

SERMON TEXT: Mark 14:1-11 (ESV)

¹It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

SERMON OUTLINE

I. Wasteful Opposition (vv. 1-2)...

II. Wasteful Focus (vv. 10-11)...

III. Wasteful Worship (vv. 3-9)...

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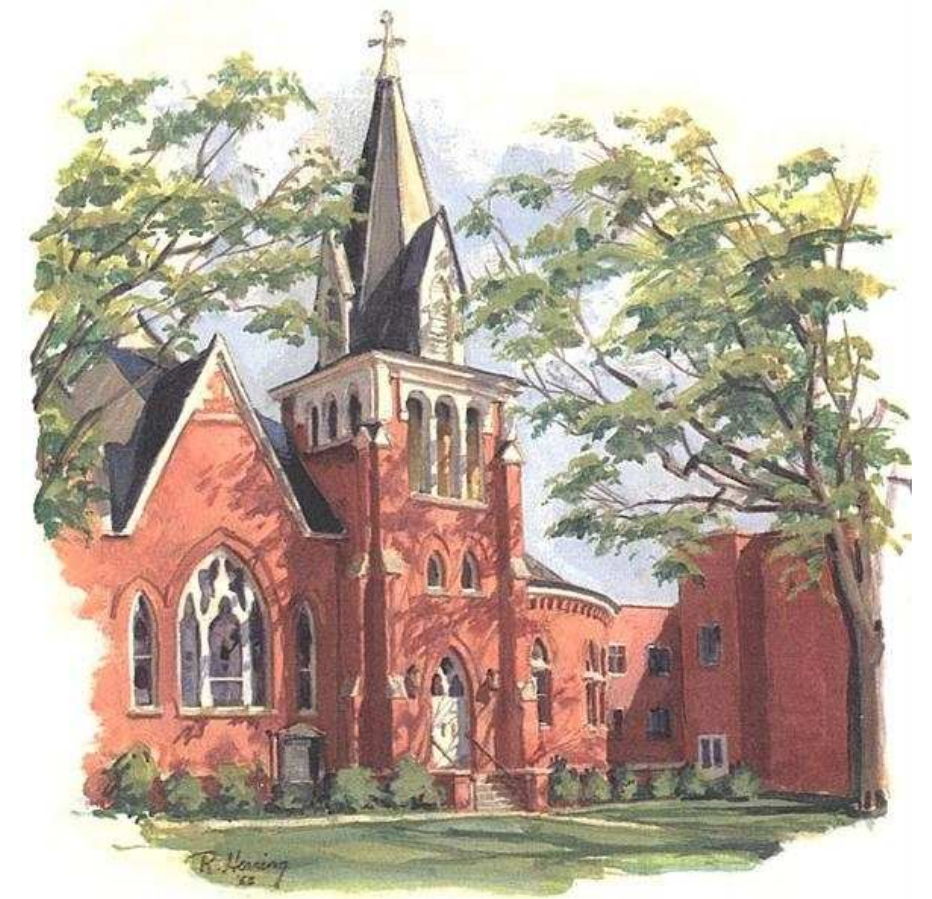
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August 17, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP..... Fred Coates

Welcome and Announcements
 Minute for Mission..... Roger Hyatt, Budget & Finance Committee
 Invocation

PRELUDE: *His Eye is On the Sparrow*..... Gabriel
 The Carrigan Family Singers

***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**.....Tyler Domske

***HYMN:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*.....48

***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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD OF GOD READ: Isaiah 40:27-31 pp. 634-635
Becky Rader

***HYMN:** *There Is a Balm in Gilead*.....631

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: *Heaven Came Down*..... Peterson
The Carrigan Family Singers

*Response: *For the Life You Have Given*.....684
For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Mark 14:1-11
Wasteful Behavior..... Clay Brown

***HYMN:** *I Surrender All*474

*GOING IN GOD'S NAME

Invitation
Charge and Benediction
Response: *Breathe On Me, Breath of God*..... Trentham
The Carrigan Family Singers

***POSTLUDE:** *Trumpet Tune in C*.....Purcell

*** 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 Margaret Carrigan's 85th birthday on August 21 by her family.

Recent Prayer Requests: Don Fair; Helen Boyd; Gretchen McLean-Bridges; Lottie Massie; Gene and Judy Richardson; Susan Meade's father, Ron; Mark Deaton; Tip McGee; Lee Doughten; Phil Loftin's brother-in-law, Dave Montgomery, Bob and Christine Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Martha Andrews; those who have recently lost loved ones and EO3SW Laban Thompson.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the John Amon family in the recent death of Amanda's mother, Dottie Mack.

