

# Fellowship Presbyterian Church

## Lord's Day Worship

November 23, 2008

Scripture tells us that we are to "worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshippers." As you approach the Triune God this morning, come before Him in spirit, not in mechanical ritual, but with hearts moved in response to His goodness and grace. Come before Him in truth, with the reverence due a holy, loving and just God, offering in worship what is pleasing to Him. Use these moments prior to the service to fix your eyes on the infinite and transcendent God who has drawn near to us in the person of Jesus Christ.

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

### Choral Introit

Enter Into His Gates

The Choir

### § Gloria Patri

The Congregation

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

### Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart;  
I will tell of all Your wonders.  
I will be glad and exult in You;  
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

### § Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

No. 715

### § Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

#### Corporate Confession of Faith

Christians, what do you believe?

We believe that the Triune God is the Creator of heaven and earth, and that all things were made by Him and for Him; that He is the great King above all kings; that from Him and through Him and to Him are all things; and that all glory, honor, and praise is His both now and forevermore.

We believe that the Son of God became man, was tabernacled among us; that He lived a sinless life, took upon Himself our guilt, died to pay the penalty for our transgressions, and rose again triumphant over sin, death and the grave.

We believe that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus as our savior and Lord and that the Holy Spirit turns our hearts of stone into hearts alive unto God, empowering and enabling us to do those good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.

We believe that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Christ; and that He commands us to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey Christ; and that He promises to be with us always, even to the very end of the age.

We believe that when He comes again to judge the living and the dead, He will receive us as His own, and we will go to be with Him, and will glorify and enjoy Him throughout all eternity, world without end. Amen.

### § Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

No. 733

### § Worship Through Tithes and Offerings

#### Offertory

Beautiful Savior

The Choir

#### Prayer of Confession, Intercession and Supplication

### § Hymn of Preparation

Now Thank We All Our God

No. 98

### Reading of Scripture

Pew Bible pages 1187-1188

I Timothy 3:8-13

<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain,

<sup>9</sup>but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

<sup>10</sup>These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

<sup>11</sup>Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.

<sup>12</sup>Deacons must be husbands of only one wife, and good managers of their children and their own households.

<sup>13</sup>For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

### Proclamation of God's Word

Ministers of Mercy

Pastor Martin

### § Hymn

My Hope Is built on Nothing Less

No. 521

### § Benediction

Pastor Martin

### § Corporate "Amen"



§ The congregation will please stand.

## Evening Worship

### Call to Worship

James 1:17-18

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

### § Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

No. 116

### § Prayer of Praise and Invocation

#### New Testament Reading

Acts 24:1-23

Pew Bible page 1119

<sup>1</sup>After five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders, with an attorney named Tertullus, and they brought charges to the governor against Paul.

<sup>2</sup>After Paul had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying to the governor, "Since we have through you attained much peace, and since by your providence reforms are being carried out for this nation,

<sup>3</sup>we acknowledge this in every way and everywhere, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.

<sup>4</sup>"But, that I may not weary you any further, I beg you to grant us, by your kindness, a brief hearing.

<sup>5</sup>"For we have found this man a real pest and a fellow who stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.

<sup>6</sup>"And he even tried to desecrate the temple; and then we arrested him. [We wanted to judge him according to our own Law.

<sup>7</sup>"But Lysias the commander came along, and with much violence took him out of our hands,

<sup>8</sup>ordering his accusers to come before you.] By examining him yourself concerning all these matters you will be able to ascertain the things of which we accuse him."

<sup>9</sup>The Jews also joined in the attack, asserting that these things were so.

<sup>10</sup>When the governor had nodded for him to speak, Paul responded: "Knowing that for many years you have been a judge to this nation, I cheerfully make my defense,

<sup>11</sup>since you can take note of the fact that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship.

<sup>12</sup>"Neither in the temple, nor in the synagogues, nor in the city itself did they find me carrying on a discussion with anyone or causing a riot.

<sup>13</sup>"Nor can they prove to you the charges of which they now accuse me.

<sup>14</sup>"But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets;

<sup>15</sup>having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

<sup>16</sup>"In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men.

<sup>17</sup>"Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings;

<sup>18</sup>in which they found me occupied in the temple, having been purified, without any crowd or uproar. But there were some Jews from Asia--

<sup>19</sup>who ought to have been present before you and to make accusation, if they should have anything against me.

<sup>20</sup>"Or else let these men themselves tell what misdeed they found when I stood before the Council,

<sup>21</sup>other than for this one statement which I shouted out while standing among them, 'For the resurrection of the dead I am on trial before you today.'"

<sup>22</sup>But Felix, having a more exact knowledge about the Way, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide your case."

<sup>23</sup>Then he gave orders to the centurion for him to be kept in custody and yet have some freedom, and not to prevent any of his friends from ministering to him.

