

SERMON TEXT: Mark 8:31—9:1

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

¹And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”

SERMON OUTLINE

I. The Gospel Core (8:31-32a)

II. The Gospel Temptation (8:32b-33)

III. The Gospel Response (8:34—9:1)

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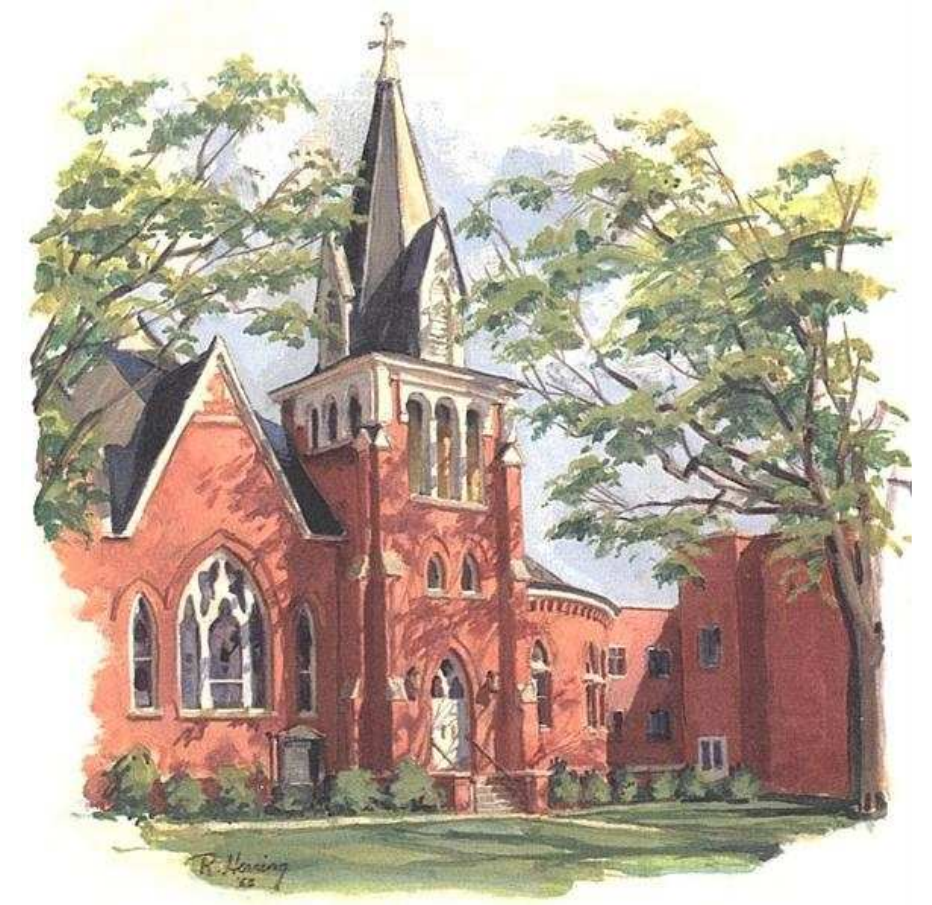
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March 16, 2008 ♦ Palm Sunday ♦ 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.....Dr. Clay J. Brown

Welcome and Announcements
Invocation

PRELUDE: *All Glory, Laud and Honor*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**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*.....No. 265

CHILDREN’S SERMONDr. Fred Coates

THE WORD OF GOD READ: Luke 19:28-40..... Pew Bible, pp. 79
Kim Streb

***HYMN:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.....No. 264

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Confession

Sovereign God, we confess to you that our perspectives and actions are twisted by pride. We see ourselves as pure when in reality we are stained, and mighty when in reality we are weak. We have failed in love, neglected to be just, and have turned away from your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. . .

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: *Hosanna*..... Tuttle
Logos Choir

*Response: *All Things Are Yours!* (Verse 2).....No. 687
“Give out of love,” your Word commands. We are your head, your heart, your hands. Your Word you underscore with deeds by using us to answer needs.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Mark 8:31—9:1

Journey to Jerusalem: Telling Truth.....Dr. Brown

***HYMN:** *At the Cross* (Verses 1-3).....No. 258

*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.

