

SERMON NOTES ♦ FEBRUARY 10, 2008
Journey to Jerusalem: Receiving Outsiders

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7:24-30

²⁴And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

SERMON OUTLINE

I. A fruitless search for privacy. . . (vv. 24-25)

II. An outsider at the end of her rope. . . (v. 26)

III. A strange statement and a stranger reply. . . (vv. 27-28)

IV. An instance of faith honored. . . (vv. 29-30)

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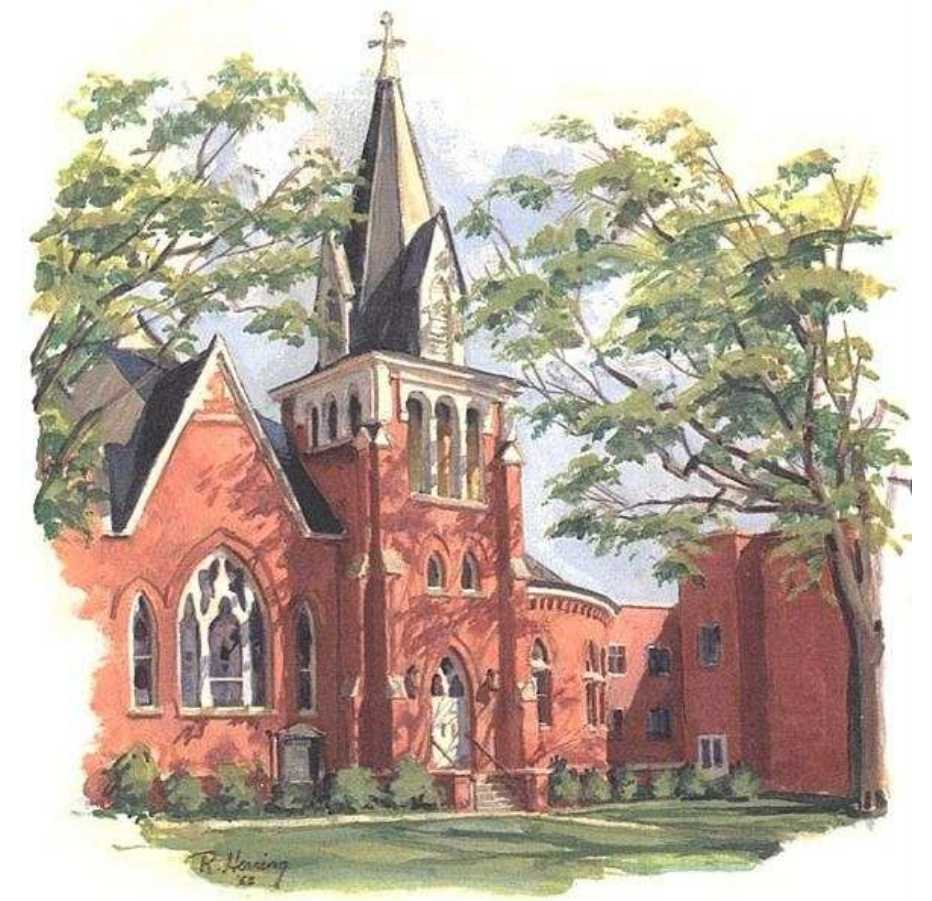
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**February 10, 2008
11:00 A.M. Worship**

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.....Dr. Clay J. Brown
Welcome and Announcements
Invocation

PRELUDE: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....Manz
Dr. Steven Mowery

***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:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....No. 71

ANTHEM: *Holy is the Lord*..... Schubert
Exaltation Ringers

CHILDREN'S SERMONDr. Fred Coates

THE WORD OF GOD READ: Isaiah 61:1-4..... Pew Bible, pp.655-6
Kathy Ballard

***HYMN:** *I Come to the Cross*.....No. 251

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Confession and Intercession

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *If You Search With All Your Heart*..... Courtney
Chancel Choir

*Response: *All Things Are Yours!* (Verse 1).....No. 687
*All things are yours! We make that true when we return
our gifts to you. And so we give, and so we share, in
Christ's strong name expressing care.*

*Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Mark 7:24-30

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THE WORD OF GOD SEALED

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution and Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

Post-Communion Prayer

*GOING IN GOD'S NAME

Invitation

Charge and Benediction

Response: *The Lord's Prayer*.....No. 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:** *Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed*..... Welsh

* 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.

