

**SERMON TEXT**

**Philippians 2:1-13 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**NOTES**

**I. What the “Therefore” is there for: The Gospel as a foundation...**

**II. Working out your own salvation: The Gospel through you...**

**III. God working in you: The Gospel within you...**

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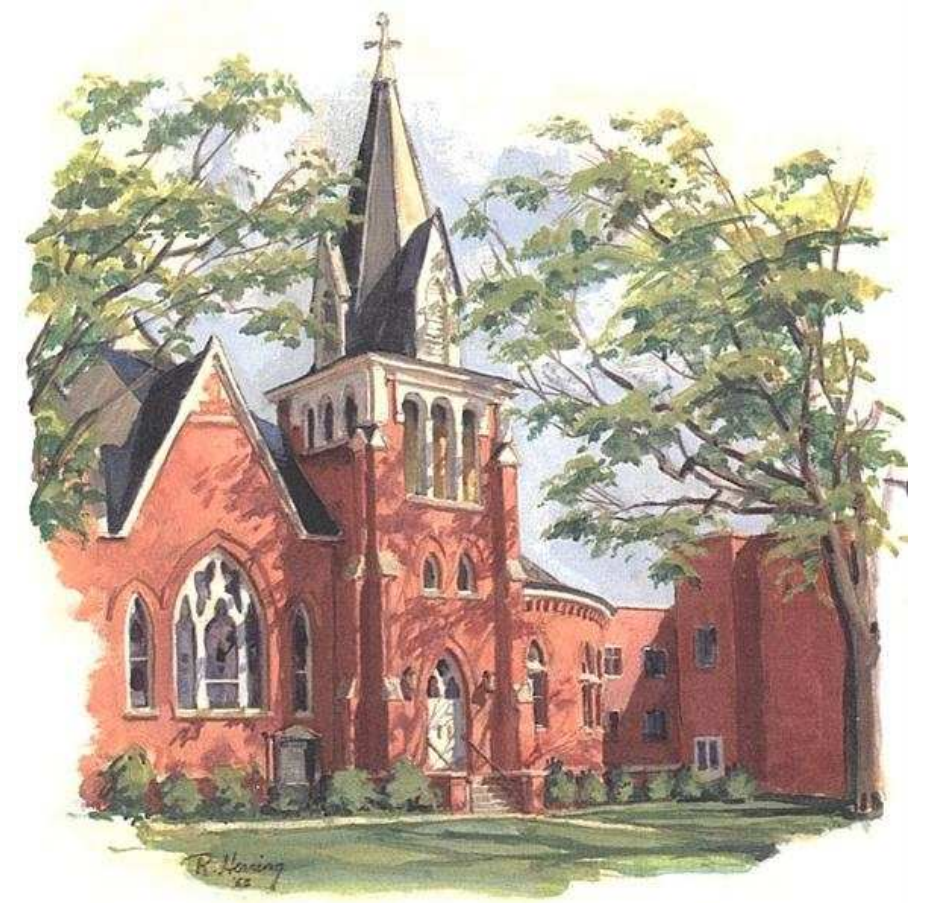
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**October 26, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M. ♦ Reformation Sunday**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**.....Clay Brown  
 Welcome, Announcements, and Minute for Mission  
 Invocation

**PRELUDE: *Be Thou My Vision***.....Williams  
 Joanne Daykin

**\*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.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Tyler Domske

**\*HYMN: *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* (Verses 1-4)**.....77

**\*HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: Questions 21-23**.....Fred Coates  
 Leader: What is true faith?

**Unison: It is not only a certain knowledge by which I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word, but also a wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the gospel, that, not only to others, but to me also God has given**

the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation, out of sheer grace solely for the sake of Christ's saving work.

Leader: What, then, must a Christian believe?

**Unison: All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of the Apostles' Creed, our universally acknowledged confession of faith.**

Leader: What are these articles?

**Unison: 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:** *Jubilee*.....Sherman  
Exaltation Ringers

**THE WORD OF GOD READ:** Romans 1:16-17.....NT, p. 143  
Patrick Stutts

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *Give God the Glory*.....Schütz  
Chancel Choir

\*Response: *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* (Verse 2).....HYMN TO JOY  
**Of your time and talents give now, they are gifts from God above, to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love. Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring; in your work, with Christ find favor, and with joy his praises sing.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED:** Philippians 2:1-13

*The Gospel: It's for Christians, Too*.....Clay Brown

**\*HYMN:** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* (Verse 5).....77

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution and Breaking of Bread  
Communion of the People and Post-Communion Prayer

### \*GOING IN GOD'S NAME

Invitation  
Charge and Benediction

\*Response: *The Lord's Prayer*.....740

**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.**

**\*POSTLUDE:** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*.....Held

**\* 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 Cathy's parents, Curtis and Sue Blake and in memory of Clay's parents, Paul and Eloise Brown by Clay and Cathy Brown.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Gene Hamis; Claude Voils; Holly Lemons' father; Joyce Schnell, Cathy Irwin's aunt; Shari Irwin, sister-in-law of Joe and Cathy Irwin; Lottie Massey; Don Fair; Mary Voils Aven; Gene and Judy Richardson; Tip McGee; Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; David Ortwein, Ken Bernd's nephew; Martha Andrews; EO3SW Laban Thompson; and those who have recently lost loved ones.

