

SERMON TEXT:

Romans 10:14-17 (emphasis on v. 17, ESV)

¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*

SERMON OUTLINE

I. "So faith ..."

II. "... comes from hearing..."

III. "...and hearing through the word of Christ."

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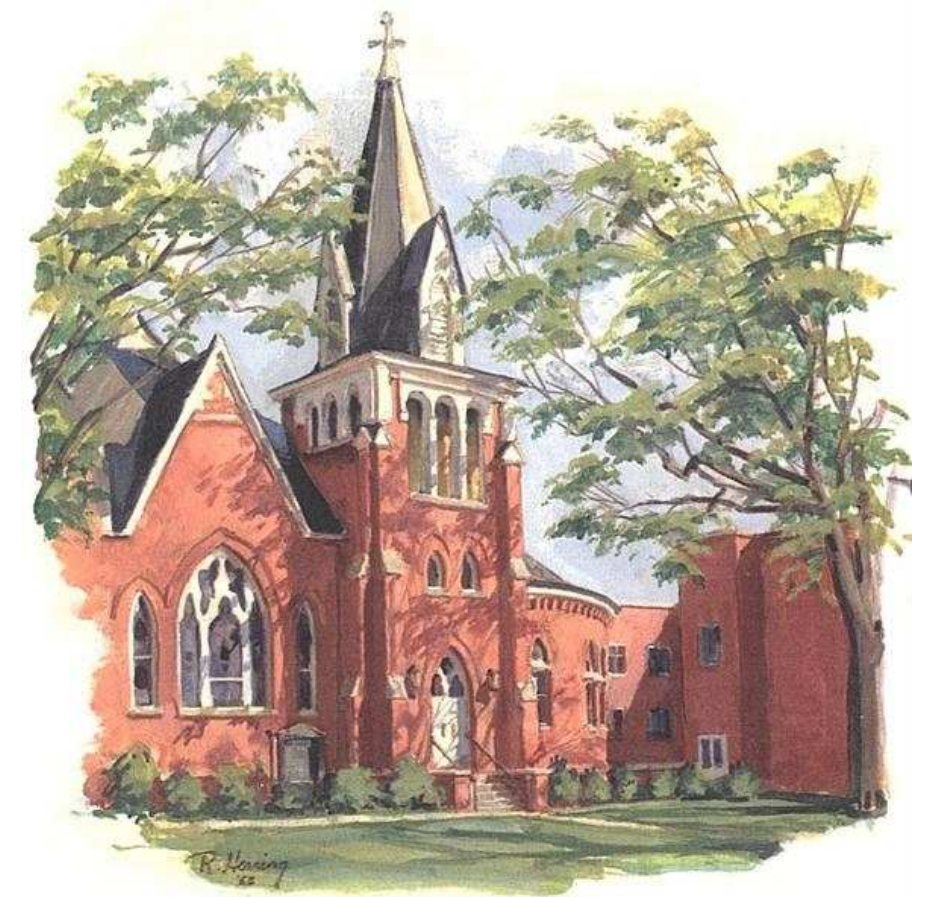
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September 7, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP..... Fred Coates

Welcome and Announcements
 Invocation

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE: *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*..... Bach
 Joanne Daykin, Organist

***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**..... Clay Brown

***HYMN:** *All Creatures of Our God and King*.....23

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *The Apostles' Creed*.....Tyler Domske

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: Nehemiah 8:1-12.....pp. 426-427
Jim Davidson

***HYMN:** *O Word of God Incarnate*670

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: *Blow the Trumpet*..... Williams
Chancel Choir

*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: Romans 10:14-17

Life Management 101: Managing Your Growth..... Clay Brown

***HYMN:** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (Verses 1-3).....405

***GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

- Invitation
- Charge and Benediction
- Response: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (Verse 4)405

***POSTLUDE:** *Fugue in f Minor*..... Handel

*** 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 Heilman, and in memory of Fernando deAndres, Luz Lose, and John S. Heilman by Phil and Maria Heilman.

Recent Prayer Requests: Fred Hoke; Lois Kirk; Don Fair; Lottie Massey; Mary Voils Aven; Rick Faulkenberry's brother, Bill; Adrien Domske's grandfather, Bill Klingensmith; Gene and Judy Richardson; Susan Meade's father, Ron; Tip McGee; Phil Lofin's brother-in-law, Dave Montgomery, Bob and Christine Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Martha Andrews; EO3SW Laban Thompson; and those who have recently lost loved ones.

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.

Presbyterian Women: A new circle (Circle 6) is being formed and will start meeting this week on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. All women of the church are welcome, so if you are not currently a member of a circle or if this is a more convenient time for you, please come on Tuesday. Corky Simmons is the moderator and we will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor.

The session is pleased to announce the return of Christy Floyd as church organist, beginning January of 2009. Christy has spent the last two years living in Houston, TX spending time with children and grandchildren. We are grateful through this time to have Joanne Daykin serve as interim organist. She will continue in this roll until Christy's arrival.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of Lee Doughten, who passed away on September 3, 2008.

Calendar for September 7-14, 2008

- Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the library
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF (Grades 7-8)
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF (Grades 9-12)
- Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle #1 in the Parlor
6:15 p.m. - Circle #3 at the home of Kim Streb
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Circle #4 in the Parlor
12:00 p.m. - Circle #5 at the home of Mary Fortanbary
2:00 p.m. - Circle #6 in the Parlor
6:00 p.m. - Circle #2 in the Parlor
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM - *Bach Party* Night
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Bojangles
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Sunday 9/14: 8:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Worship
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4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF (Grades 7-8)
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF (Grades 9-12)
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
6:00 p.m. - Diaconate
7:00 p.m. - All committees except Christian Ed
7:30 p.m. - Christian Ed Committee

In Memoriam
Leland "Lee" Wayne Doughten
April 10, 1930 - September 3, 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*