### § Hymn

This Is My Father's World

No. 111

#### Prayer of Confession, Petition and Intercession

### § Psalm

God Is My Strong Salvation

No 667

#### Scripture Reading

Acts 4:32-37; 6:1-6

Pew Bible pages 1092, 1094

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### Proclamation of God's Word

Rejoicing to Provide

Pastor Martin

### § Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

No 598

### § Benediction

Pastor Martin

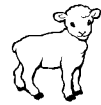
## WELCOME!

If you are visiting Fellowship Presbyterian Church for the first time, we welcome you as you worship with us. Please help us get to know one another by signing the Pew Registry as it is passed. We invite you to return to our evening worship at 6:00 PM. A nursery is provided for all services for children from birth through three years of age.

### SERVICES AND WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

#### Sunday:

10:00 AM: Sunday School  
11:00 AM: Morning Worship  
4:45 PM: Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 PM: Evening Worship  
*Deacon's Appreciation Dinner*



**"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me."**

We appreciate those assisting in the nursery:

#### Nursery Workers for Sunday, November 23, 2008:

Sunday School: Barbara Wilder  
Morning Worship: Jeff & Paula Sarvis, Melissa DeJong  
Evening Worship: Celanie & Madeline Martin

#### Nursery Workers for Sunday, November 30, 2008:

Sunday School: Barbara Wilder  
Morning Worship: Kathy & Suzannah Way, Lindsey Dyer  
Evening Worship: Terry & Wendy Richards

### SERVING IN NOVEMBER:

Elder of the Month: Lafoye Mooney (877-8585)  
Deacon of the Month: Bill Wilder (848-6434)  
Greeters of the Month: Gib Dyer & Bill Wilder  
Ushers: Troy High & Bill Wilder

## Fellowship Presbyterian Church

### The Session:

Teaching Elder: Pastor Martin H. Martin

#### Ruling Elders:

Ron Hughey, Dave Lesley, Lafoye Mooney, Larry Poole & Jeff Wayne, Sr.

### The Diaconate:

Deacons: Bill Wilder & Sam Stubbs

### Church Intern:

Breno Macedo

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### PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER OUR MISSIONARIES IN PRAYER:

Rev. & Mrs. Jack Campbell: RMI (Clemson)    Rev. & Mrs. Guillermo Salinas: Mexico  
Rev. & Mrs. Clayton Quarterman: Ukraine    Rev. & Mrs. James Buckner: Hong Kong  
Dr. & Mrs. Roger Smalling: Visión R.E.A.L.    Rev. & Mrs. Will Traub: Germany  
Rev. & Mrs. Francisco Cardoso: Brazil    Rev. & Mrs. Gary Watanabe: New York City

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS:

*Pew Registry:* Please help us get to know one another by signing the pew registry (located at the end of each aisle). Thank you!

### DEACON APPRECIATION DINNER

## TONIGHT!!

(following evening worship)

Meat (pork tenderloin), salad, rolls & tea will be provided.

**Reminder:** No Wednesday supper, prayer service or catechism this week; Wednesday night activities will resume on January 14, 2009.

### Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM:

### Lessons & Carols

(Followed by a Christmas Reception)

Our traditional service of **Lessons & Carols** (which includes Scripture readings, choir anthems and congregational carols) will be held on **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM, followed by a **Christmas Reception** (heavy hors d'oeuvres & Christmas cookies/ desserts).

**Please sign-up to bring** a tray of hors d'oeuvres or a Christmas dessert.  
Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

**Remember—Invite your friends and neighbors!!**



### ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS—REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

SUNDAYS (4:45 PM): 11/23 & 12/7

WEDNESDAYS (6:00 PM): 12/3 & 12/10 (includes supper at 6:00 PM; nursery is available)

### Bible Reading Calendars (available in the narthex):

**"Daily Bible Reading Calendar"**

(read through the Bible in one year)

**"Calendar of Advent Reading for December"**

**Take extra copies to share with your friends and neighbors!**

The office will be closed, Wednesday through Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>—28<sup>th</sup>, for Thanksgiving holidays.



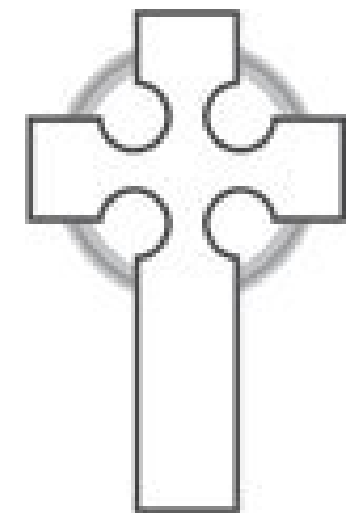
### DEACON NOMINATIONS:

The Session of Fellowship Presbyterian Church will receive nominations for the office of Deacon beginning mid January 2009; please prayerfully consider who the Lord would have serve in this office.

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Presbyterian Church in America

November 23, 2008



Our purpose is to glorify the Triune God by reconciling the lost to Him through faith in Jesus Christ and equipping the saints to serve Him in every area of life.  
II Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 28:19-20