

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 27, 2008

11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor
MINUTE FOR MISSION PYF

INVOCATION
PRELUDE "Presto" Haydn
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 *There Is a Redeemer* No. 117

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, we confess that we have not loved one another very much. We have not wanted to be bothered with other's problems. We have often thought the worst of others, rather than the best. We confess that we have not always fulfilled our responsibilities to one another, much less to You. We have been harsh when we should have been gentle, and when we have needed to be firm, we lacked the courage to say or do what was right. We have not been willing to pay the high cost of discipleship and we have tried to be as worldly as we thought we could get away with, hoping to squeeze our faith in around the edges of life, rather than to let You stand at the center. So, we ask Your forgiveness, relying only upon the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name 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.*

ANTHEM "Stand Up and Praise Him" Rouse
Logos Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 29:11-14 Pew Bible, OT p. 623
Tom Kirkland, Reader

*HYMN *Open My Eyes, That I May See* No. 480

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

OFFERATORY "Let's All Go Down to the River" Richards
Gideon's Torch Quartet

*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 7:1-13 Insert
SERMON *Toe to Toe with the Pharisees* Dr. Coates

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

*HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West* (Verses 1-3) No. 603

*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 *In Christ There Is No East or West* (Verse 4) No. 603
*POSTLUDE "March" Yarnold

+++++

* 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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Whitney Grymes by Ernie, Diane, Melissa and Blake.

Officers of First Presbyterian Church

2008 SESSION

Dr. Clay Brown, Moderator

Dr. Frederick A. Coates

CP Chappell, Clerk

Class of 2008

C.P. Chappell
Roger Hyatt
Bill Lackey
Scott Mauney
Eddie Nelson
Trent Newell
Steve Robinson

Class of 2009

Christine B. Ahearn
Karen O. Brawley
F. Michael Campbell, MD
Philip L. Heilman
Weldon M. Hitchcock
Thermond E. Thompson
J. Scott Vaughan

Class of 2010

David W. Brooks, II
Diane M. Harrington
Donald F. Howie
Joyce S. Johnson
Thomas R. Kirkland, Jr.
W. Smith Kirk
Mark E. McNeely

2008 DIACONATE

Jim McDonnell, Moderator

Class of 2008

Don Copeland
Neil Faulkenberry
Gretchen Little
Carol McClure
Jim McDonnell
Scott Ray
Susan Williams

Class of 2009

Dale W. Brawley
John G. Donelson
Judy L. Cole
Eric H. Estes
C. Marshall Horsman, Jr.
Kathleen H. Irwin
Julie R. Morrow

Class of 2010

Kathy B. Ballard
Laura E. Bates
Lynn T. Brooks
Rebecca B. Deal
Janice S. Puer
J. Patrick Stutts
Anthony M. Woodring

