

SERMON TEXT:

Acts 20:32-35 (emphasis on v. 35, ESV)

<sup>32</sup>“And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>*In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”*

SERMON OUTLINE

I. The State of Blessedness...

II. The Nature of Giving...

III. The Difficulty of Receiving...

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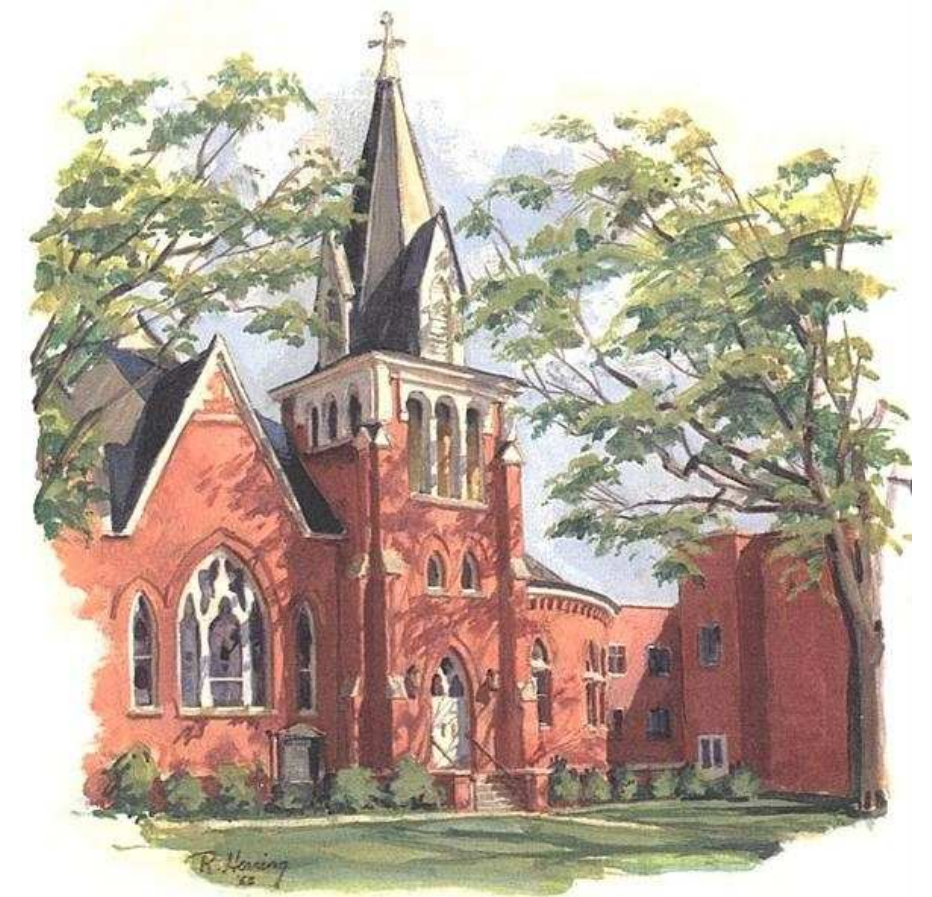
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September 28, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP..... Clay Brown

Welcome and Announcements  
 Invocation

PRELUDE: *Brother James Air*.....Lasky

Joanne Daykin, Organist

\*THE DOXOLOGY: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*.....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.....Tyler Domske

Leader: The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.

**People: The world and all its people belong to him.**

Leader: For he laid the earth’s foundation on the seas,

**People: And built it on the ocean depths.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: The Lord’s name be praised!**

\*HYMN: *We Have Come to Join in Worship*.....647

**\*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.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**ANTHEM:** *He Came Singing Love*..... Gibson  
Logos Choir

**THE WORD OF GOD READ:** Proverbs 14:20-21 .....p. 570  
Phil Heilman, reader

**\*HYMN:** *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*.....420

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

- Confession
- Thanksgiving
- Intercession
- 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: *Blest Are the Pure in H*..... Carr  
Chancel Choir  
*(\*see note below calendar)*

\*Response: *For the Life You Have Given*.....684  
**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED:** Acts 20:32-35

