

SERMON TEXT

Romans 8:18-28 (NIV)

¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. ²⁷And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. ²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

NOTES

I. Hope

II. Faith

III. What do we put our hope in?

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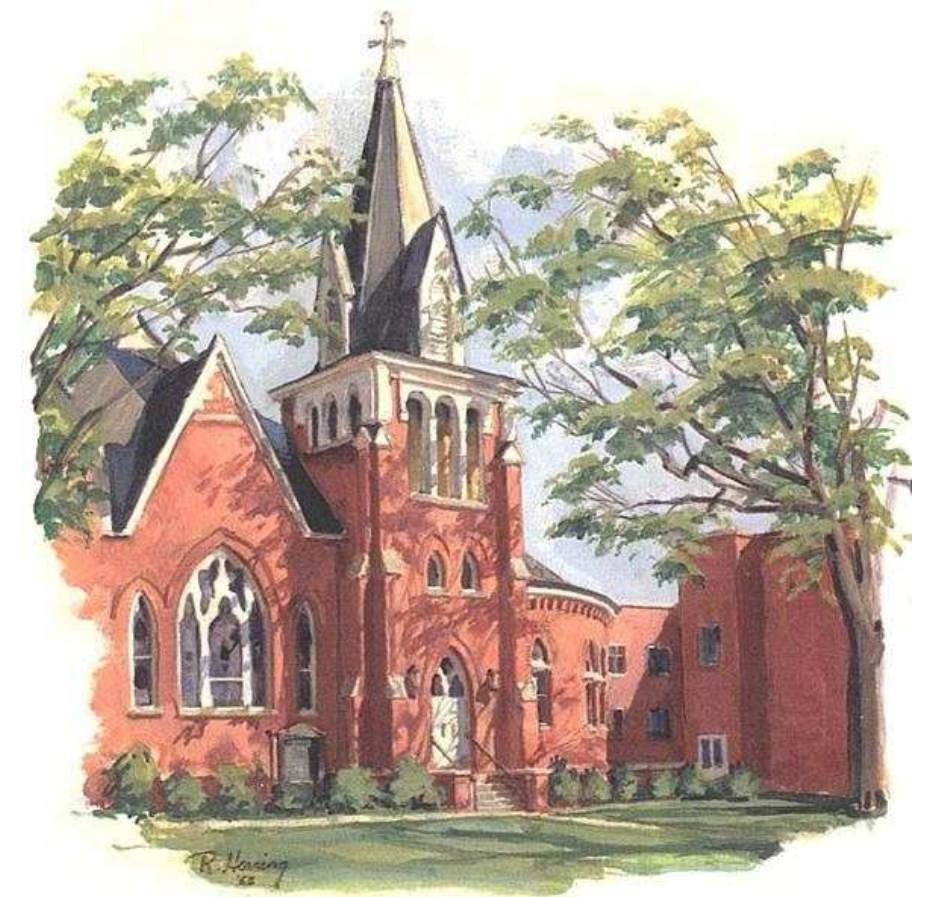
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November 16, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP..... Tyler Domske
 Welcome and Announcements
 Invocation

PRELUDE: Now Thank We All Our God..... Thompson
 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.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth**.....40

***THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
 heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in
 one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of
 the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true

God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE WORD OF GOD READ: Isaiah 40:26-31 OT, p.634
David Jones

***HYMN:** *Grace Alone*..... 436

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *Glory Sing to God Forever*Handel
Chancel Choir

*Response: *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* (Verse 2)... HYMN TO JOY
Of your time and talents give now, they are gifts from God above, to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love. Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring; in your work, with Christ find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED: Romans 8:18-28

Nothing False About Hope..... Tyler Domske

***HYMN:** *How Can I Keep from Singing?* (Verses 1-3)..... 424

*GOING IN GOD’S NAME

Invitation
Charge and Benediction

*Response: *How Can I Keep from Singing?* (Verse 4)..... 424

***POSTLUDE:** *Praise to the Lord*..... Drischner

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 in thanks and praise to God for the blessings we all received in knowing “Memaw” Rebecca Rhodes by her family.

