

SERMON NOTES ♦ MAY 18, 2008
An Amazing Request

SERMON TEXT: Mark 10:32-45 (ESV)

³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

SERMON OUTLINE

- I. **An Amazing Truth (vv. 32-34)**
- II. **An Amazing Dialogue (vv. 35-40)**
 - A. **An Amazing Request (v.35)**
An Amazing Response (v. 36)
 - B. **Another Amazing Request (v.37)**
Another Amazing Response (v. 38)
 - C. **An Amazing Reply (v.39a)**
Another Amazing Reply (vv.39b-40)
- III. **A Not So Amazing Reaction (v. 41)**
- IV. **An Amazing Application (vv.42-45)**

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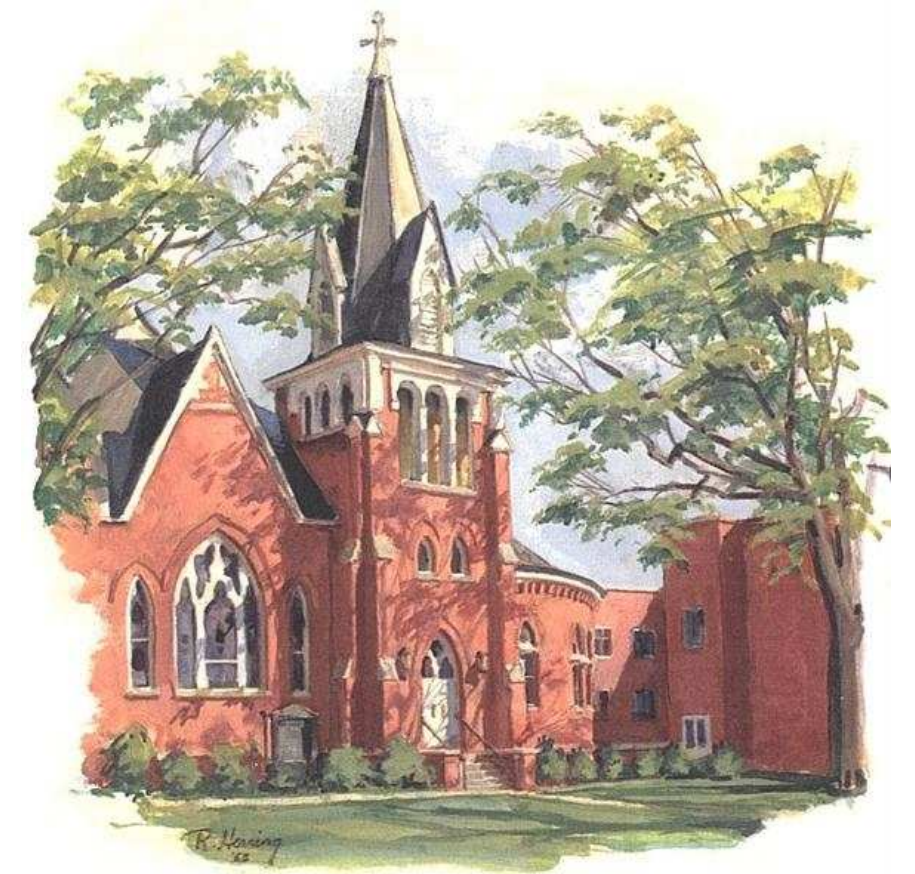
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May 18, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.....Dr. Fred A. Coates
 Welcome and Announcements
 Commissioning of Mexico Mission Team
 Invocation

PRELUDE: Come, Creator Spirit.....Near
 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**

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CHILDREN'S SERMONThermond Thompson

THE WORD OF GOD READ: Isaiah 42:1-6.....p. 636
 Becky Rader

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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: *Sometimes By Step*..... Mullins/Beaker
Jordan Sledge

*Response: *Glorify Thy Name* (v.1).....146

Father we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Mark 10:32-45
An Amazing Request..... Dr. Coates