*Life Management 101: Managing Your Generosity*..... Clay Brown

**\*HYMN:** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (Verses 1-4).....688

**\*GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

- Invitation
- Charge and Benediction
- Response: *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (Verse 5).....688

**\*POSTLUDE:** *Toccata in F Major*.....Buxtehude

**\* Those who are able** will please stand.

**If you are our guest today, welcome!** We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with a pastor following the service.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from 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 our fathers, Richard A. Boyd and Frank Rader, by Liz and Ellie Rader.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Helen McCullough; Jamie Telinger; Beth Rafi; Lottie Massey; Ken Bernd's nephew, David Ortwein; Fred Hoke; Don Fair; Mary Voils Aven; Adrien Domske's grandfather, Bill Klinginsmith; Gene and Judy Richardson; Tip McGee; Phil Loftin's brother-in-law, Dave Montgomery, Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Martha Andrews; EO3SW Laban Thompson; and those who have recently lost loved ones.

**Christian sympathy** is expressed to Susan Meade and family in the death of her father, Ron Meade; to Margaret Carrigan and family in the death of her brother, Horace Clinard and to Sheri Mack and family in the recent death of her father, Richard Lawson.

**An October Thursday Night With Clay-** Our senior pastor, Dr. Clay Brown, will teach a six-week course on prayer on Thursday evenings in October and early November. The course is "Ten Prayers God Always Says Yes To". "Why should I sign up for this course?" Because prayer, properly perceived and practiced, is life-changing. Because through prayer, the transformational power of the gospel comes alive in you and through you. Because your prayer life is not anywhere near where it needs to be, and you know it but you're not sure what to do about it. The dates are Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and November 6. The times are 7:00-8:15 p.m. The location is the Parlor. Advance registration is necessary. You can register by contacting the church office by phone (704-664-5275) or email ([nelie@moorevillefirstpres.org](mailto:nelie@moorevillefirstpres.org)). Every participant (or at least every couple) will need a copy of the book. You can purchase one for \$14 at the first class meeting, with checks made out to First Presbyterian Church. Don't hesitate to talk with Clay if you have any questions about the course—its scope, schedule, etc.—so please contact him at the church office or by email ([clay@moorevillefirstpres.org](mailto:clay@moorevillefirstpres.org)).

**Presbyterian Men – Note Time Change:** We would like to invite the men of the church to our monthly fellowship, October 19, 2008. We will begin our meeting with breakfast at 8:00 AM followed by a program. We will wrap up our meeting in time to attend the 9:00 Worship Service. If you have not attended a meeting recently and want to attend this Sunday, please plan to come. Let us know if you are attending by calling John Neely at 704 663 2592. We are blessed to have Gene Vaughan to share his experiences with our group. Our program will be presented by Gene and will introduce us to the Wind Mill Farms in Wyoming. Gene has consulted with the companies building this alternative-energy wind farm. I am sure you will learn about his huge energy endeavor. We normally meet on the second Sunday of the month. However, our church will gather October 12 for a special Stewardship Dinner. We look forward to seeing you at both events.

**The Bible Study**, held at the home of Fred and Jean Coates, has resumed on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

**These Days**, our quarterly devotional is available for pick-up in the parlor or the rear of the church.

**Calendar for September 28 – October 5, 2008**

- Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Worship  
9:50 a.m. - Church School Social in the FH  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Logos Choir  
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF (Grades 7-8)  
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF (Grades 9-12)  
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club  
7:00 p.m. - Session
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
- Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Den meetings
- Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. - Prayer Group in the library  
11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *Horrible Hair* Night  
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Sonic  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home  
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study in the parlor with Dr. Brown  
7:30 p.m. - Mooresville User's Group in room 310
- Friday: 10:00 p.m. - PYF 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Logos Encounter until 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday 10/5 9:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion and MSM Handbells  
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the library  
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF (Grades 7-8)  
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF (Grades 9-12)  
5:15 p.m. - Catechism Club with mentors

**\*Note:** Music for congregational response to this morning's offertory:



*Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'* Acts 20:35b