Recent Prayer Requests: Helen McCullough; Mark Vaughn’s daughter, Jennifer Blatchley; Aimee Culler’s father; Gene Harris; Claude Voils; Lottie Massey; Don Fair; Mary Voils Aven; ; Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Cathy Brown’s parents; David Ortwein, Ken Bernd’s nephew; Martha Andrews; EO 3SW Laban Thompson and all those who have recently lost loved ones.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to nominate and elect officers today following the 11:00 a.m. service. We will receive the Church Officer Nominating Committee’s report that will nominate persons to serve as elders and deacons, receiving additional nominations from the floor, and voting to elect officers for the Session and Diaconate. There are eight vacancies for elder (seven for the Class of 2011 and one for the Class of 2010) and eight vacancies for deacon (seven for the Class of 2011 and one for the Class of 2010). The nominating committee may nominate up to twice the number of vacancies. This year’s committee will place in to nomination 14 persons for elder and 13 for deacon. Those who have given their consent to be placed in to nomination by the committee are:

ELDER: Beth Allen, Mark Auten, Allen Brawley, Beverly Chappell, Brent Curtis, Don Fair, Mary Fortanbary, Brian Little, Tom Morrow, Lynn Parnell, Liz Rader, Karen Shore, Paul Trimble, Harry Weyer.
DEACON: Bryan Cole, Chris Creech, Ross Culp, Jim Davidson, Thomas McMillan, Danny Moore, Eric Puer, Beth Sink, Mary Beth Stutts, Gene Vaughan, Lucinda Weyer, Chip Whittington, Amy Williams.

Church members have received additional biographical information about each nominee in the mail. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Such nominations are always appropriate, as long as the nominee has given prior consent, and serve as a check and balance for the committee. The official election procedure of the church is as follows: “Each active member present at the congregational meeting may vote for the number of elders and deacons to be elected, and those receiving a majority of votes shall be declared elected. Twice the number of elders and deacons still to be elected, taken from those receiving the next highest number of votes on the first ballot, shall be placed on the second ballot. This procedure shall be repeated until the required number shall be elected by a majority of the voters present and voting.” Members of the Session and Diaconate classes of 2008, excluding those members on the committee, will count the ballots. The members of the Church Officer Nominating Committee are C. P. Chappell (chair), Trent Newell, Jim McDonnell, Lucy Hastings, Bill Brawley, Neil Trimble, Margaret Curtis, and Clay Brown (*ex officio*).

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, November 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This month’s program is a video, *Mayflower Pilgrims*. Come enjoy a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship - and bring a friend!

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning to go to the Southern Christmas Show in Charlotte this Thursday, November 20. The group plans to leave at 9:15 a.m. and return in the late afternoon. Cost is \$7.50; please contact Ellen Auten by Wednesday to make a reservation.

Operation Christmas Child: Shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child should be turned in to the church office today, or you may take them to Broad Street United Methodist Church, located at 355 S. Broad Street.

Catechism Club: Participants and mentors will meet tonight at 5:15 p.m. for recitation of questions, followed by a pizza party.

Still time to turn in Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Brochures: If you have not yet been able to turn in your 2009 pledge card or your 2009 Time and Talent brochure, you’re encouraged to do so as soon as you’re able. Your pledges help our Budget and Finance Committee and the Session to determine the 2009 church budget. Your responses on the Time and Talent brochure help our ministries to put people in the right places and assist our committees in completing their rosters for the coming year. If you’ve lost your pledge card or Time and Talent brochure, please contact the church office for another one.

Calendar for November 16-23, 2008

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. - Early Worship with the Logos Choir 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship 4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYP 5:15 p.m. - Omega PYP 5:15 p.m. - Catechism Club with mentors 7:00 p.m. - Handicap Planning Task Force
Monday:	7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the Coates’ home
Tuesday:	10:00 a.m. - <i>Exploring Our Reformed Faith</i> in the library 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive luncheon 7:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts
Wednesday:	11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner 4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM <i>Thanksgiving</i> 6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Showmars 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday:	Newsletter Deadline 9:15 a.m. - Saints Alive to Southern Christmas Show 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home 6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
Saturday:	Port-A-Pit Barbecue sponsored by Boy Scouts
Sunday, Nov. 23	9:00 a.m. - Early Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship 4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYP 5:15 p.m. - Omega PYP 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting