presented by Andy Poore, Curator of Special Collections at the Mooresville Public Library.

Saints Alive Planning Meeting: There will be a meeting to plan Saints Alive luncheons and trips this Wednesday, January 16, at 10:30 a.m. in the church library.

Women's Bible Study: Join women of the congregation in a women's Bible study group which meets on Friday mornings in the parlor from 10:00-11:30 a.m. They are studying the book, *Life Management for Busy Women*. Cost of materials is \$6. A nursery is provided, with advance reservations. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in attending.

Lent in the Living Hosts/Facilitators Meeting January 15: All hosts and facilitators for our "Lent in the Living Room" small group program are invited to an orientation meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 7:15-8:15 p.m., in the Session Room.

Committees Meet Tonight, 7:00 P.M.: All sessional committees will have their first monthly meetings of the year tonight at 7:00 p.m. We will begin with a short devotional meeting in the sanctuary led by Dr. Brown, then we'll move to our respective meeting rooms. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

Mark Earley, President and CEO of Prison Fellowship Ministry will speak at Centre Presbyterian Church, Thursday, January 17, 2008, at 7:00 PM (Centre is located behind LKN Medical Centre at 129 Centre Church Road in Mooresville). Mr. Earley will share his calling to work with Prison Fellowship, how Prison Fellowship ministers to those in prison as well as when the prisoner is released, the prisoner's families and how our community can help. For additional information on Mr. Earley's visit to Mooresville, please contact Centre Presbyterian Church at (704) 664-3160.

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- **There is nothing we can't do as a congregation if God is in it and he wants us to do it.** Write this one down and remember it! I've heard of the doubts raised and fears expressed when the endowment project was first taken on. But look at things now! A result that honors God! *Stepping out in faith is risky—or else it's not truly stepping out in faith—yet God chooses to work through this process.* He takes our baby steps and adds to them his transformational power, thus multiplying our resources beyond human abilities and expectations, increasing our faith for next time, and changing us along the way.
- **We have some truly dedicated Christ followers in this congregation.** The Missions Committee, under the leadership of first Mark Auten and then Trent Newell, has carried the ball well and gone the extra mile on many, many occasions. I give thanks for this committee and its members. Pat them on the back when you see them and tell them, "Thank you."
- **People in Mwandu will be truly blessed because of your generosity and faith.** Physical and spiritual needs will be met, and lives will be changed. All on a long-term basis because of the endowment, not just for the short term. You have made a difference to people halfway around the world in Zambia, Africa, with which our strong bond is our shared Lord and Savior, Jesus.
- **We will continue ties with and assistance to Mwandu. But we will also move to other needs as well.** There are people, places, and situations both here at home and in other parts of the world that need to hear the Gospel and to receive a "cup of cold water" in Jesus' name. (By the way, local community missions and national/international missions are not an "either/or," but they are a "both/and." We are called to do both.) We will endeavor to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit as to where we move and serve next.

So celebrate this success and file it away. I predict that we will call upon it again before too long, when God calls us to our next "BHAG" (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) for Christ's mission of "loving God, loving people, and making disciples." Grace and peace, Clay

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9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club in room 322
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
6:30 p.m. - Committee Meetings
TBA - Diaconate Meeting

Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the Parlor
6:15 p.m. - Circle No. 3 in the Session Room
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. - Moms in Touch
12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive Luncheon
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Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. - Saints Alive Planning Meeting
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4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – “God Bless Texas” Night
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Arby's
7:30 p.m. - Mwandu Mission Trip Information Meeting in Room 300

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:00 p.m. - PW Coordinating Committee
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Friday: **Newsletter Deadline**
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SERMON OUTLINE

The Key to Unlocking this Miracle:

"When he went ashore he [Jesus] saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd."

- I. A little background on the term "shepherd"...
- II. Guess what? There's a new Shepherd in town...
- III. How this new Shepherd operates—then and now...
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