Recordings of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at 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 Martha Gragg on her birthday by Jim and Martha McDonnell.

The Lord's Supper: We celebrate this sacrament today as we begin the season of Lent. All who profess faith in Christ as Lord and Savior, regardless of congregational or denominational affiliation, are invited to come to the Lord's table. Please commune as you receive the elements.

Recent Prayer Requests: Bill Morrow; Margaret Sanders; Lecie Miller; Catherine Craig; Fred Kann; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Kay Carrigan; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Martha Andrews; Charles Dixon; Sr. A Tim Irwin, USAF; and QM 3 SW Laban Thompson.

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 available in the Church parlor or you can register online at:

<http://www.activezach.com/events/eventDetails.cfm?pEventId=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; Jones, Childers, McLurkin and Donaldson, PLLC; Greene-Robinson Properties; Leigh Madison Company; All Waterways Construction, Inc; Crouch Brothers, Inc.; 5 Star Mortgage.

Gold and Silver level sponsorships are still available but you need to act fast as t-shirt design orders must be made by month end. 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.org with the correct data. Thank you

The Marti Estes 5K Organizing Committee will meet in the Church Library next Sunday, February 17, at 12:30 p.m.

Mexico Mission Trip May 22-27: We will again be joining Dr. Brown's former church, Grace, Houston, TX, on a mission trip to Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula over the Memorial Day weekend. This is a construction trip, working with a Mexican Presbyterian congregation near Playa del Carmen. We'll leave Charlotte on Thurs., May 22, in the early AM, and return home late on Tues., May 27. The trip's cost, covering airfare, accommodations, ground transportation, and food, is \$1250.00. **We have only five openings available for FPC**, although other slots may open later. Registration is "first come, first serve" through a conversation with Dr. Brown, the completion of a registration form, and the turning in of a \$100 deposit—partial registrations don't count. Contact Dr. Brown if you're interested.

Lenten Sermon Series—"Journey to Jerusalem." The sermons preached during Lent will connect with the Scriptures our "Lent in the Living Room" groups will be discussing and will follow the theme of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Here are the Scripture passages and sermon titles:

- ❖ **1st Sun. of Lent, Feb. 10: Mark 7:24-30, *Receiving Outsiders.***
- ❖ **2nd Sun. of Lent, Feb. 17: Mark 7:31-37, *Proclaiming Good News.***
- ❖ **3rd Sun. of Lent, Feb. 24: Mark 8:1-10, *Feeding Body and Soul—Again!***
- ❖ **4th Sun. of Lent, Mar. 2: Mark 8:11-21, *Missing the Signs.***
- ❖ **5th Sun. of Lent, Mar. 9: Mark 8:22-30, *Opening Eyes.***
- ❖ **6th Sun. of Lent, Mar. 16 (Palm Sun.): Mark 8:31—9:1, *Telling Truth.***

Calendar for February 10-17, 2008

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship with Communion
8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
6:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings— start in Fellowship Hall

Lent in the Living Room groups meet this week

Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle 1 in the Parlor
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the Session Rm.
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. - Moms in Touch
10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith (No. 4) in the Parlor
12:00 p.m. - Women of the Word (No. 5) at the home of Anne Telford
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM – *Valentine's/Chocolate* night
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at What-a-Burger

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - "Fun & Fellowship" at Golden Corral
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Sunday 2/17: 8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with PYF Praise Band & Chorus
12:30 p.m. - 5KRun/Walk Committee in the Library
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club

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