**Christian Sympathy** is expressed to Marty Lemons in the death of his father on October 19.

**"Fall Back" reminder:** Eastern Standard Time resumes next Sunday morning at 2:00 a.m., so change your clocks back when you go to bed on Saturday.

**All Saints' Eve Fall Festival:** Everyone is invited to the All Saints' Eve Fall Festival this Friday, October 31, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Activities include games, costume parade (dress as admirable characters), hotdog supper, moonwalk, cake walk, prizes, and candy. Dress up and come for a fun, festive evening! While there is no charge for activities, donations will be accepted to offset costs.

**All Saints' Eve Volunteers:** Volunteers should come to the fellowship hall for All Saints' Eve preparation and/or help: *Thursday, October 30* – 7:00 p.m. – Help decorate fellowship hall; *Friday, October 31* – 4:30 – Hot dog supper helpers, 4:45 – Game volunteers; *Saturday, November 1* – 10:00 a.m. – Clean up crew.

**Catechism Club Mentors:** Catechism Club participants and mentors will meet at 5:15 p.m. tonight in Room 322 for recitation of questions 29-48.

**Saints Alive Luncheon:** The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, October 28, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following lunch and devotions, the program will be presented by Gail and Buddy Ervin, volunteers with Operation Christmas Child. The Ervins will tell about their involvement with the Operation Christmas Child shoe box project and a recent trip to Peru to personally deliver shoe boxes. Come and bring a friend!

**Electronic Version of Newsletter Available at Your Request:** You can receive our monthly church newsletter electronically instead of having hard copies snail-mailed to you. Electronic copies will not only come to you faster, but they'll also save us the costs of printing and postage. This savings may be significant for the church as more of us choose this option. Simply let the church office know your desire for electronic copies by emailing our secretary, Nellie Goodman, at [nellie@moorevillefirstpres.org](mailto:nellie@moorevillefirstpres.org), or by calling her at 704-664-5044. You also may note your preference for electronic newsletters on the Friendship Pad as you register today: just write "Electronic Newsletter" and your email address beside your name, and we'll do the rest. Please note that no one will be removed from the hard copy mailing list without his/her permission.

**Everyone is encouraged to attend the church supper** on Sunday, November 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The supper, under the leadership of church hostess Jerilyn Fair with assistance from Circle 5 and members of the Property Committee, is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children (no charge for children under 4),

with a maximum cost of \$12 per family. After our meal, we will enjoy "after dinner music" from the Logos choir (grades 1-6) and the PYF Praise Band (grades 7-12). Following the musical selections, we will have an opportunity to pack shoe boxes for hurting and needy children around the world through the Operation Christmas Child shoe box project, which is part of Samaritans Purse in Boone, NC. Begin shopping for items to fill the shoe boxes: **Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, harmonicas, etc. **School supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, markers, crayons, notepads, coloring books, etc. **Hygiene items:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, combs, washcloths, etc. Other items: hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights and batteries, socks, etc. **Please do not include these items:** Used items, war-related items, perishable items, liquids, medicines, or breakable items. Donation boxes will be available in the church office, parlor, and fellowship hall. You may find more information about the project at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

**Reformation Sunday and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:** Today is Reformation Sunday. The Protestant Reformation, with its themes of "grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone, Christ alone, and to God alone be glory," served as a necessary time of renewal and reform in the life of the Christian community. These themes continue to speak to us today. As part of our celebration of our Reformational doctrine and heritage, we will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We practice "open" communion: all professing Christians and members of the covenant community, regardless of church affiliation or membership, are invited to commune. "The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to receive Christ in this sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus" (*Book of Order*, W-2.4011a).

## Calendar for October 26 – November 2, 2008

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. - Early Worship with Communion 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion and Exaltation Ringers 5:15 p.m. - Catechism Club with mentors 6:30 p.m. - PYF to Carrigan Farms <i>Forbidden Farms</i> 7:00 p.m. - Session
Monday:	7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the Coates' home
Tuesday:	12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive Luncheon
Wednesday:	1:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM <i>Masquenade Madness</i> Night 6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club 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 a.m. - Bible Study in the Sanctuary
Friday:	5:00 p.m. - All Saints Eve Celebration in FH
Sunday, Nov. 2	2:00 a.m. - Eastern Standard Time resumes 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship with MSM Handbells 3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the library 5:00 p.m. - Catechism Club 5:30 p.m. - PYF Alpha and Omega 6:00 p.m. - Church Night Supper and Operation Christmas Child Event