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

249 West McLelland Avenue Mooresville, North Carolina 28115
(704) 664-5275 www.mooresvillefirstpres.org

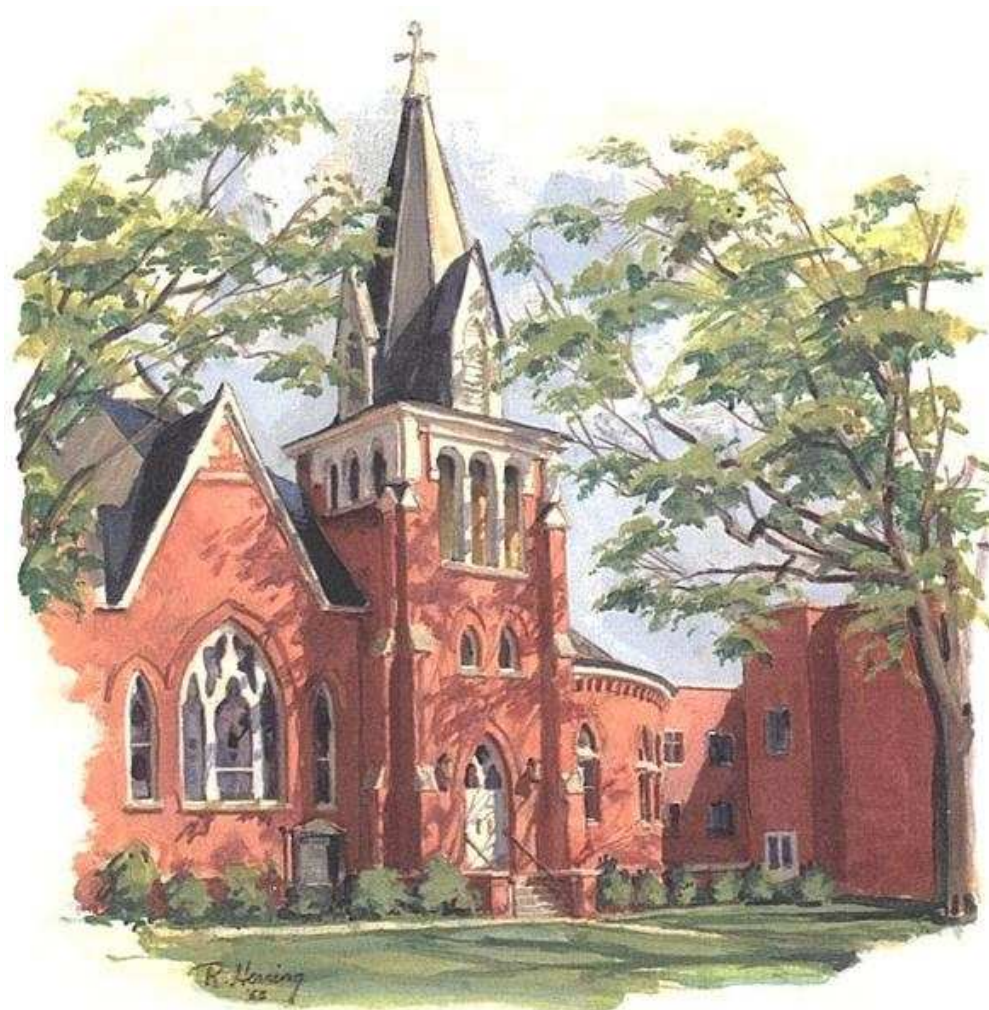
PASTORS

The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, Pastor/Head of Staff..... clay@mooresvillefirstpres.org
The Rev. Dr. Fred A.H. Coates, Associate Pastor..... associate@mooresvillefirstpres.org
Associate Pastor for Youth/Youth Director (Vacant—Search in Progress)

PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

Alan Sledge, Director of Music/Interim Youth..... musicdirector@mooresvillefirstpres.org
Ellen Auten, Director of Christian Education..... dce@mooresvillefirstpres.org
Nancy Kortright, Director of Preschool..... preschool@mooresvillefirstpres.org
LuAnne Sledge, Treasurer..... treasurer@mooresvillefirstpres.org
Nellie Goodman, Secretary..... secretary@mooresvillefirstpres.org
Billy Black, Sexton Jerilyn Fair, Hostess Dr. Steven Mowery, Organist

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.



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

January 27, 2008
11:00 A.M. Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

249 West McLelland Avenue
Mooresville, North Carolina 28115
(704) 664-5275 ♦ www.mooresvillefirstpres.org

Calendar (Week of January 27- February 3, 2008)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Logos Choir
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:00 p.m. - Coffee with Clay and Cathy at the Manse
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
5:15 p.m. - Catechism Club
7:00 p.m. - Session

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at Coates' home

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - Mom's in Touch

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *Super Bowl* night
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at GiCi's Pizza

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Friday: 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study in the parlor

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - Preschool playground workday
9:00 a.m. - PYF "Mission and a Movie"

Sunday 2/3: 8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:30 a.m. - Church School Social
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with MSM Handbells
5:15 p.m. - PYF Super Souper Bowl Party
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club

Recent Prayer Requests: Fronnie Gardner; Holly Lemons' father; Catherine Craig; the families of Sara Wheeler (Ray Brawley's sister) and John Templeton; Pat Hunter; Jackie Potter; Joyce Gilliard, Jean Coates' sister; James Combs, Emily Kirkland's father; Adrian Cherry; Jan Stillwell's family; 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.

Calendar (Week of January 27- February 3, 2008)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Logos Choir
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:00 p.m. - Coffee with Clay and Cathy at the Manse
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
5:15 p.m. - Catechism Club
7:00 p.m. - Session

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at Coates' home

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - Mom's in Touch

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *Super Bowl* night
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at GiCi's Pizza

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Friday: 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study in the parlor

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - Preschool playground workday
9:00 a.m. - PYF "Mission and a Movie"

Sunday 2/3: 8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:30 a.m. - Church School Social
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with MSM Handbells
5:15 p.m. - PYF Super Souper Bowl Party
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club

Recent Prayer Requests: Fronnie Gardner; Holly Lemons' father; Catherine Craig; the families of Sara Wheeler (Ray Brawley's sister) and John Templeton; Pat Hunter; Jackie Potter; Joyce Gilliard, Jean Coates' sister; James Combs, Emily Kirkland's father; Adrian Cherry; Jan Stillwell's family; 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.

