

SERMON TEXT: Mark 9:38-50 (ESV)

³⁸John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

⁴²“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched. ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

SERMON OUTLINE

I. Wise Tolerance (vv. 38-41)

II. Wise Intolerance (vv. 42-49)

III. Wise Influence (v. 50)

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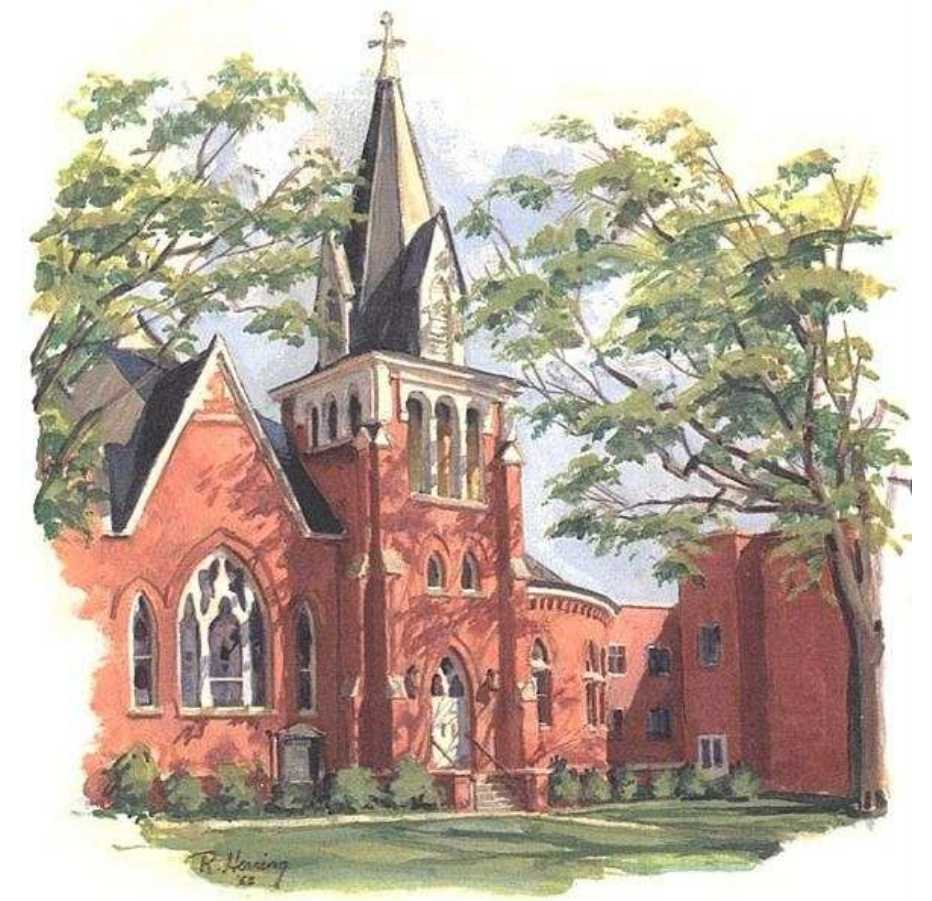
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April 20, 2008 ♦ 2nd Sunday after Easter ♦ 11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: St. Peter.....Thiman
 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.**

***OPENING SENTENCES**

***HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**..... 136

CHILDREN'S SERMON..... Dr. Fred Coates

THE WORD OF GOD READ: Job 42:1-6..... p. 472
 David Jones

***HYMN: Wonderful Words of Life**..... 668

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. . .

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: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*.....arr: Raymer
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 9:38-50

Sermon: *Words to the Wise*..... Dr. Brown

***HYMN:** *Seek Ye First* (Verses 1-2) 349

***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: *Seek Ye First* (Verse 3—words not in hymnal)..... 349

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

***POSTLUDE:** *God of Grace and God of Glory*..... Restoration

* **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 Ray Brawley by his family.

Recent Prayer Requests: Gayle Craig and family; Margaret Curtis and family and the McNeely family; Victor Johnston; Pat Culberson; Bob Leslie and family; Pat Campbell and family; Lecie Miller; Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Joyce Gilland, Jean Coates' sister; Martha Andrews; Jackie Potter; Sr. A Tim Irwin, USAF; and QM 3 SW Laban Thompson.

Congratulations are expressed to Raegan and Tim Malinovsky on the birth of their daughter, Abigail, on April 16.

Sympathy is expressed to Gayle Craig and family in the death of Catherine Craig on April 18; Margaret Curtis and family and the McNeely family in the death of Peggy McNeely on April 16; and to Bob Leslie and family in the recent death of his father.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive trip to Gold Hill Historic Mines, scheduled for this Wednesday, April 23, has been postponed due to renovations at the site. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you have questions.

Camp Grier: Summer camping sessions are offered at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, for children in rising second through twelfth grades, from June 15 through August 1. Brochures are available in the church office, and further information can be found online at www.campgrier.org. Camp Director Dave Cohn will present a Minute for Mission next Sunday, April 27, and will be available to answer questions about camp.

Logos Trip: Approximately sixty children and chaperones are participating in the year-end Logos trip this weekend. This morning the group is presenting the musical, *Survivor Babylon*, at Forest Park Presbyterian Church in Statesville. The group plans to return by 2:00 p.m.

We welcome our Interim Organist this morning. Joanne Daykin will serve until the Search Committee finds a permanent replacement.

Calendar for April 20 - 27, 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
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - Salem Presbytery meets at FPC, Winston-Salem
9:30 a.m. - Moms in Touch
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Pueblo Grande
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Friday: 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study in the Library
SupperClub Guys' Retreat
- Sunday 4/27: 8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship w/Visit from Camp Grier Director
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
7:00 p.m. - Session

In Memoriam
Margaret "Peggy" Thompson McNeely
 February 28, 1922 – April 16, 2008
Catherine Sanders Craig
 November 13, 1924 – April 18, 2008
*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth that they may rest from their labors,
 for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13*