

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 20, 2008

11:00 A.M.

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

INVOCATION

PRELUDE "The Little Prelude in C Major" Bach
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 *Majesty* No. 43

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Diane Harrington, Elder
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ we pray; 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 Exodus 34:29-35 Pew Bible, OT pp. 79-80
Anne Telford, Reader

*HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 501

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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Dorsey
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 6:45-56 Insert
SERMON *Utterly Astounded!* Dr. Brown

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

*HYMN *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound* (Verses 1-3) No. 554

*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 BLESSING

*RESPONSE *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound* (Verse 4) No. 554
*POSTLUDE "The Little Fugue in C Major" Bach

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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.

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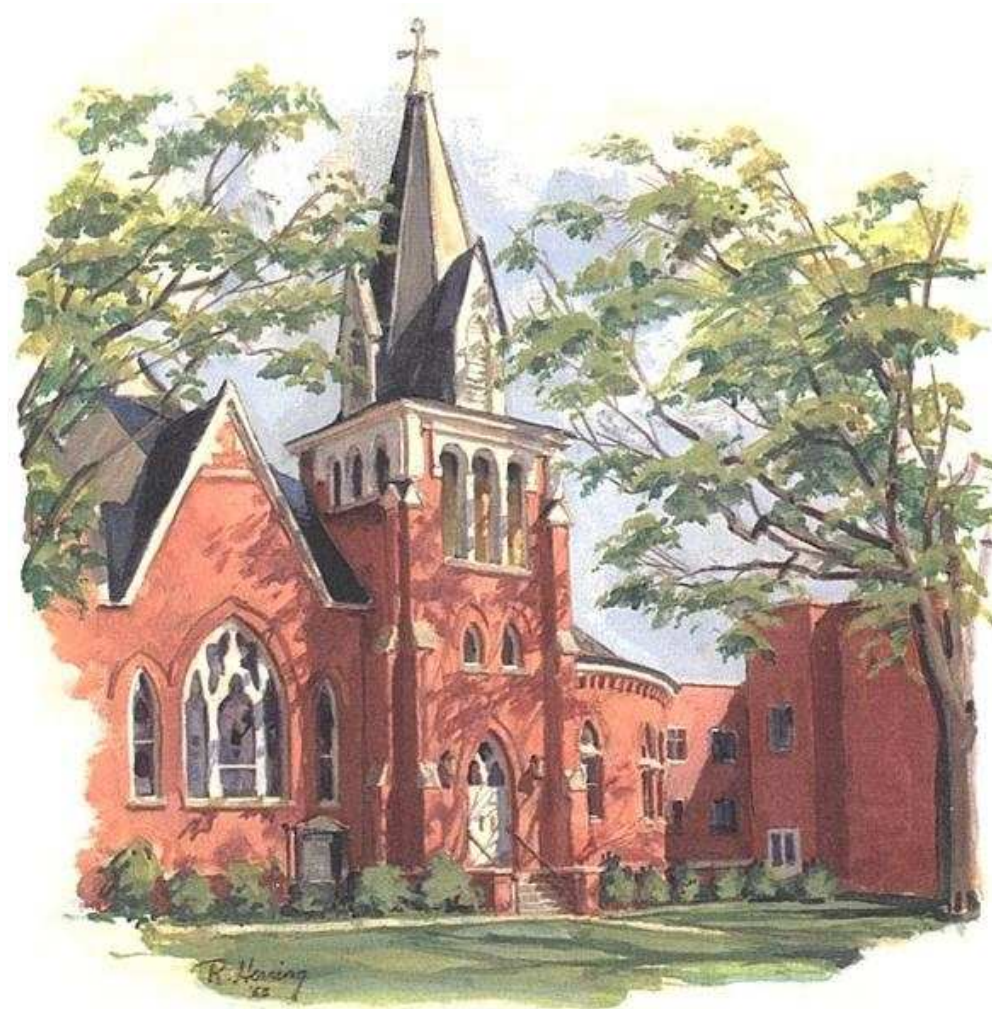
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Loving God... Loving People... Making Disciples

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Saints Alive Trip: Join the Saints Alive group on a tour of the Special Collections department at the Mooresville Public Library, led by Andy Poore, on Tuesday, January 29. Meet at the library, located at 304 S. Main Street, at 10:30 a.m. Following the tour, the group will have lunch at Soiree Restaurant. Reservations are essential; please contact Ellen Auten.

Fred and Jean Coates' Bible study will not meet on Monday, January 21.

Deacon's training on Fellowship One will be held on Wednesday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 26 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 310.

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11:00 a.m. - Worship
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF

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1:30 p.m. - PYF Ski Trip
7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee
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9:00 a.m. - Moms in Touch

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6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Bojangle's

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
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SERMON OUTLINE

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