Announcements

Mwandi Mission 2008 -- Is God calling you to consider a short term mission field experience? Do you have an interest in the work of the Kingdom in other parts of the world? Do you have construction, teaching, technical, interpersonal or other skills you would be willing to share? How about joining the team traveling to Mwandi, Zambia, this July? Fred Coates has all the details and would love to talk with you about this very special opportunity. It will be an unforgettable journey!

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 <http://www.activezach.com/events/eventDetails.cfm?EventId=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; Lakeland Realty; Leigh Madison Company; All Waterways Construction, Inc; Crouch Brothers, Inc.; 5 Star Mortgage. Gold, Silver, and Bronze level sponsorships are still available but you need to 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. Volunteers for event preparation and event day needed, please call Gretchen Little at 704-528-9796 or email at gretchenwittle@yahoo.com if you can help.

Condensed Church Directory Reports are at the rear of the sanctuary and in the parlor. We will be using this report to do a new church directory shortly and we know that there may be some incorrect information that occurred while in the process of changing to our new database. If you have not received one of these by mail, please pick one up and check your family's information. If corrections need to be made, please call the office at 704-664-5275 or email us at secretary@mooresvillefirstpres with the correct data. Thank you

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, this 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.

Vacation Bible School: The Vacation Bible School Planning Committee will hold its first meeting this Monday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300. Bible School is scheduled for June 23-27.

Church School Social: Everyone is invited to a "We Love Church School Social" next Sunday, February 3, from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come for refreshments, fellowship, and opportunities to learn about church school classes.

Church School: Beginning this morning, there are two changes in adult church school classes. The Discovery Class will begin meeting again, with a change in location to Room 307. Jim McDonnell is the class's teacher, and they will be studying the book of Luke. The Faith Journey Class is changing locations, and will be meeting in the Session Room (Room 222). They are beginning a study of Bible characters.

Announcements

Mwandi Mission 2008 -- Is God calling you to consider a short term mission field experience? Do you have an interest in the work of the Kingdom in other parts of the world? Do you have construction, teaching, technical, interpersonal or other skills you would be willing to share? How about joining the team traveling to Mwandi, Zambia, this July? Fred Coates has all the details and would love to talk with you about this very special opportunity. It will be an unforgettable journey!

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 <http://www.activezach.com/events/eventDetails.cfm?EventId=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; Lakeland Realty; Leigh Madison Company; All Waterways Construction, Inc; Crouch Brothers, Inc.; 5 Star Mortgage. Gold, Silver, and Bronze level sponsorships are still available but you need to 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. Volunteers for event preparation and event day needed, please call Gretchen Little at 704-528-9796 or email at gretchenwittle@yahoo.com if you can help.

Condensed Church Directory Reports are at the rear of the sanctuary and in the parlor. We will be using this report to do a new church directory shortly and we know that there may be some incorrect information that occurred while in the process of changing to our new database. If you have not received one of these by mail, please pick one up and check your family's information. If corrections need to be made, please call the office at 704-664-5275 or email us at secretary@mooresvillefirstpres with the correct data. Thank you

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, this 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.

Vacation Bible School: The Vacation Bible School Planning Committee will hold its first meeting this Monday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300. Bible School is scheduled for June 23-27.

Church School Social: Everyone is invited to a "We Love Church School Social" next Sunday, February 3, from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come for refreshments, fellowship, and opportunities to learn about church school classes.

Church School: Beginning this morning, there are two changes in adult church school classes. The Discovery Class will begin meeting again, with a change in location to Room 307. Jim McDonnell is the class's teacher, and they will be studying the book of Luke. The Faith Journey Class is changing locations, and will be meeting in the Session Room (Room 222). They are beginning a study of Bible characters.

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7:1-13

¹Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” ⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, ‘Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’” (that is, given to God)—¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

SERMON OUTLINE

I. The Toe of Tradition (verse 1-5)

II. The Toe of Commandment (verses 6-8)

III. Stepping on Toes (verses 9-13)

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7:1-13

¹Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” ⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, ‘Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’” (that is, given to God)—¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

SERMON OUTLINE

I. The Toe of Tradition (verse 1-5)

II. The Toe of Commandment (verses 6-8)

III. Stepping on Toes (verses 9-13)