

SERMON NOTES ♦ MARCH 30, 2008  
*Transfigured Before Them*

**SERMON TEXT: Mark 9:2-13**

<sup>2</sup>And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” <sup>8</sup>And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. <sup>11</sup>And they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” <sup>12</sup>And he said to them, “Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? <sup>13</sup>But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.”

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**I. On the Mountain (v. 2-8)**

- A. A Dazzling Display (v. 3)
- B. Unexpected Visitors (v. 4)
- C. An Impulsive Response (vv. 5-6)
- D. A Voice from the Cloud (v. 7)
- E. A Vanishing Act (v. 8)

**II. Keeping the “Secret” (v. 9)**

**III. Puzzling Questions (vv. 10-13)**

- A. About rising from the dead (v.10)
- B. About Elijah’s Return (vv. 11-13)

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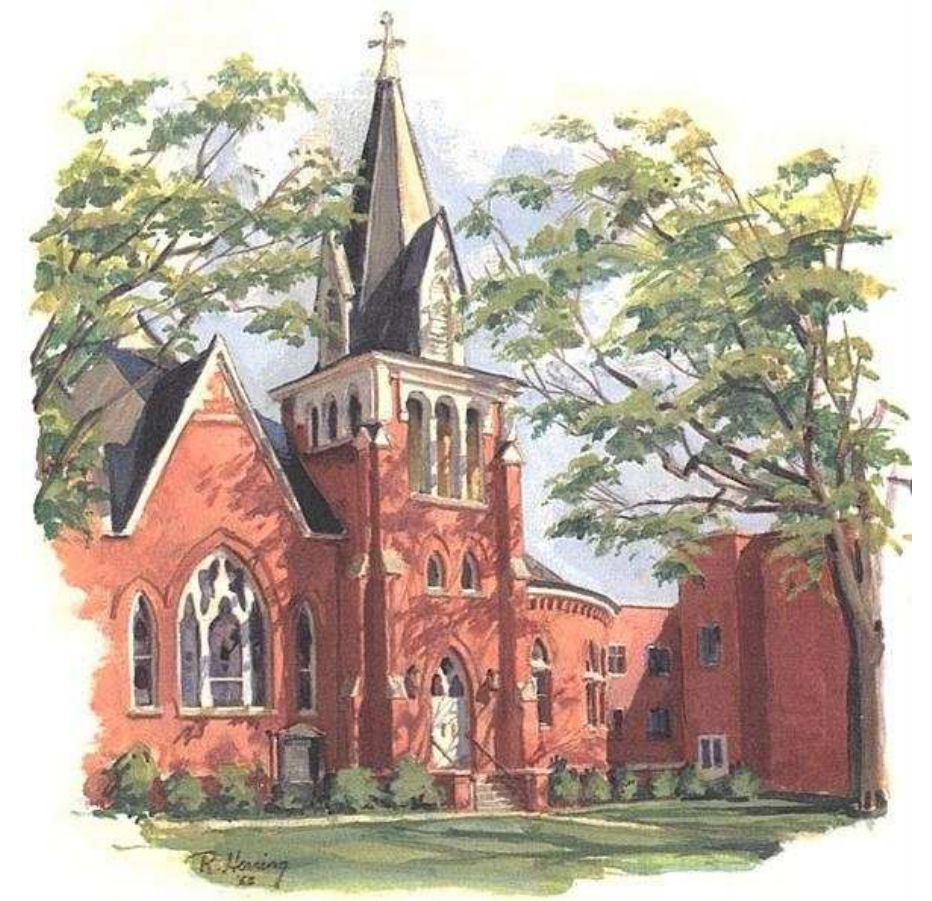
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March 30, 2008 ♦ First Sunday after Easter ♦ 11:00 A.M.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**.....Dr. Fred Coates

Welcome and Announcements  
 Invocation

**PRELUDE: “The Strife Is O’er”**..... Helman  
 Dr. Steven Mowery

**\*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**

**\*HYMN: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**.....243

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE GIDEONS**

**\*HYMN: He Is Lord**.....305

## 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: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*..... Kendrick  
Chancel Choir

\*Response: *Give Thanks*.....359

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. (repeat)**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**(repeat)**

**Give thanks!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Sermon Text: Mark 9:2-13

Sermon: *Transfigured Before Them*..... Dr. Coates

\***HYMN:** *Rejoice the Lord Is King (vv.1-3)*.....342

## \*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

\***HYMN:** *Rejoice the Lord Is King (v. 4)*.....342

**Rejoice in glorious hope for Christ the Judge shall come to gather all His saints to their eternal home: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

\***POSTLUDE:** *"Toccata in d minor"*..... Bach

\* 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 memory of Tom Deal (husband) and Susan White (sister) by Becky Deal.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Rick Omohundro and family; Caroline Ladd; Martha Peacock; Esther Kann and family; Jan Stilwell's mother; Catherine Craig; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Edith Thompson; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Joyce Gilland, Jean Coates' sister; Martha Andrews; Sr. A Tim Irwin, USAF; Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF and QM 3 SW Laban Thompson and shipmates on the USS Guardian.

**Church School Social:** Everyone is invited to attend the March "MADness" Victory Celebration breakfast next Sunday, April 6, from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Following breakfast, church school classes will be held from 10:00-10:40 a.m.

**Women's Bible Study:** The Friday morning Women's Bible Study will resume meeting this Friday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. The group is studying the book, *Life Management for Busy Women*. Childcare is available. Please contact Ellen Auten to register.

**These Days**, our daily devotional, is available for pick-up at the rear of the sanctuary today.

**Christian Sympathy** is expressed to Rick Omohundro and family in the death of his father on March 22 in West Virginia.

**Congregational Meeting April 6:** In accordance with the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church USA, the Session has called a meeting for next Sunday, April 6, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and to act on a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). At this meeting, the APNC will enthusiastically present the name and qualifications of a candidate to serve as our Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries. The congregation will vote on the recommendation to extend a call to the candidate. This week, an informational packet will be mailed to the congregation. Please be in prayerful preparation for this meeting

**Email addresses:** If you have MI-Connection for your email service, please let the church office know of your email address change. We are getting quite a few email failures because of bad addresses. This is especially important if you are a church officer or on a committee. Thank you.

## Calendar for March 30 – April 6, 2008

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. - Worship 9:45 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship 4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF 5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF 7:00 p.m. - Session
Monday:	7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the Coates' home
Tuesday:	9:30 a.m. - Moms in Touch 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 <i>Horrible Hair</i> Night 6:15 p.m. - SupperClub at Showmar's
Thursday:	9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home 6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers 7:00 p.m. - Sisters in Christ (NO. 2) in the Parlor 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Friday:	10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study in the Parlor
Sunday 4/6:	8:30 a.m. - Worship 9:30 a.m. - Church School Social in the Fellowship Hall 9:45 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship with MSM Handbells & Exaltation Ringers 3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Library 4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF 5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF 7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings



**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.activezack.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](mailto:gretchenwittle@yahoo.com) if you can help.