Thank you to Billie Brawley for serving as organist today while Joanne Daykin is on vacation.

Camp Grier Retreat: The annual congregational Labor Day retreat is scheduled for August 29-31 at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC. Participants are welcome to come for all or part of the weekend. Brochures are available at the rear of the sanctuary and in the church office. **Registration forms and payments are due by this Friday, August 22.**

Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM): This year marks the beginning of the 30th year of our congregation's participation in the Logos Program. Our Logos program is a mid-week (Wednesdays, 4:00-7:15 p.m.) program for youth in first through eighth grades, and consists of Bible study, worship skills, recreation, and dinner. Logos is for children in first through sixth grades, while MSM is for seventh and eighth graders. The primary goal of the Logos Program is to develop genuine and lasting relationships between young people and Jesus Christ, their ministers, parents and other adults in the congregation, as well as their peers. Parents may register their children for the program at one of the following required Parent Meetings:

Sunday, August 24 – 10:15 a.m. – Room 301

Wednesday, August 27 – 7:00 p.m. – Church Parlor

Saturday, August 30 – at the Camp Grier Retreat (time and place TBA)

Wednesday, September 3 – 7:00 p.m. – Church Parlor

The registration deadline is Wednesday, September 3. Fees include a \$30 registration fee and a \$50 per semester tuition fee. Scholarship help is available upon request. Please contact program director Gretchen Little (704-528-9796), assistant director Lisa Davidson (704-662-9393), or Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) with questions about the program. The 2008-2009 Logos year begins Wednesday, September 10.

Church School Promotion Sunday: All church school classes are encouraged to attend special Promotion Sunday activities next Sunday, August 24, at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Activities include introduction of church school teachers, presentation of Bibles to second graders, and singing. Bojangle's biscuits and breakfast refreshments will be served. Start the new school year with regular attendance at church school!

Christian Education Sunday: Christian Education volunteers will be commissioned during the worship services next Sunday, August 24.

Catechism Club: The 2008-2009 Catechism Club, offered to children in third through sixth grades, will begin Sunday, September 14, from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Children in Catechism Club will be encouraged to memorize the 150 questions of the *First Catechism*, and will have weekly instruction in basic Bible truths. Registration will take place in the church parlor this morning.

Church School Teacher Meeting: All church school teachers are encouraged to attend a training meeting tonight, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Room 300.

Tyler Domske Installation Service Aug. 24, 4:00 p.m.: Now that Tyler Domske has been officially received by Salem Presbytery, he will be installed as our Associate Pastor for Youth by a commission of the presbytery during a special worship service. This worship service will take place next Sunday, August 24, 4:00 p.m., here in our sanctuary. Commission members include ministers and elders from First, Centre, Reid Memorial, and Lake Norman Fellowship congregations. Everyone in the congregation is invited to join in this time of celebration for Tyler's present and future ministry with us.

PYF Events: This Wednesday, August 20, there will be pizza and a movie at the church from 6 – 8 p.m. and on Friday, August 22 it's Fifth Quarter after the football game until 12 o'clock midnight.

Calendar for August 17 - 24, 2008

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. - Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 10:00 a.m. - Worship Orientation Workshop 11:00 a.m. - Worship 5:00 p.m. - Church School Teacher's Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings
Monday:	9:30 a.m. - Preschool Orientation in FH 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts 7:00p.m. - Executive Committee
Tuesday:	9:30 a.m. - Preschool Orientation in FH
Wednesday:	Newsletter Deadline 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner 6:00 p.m. - PYF Pizza and a Movie night at the church
Thursday:	9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Friday:	10:00 p.m. - PYF 5th Quarter at the church
Sunday 8/24:	Christian Education Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School – Promotion Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Worship Orientation Workshop 10:15 a.m. - Logos Parent Meeting 11:00 a.m. - Worship 4:00 p.m. - Rev. Tyler Donske's Installation Service 7:00 p.m. - Session