***HYMN:** *Rise up, O Saints of God!* (Verses 1-4).....590

***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: *Rise up, O Saints of God!* (Verse 5).....590

***POSTLUDE:** *Now Thank We All Our God*..... Bach
Joanne Daykin

*** 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 Eleanor Templeton and Lynelle Owen by Circle One

SUNDAY SCHEDULE SHIFT BEGINNING JUNE 15: Starting on June 15, our Sunday morning schedule will shift to the following:

- **Worship 9:00-9:50 a.m.**
- **Church School 10:00-10:45 a.m.**
- **Worship 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Why are we making this Sunday Schedule Shift? We’re making this shift so the earlier worship service will be more appealing and accessible, for it is the service with the greatest potential for attendance growth. We’re making this shift because for many people, 8:30 a.m. is just too early and a very real psychological barrier exists for them. We’re making this shift because Jesus calls us to do what we can to fulfill his mission of “Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples” and reach out to more people in Mooresville and the world. So mark your calendars!

Dr. Brown is away this Sunday at his daughter Taylor’s graduation from Princeton Seminary. He continues to recover from his recent hip surgery.

Camp Grier: Tour Camp Grier, located in Old Fort, NC, at “Discover Camp Grier Day” today, Sunday, May 18, at 1:00 p.m. Parents, potential campers, and any interested persons are invited to meet director Dave Cohn, tour the facilities, and become familiar with the summer camping program. Call the camp office at 828-668-7793 for further details. Camp Grier offers weekly summer camp sessions from June 15 through August 1 for children in rising second through twelfth grades. Scholarship help is available.

Mexico Mission Trip Commissioning: First Presbyterian Church will once again be partnering with Grace Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas, in their annual Memorial Day Weekend Mission Trip. Our team members, being commissioned today, include: Marsha Cornelius, Hannah Crawford, Sharon Culp, Maria Heilman, Holly Horsman and Terry Skeen. They will depart on Thursday, May 22, and return on Tuesday, May 27, 2008. The group will be working on several construction and other projects with the Alpha y Omega and the Puerto Aventura Presbyterian congregations in the Cancun area. Please keep the members of the team and the churches they will be serving in your prayers!

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, May 20, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The program will be presented by Lynn Culbreth, who will share tips and ideas about organic gardening. Everyone is encouraged to bring gardening tips to share with the group.

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Vacation Bible School: Registration is taking place during May for this summer’s Vacation Bible School, scheduled for June 23-27, from 9:30 a.m. – noon each day. This year’s theme is *Son Harvest County Fair: Growing the Fruit of the Spirit*, where participants will enjoy Bible stories and activities, recreation, music, crafts, and snacks. Stop by the table in the parlor to register.

Calendar for May18 - 25, 2008

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. - Worship
	9:45 a.m. - Church School
	11:00 a.m. - Worship
	5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
	6:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting
	7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings
Monday:	5:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Party in FH
	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:	Newsletter Deadline
	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
	6:15 p.m. - HS SupperClub at Shiki
Thursday:	9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home
	7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Sunday 5/25:	8:30 a.m. - Worship
	9:45 a.m. - Church School
	11:00 a.m. - Worship
	No PYF (Memorial Day Weekend)
	7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Recent Prayer Requests: Lee Doughton; David Brooks’ mother; Ellie Rader; Byron Crowley; James Gordon; Peter Schlect (Erin Spielman’s husband); May Fortanbary; Phil Garaas; Clay Brown; Levi Thomason, Margaret Sanders’ brother; Helen & Victor Johnston; Pat Culberson; Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown’s father; Joyce Gilland, Jean Coates’ sister; Martha Andrews; Jackie Potter; and QM 3 SW Laban Thompson.

Middle School Ministry Retreat: Twelve members of our Middle School along with chaperones, Andrea Abele, Maria Heilman and Alan and LuAnne Sledge, are on a Retreat in Garden City Beach, SC this weekend. The group plans to return around 6:00 p.m. today.