

SERMON TEXT

James 2:8-13 (ESV)

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. **Mercy triumphs over judgment.**

NOTES

I. The situation (vv. 8-9)...

II. The reality (vv. 10-11)...

III. The counsel (v. 12)...

IV. The good news (v. 13)...

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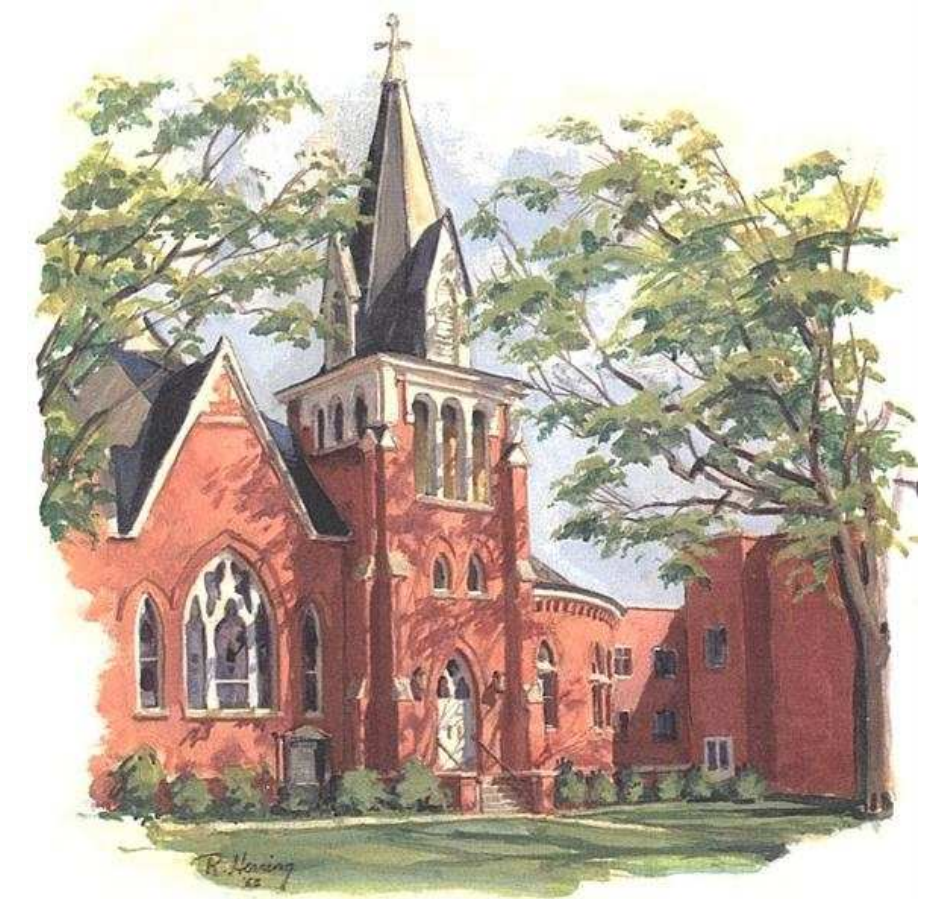
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November 23, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.....Clay Brown

Welcome and Announcements
Congregational Meeting and Vote
Invocation

PRELUDE: Praise and Thanksgiving Suite.....Wood

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**.....Tyler Domske

***HYMN: “We Gather Together”**.....81

***SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION:** From Romans 8..... Fred Coates
We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE WORD OF GOD READ: Psalm 111:1-10 Pew Bible, p. 539
 Susan Meade

***HYMN:** “For the Fruit of All Creation” 723

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

Minute for Stewardship.....David Brooks
 Offertory: “Festival Jubilate”..... Drennan
 Chancel Choir

*Response: “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” (v. 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: James 2:8-13
 “The Triumph of Mercy”.....Clay Brown

***HYMN:** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (vv. 1-3) 721

***GOING IN GOD’S NAME**

Results of Voting
 Invitation
 Charge and Benediction

*Response: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (v. 4)..... 721

*** POSTLUDE:** *Praise and Thanksgiving Suite*..... Wood

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 loving memory of Dennis Ladd by his wife, children and grandchildren and the flowers in the vestibule are in memory of Helen McCullough.

Recent Prayer Requests: Nancy Smith and family; 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; EO3SW Laban Thompson and all those who have recently lost loved ones.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Nancy Smith and family in the death of her mother, Helen McCullough on November 18, 2008.

Here are the results of our election for elders and deacons last Sunday, Nov. 16. Those elected by majority vote are:

- **Session, Class of 2011: Mark Auten, Allen Brawley, Brent Curtis, Mary Fortanbary, Karen Shore, Paul Trimble, Harry Weyer.**
- **Diaconate, Class of 2011: Bryan Cole, Jim Davidson, Thomas McMillan, Beth Sink, Mary Beth Stutts, Gene Vaughan, Lucinda Weyer.**
- **Diaconate, Class of 2010: Eric Pluer.**

We will have a **run-off election today at the beginning of 11:00 a.m. worship** with two who tied for **Session, Class of 2010: Don Fair and Liz Rader.** We are thankful for all those who consented to be nominated for their commitment and their love of Christ. We look forward to the servant leadership of those elected.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to see the National Gingerbread Display at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville on Tuesday, December 2. The group plans to leave at 8:15 a.m. and return by 5:30 p.m. There is no charge for the exhibit; lunch reservations are at the Inn (cost approx. \$14-26). Reservations are essential; contact Ellen Auten at 704-664-5275.

Advent Workshop: Everyone is encouraged to attend the annual Advent Workshop next Sunday, November 30, from 10:00-10:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Participants will have an opportunity to make Christmas crafts and Advent wreaths while enjoying holiday refreshments and fellowship with our church family. Young children need to be accompanied by their parent or an adult or teen helper to assist with the craft projects.

No Logos/MSM meeting this Wednesday.

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

The Session meeting is cancelled for tonight. Therefore we will hold a called meeting of the Session and the Diaconate for Thursday, December 4, 7 p.m., in the Parlor.

Calendar for November 23-30, 2008

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
 10:00 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship
 4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
 5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
 No Session meeting tonight

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the Coates’ home

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
 No Supper Club
 No Chancel Choir

Thursday: Thanksgiving – Church office closed

Friday: Church Office closed

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 11:00 a.m. - Worship
 No PYF

In Memoriam
Mary Helen Brandon McCullough
 January 16, 1913 – November 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*