*GOING IN GOD'S NAME

Invitation

Charge and Benediction

Response: *At the Cross* (Verse 4).....No. 258

***POSTLUDE:** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*..... Kerr

* **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** and recordings of the service 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 Martha Gragg and Janette McDaniel, residents of Genesis Eldercare by Jo Ann Cantrell.

Recent Prayer Requests: Betty Pearce; Diana Hyman and family; Frank Poore; Campbell Schae; Edith Thompson; Catherine Craig; Fred Kann; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Martha Andrews; Sr. A Tim Irwin, USAF; and QM 3 SW Laban Thompson and shipmates on the USS Guardian.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Diana Hyman and family in the recent death of her mother, Virginia McDonald.

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

- **Maundy Thursday, March 20, 6:30 p.m.** You're encouraged to attend our traditional Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 20, in the Fellowship Hall. This observance takes its name from the new "mandate" Jesus gives his disciples of loving one another as he loves them and from his institution of the Lord's Supper, instructing his followers to "do this in remembrance of me." We begin with a supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. After supper, we'll stay together in the Fellowship Hall for worship, starting at about 7:15 p.m. This year's service features something traditional and beloved: a special observance of the Lord's Supper around each dinner table. It also features something new: a dramatic presentation, "The Living Last Supper," by our Chancel Choir and some of our best actors and speakers. We will conclude the service in darkness, commemorating the suffering and death of Christ. Childcare for preschoolers will be provided during the worship portion of the evening.
- **Good Friday, March 21, Noon.** It has been a number of years since our church observed Good Friday. So we are reviving this tradition with a noon service on March 21 with the community in mind. We've designed the observance to fit within a 60 minute time frame, so that business people may take their lunch hour to worship and then to share a light lunch in the church Parlor. The brief service will start at 12:00 p.m., and

lunch will be served around 12:30 p.m. The lunch will be provided by Chick-Fil-A and will cost \$5 per person. Everyone is invited!

- **Easter Sunday, March 23, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.** "The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!" is the triumphal cry we will shout as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ during our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services March 23. Our Chancel Choir and Orchestra will share in the Easter good news in music. Lilies will abound! The sermon will focus on Philippians 3:7-11, "The Power of His Resurrection." We'll conclude the service by singing that great hymn, "Because He Lives."

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This month's program will feature a "Handcrafted Talent Show," where participants are encouraged to bring handcrafted items such as quilting, photography, artwork, woodcrafts, needlework, or any handcrafted item.

Palm Sunday Processional: All children are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday Processional this morning at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services, as we commemorate Christ's triumphal entry. Children should meet in the parlor immediately prior to the worship service. Following the processional, children in first grade and older may sit with their families, while younger children will return to the nursery after the Children's Sermon.

Easter Egg Hunt: Children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, March 22, at 10:00 a.m. Activities begin in the fellowship hall, and will be held, rain or shine. Participants need to bring their own baskets. Donations of individually wrapped candy are greatly appreciated, and should be left in the basket in the church office. PYF members will meet for an "Egg-Stuffing Party" this Friday, March 21, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 300.

Catechism Club: All Catechism Club members, their families, and adult mentors are invited to a Celebration Pizza Party tonight at 6:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall, in recognition of the accomplishments of the participants.

Calendar for March 16-23, 2008

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. - Worship with processional 9:45 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship with processional and Logos Choir 4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF 5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF 5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
Monday:	7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee
Tuesday:	9:30 a.m. - Moms in Touch 10:30 a.m. - <i>Exploring Our Reformed Faith</i> Study in library 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive Luncheon 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 - <i>Mystery</i> night 6:15 p.m. - HS SupperClub at Italy Café 7:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Dress Rehearsal
Thursday:	Newsletter Deadline 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home 6:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Supper with Communion
Friday:	12:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service with Luncheon
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. - Chancel Choir 10:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday 3/23	Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. - Worship 9:45 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship