

SERMON TEXT

Romans 1:1-13 (ESV)

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹²that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³I want you to know, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles

NOTES

I. The Gospel of God: What it is... (v. 1)

II. The Gospel and Paul: The difference it makes in a person's life... (vv. 1-6)

III. The Gospel and the Romans: The difference it makes in a congregation's life... (vv. 7-13)

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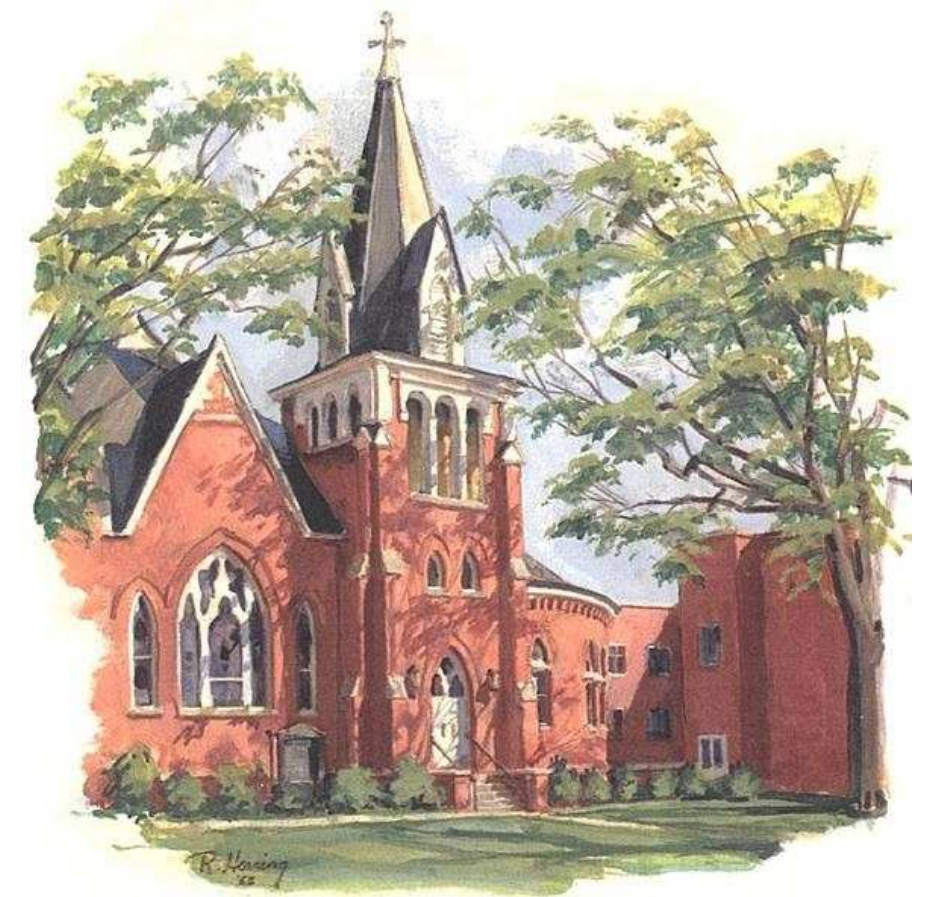
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January 4, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M. ♦ Epiphany Sunday

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP..... Clay Brown

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

PRELUDE: Epiphany Suite..... Callahan

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:** *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*.....231

CHILDREN'S SERMONTyler Domske

THE WORD OF GOD READ: Matthew 2:1-12...Pew Bible, pp. 1-2
Dorothy Campbell, Reader

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *Walk Worthy*.....Martin
Chancel Choir

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Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*Prayer of Dedication

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERSInsert

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED: Romans 1:1-13

A Focus on the Gospel..... Clay Brown

THE WORD OF GOD SEALED

Invitation to the Lord's Supper
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***GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

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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.

***POSTLUDE:** *Brightest and Best Are the Sons of the Morning*.....Peetes

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.

A congregational meeting for the purpose of reviewing and approving the changes in the terms of call for the pastoral staff and reviewing the budget approved by the Session for 2009 has been called for this morning following the 11:00 a.m. worship 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 the First Presbyterian Church family, who has shown our family much kindness in the past year, by Anita and Carroll Teeter.

Recent Prayer Requests: Joan Gibson and family; Rebecca Auten; Dean Washburn; Bedo Culberson; Aimee Culler's father; 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 Joan Gibson and family in the death of her husband, Don, on December 30.

Logos/MSM Registration: Please contact program director Gretchen Little (704-528-9796) or assistant director Lisa Davidson (704-662-9393) to register for the Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM) program. Logos/MSM is a mid-week program of Christian nurture for children and youth in grades 1-8. Held on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-7:15 p.m., the program consists of recreation, worship skills, Bible study, and dinner. Cost for the program is a \$30 registration fee and a \$50 per semester tuition fee. Scholarship help is available upon request. The registration deadline for second semester is Wednesday, January 7, and second semester begins Wednesday, January 14.

Preschool registration is available to church members. Please call Nancy Kortright at 704-664-2701 to register your child

Today, all of the returning college students are invited to join us for a college lunch get together! Lunch will be on us, so all you have to do is bring your appetites. If you are interested in coming, just meet in the parlor next week after the 11am service, and we'll head out for some food and fellowship!

Westminster College Choir in Concert: This Wednesday evening, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. we will host the choir as they present a concert in our Sanctuary. Westminster College is located in New Wilmington, PA and is where Associate Pastor, Tyler Domske received his undergraduate degree. The concert is part of their East Coast 2009 tour. They will leave Mooresville on Thursday morning for Jacksonville, FL. The choir will spend the night here in Mooresville and we are in need of 20-25 host families that will keep 2 or 4 students for Wednesday night. Please see Alan or call the church office.

These Days, our daily devotional, for the winter quarter are available at the rear of the sanctuary and in the parlor.

Calendar for January 4-11, 2008

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Installation of New Officers and Communion
12:00 p.m. - Congregational Meeting
12:30 p.m. - College Ministry Luncheon at Tokyo Buffet
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl ministry
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166

Wednesday: Logos Registration Deadline
11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
11:30 a.m. - Logos Council meeting
4:00 p.m. - No Logos/MSM
6:15 p.m. - Supper Club at Pueblo Grande
7:00 p.m. - Westminster College Choir in Concert

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral

Sunday, Jan. 11 8:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
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
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
6:00 p.m. - Diaconate
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings

In Memoriam
Donald Ray Gibson
June 12, 1931 – December 30, 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*

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
OF CHURCH OFFICERS
CLASSES OF 2010 AND 2011**

Statement on the Offices of Elder and Deacon

Constitutional Questions to Church Officers

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
9. (For elders) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
10. (For deacons) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept *Mark Auten, Allen Brawley, Brent Curtis, Don Fair, Mary Fortanbary, Karen Shore, Paul Trimble, and Harry Weyer* as elders, and

Diaconate, Class of 2011: Bryan Cole, Jim Davidson, Thomas McMillan, Eric Puer, Beth Sink, Mary Beth Stutts, Gene Vaughan, and Lucinda Weyer as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Congregational Response: We do.

2. Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Congregational Response: We do.

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Greeting of New Officers