

**SERMON NOTES ♦ APRIL 12, 2009**  
**Your Life Changes Now!**

**SERMON TEXT**  
**Mark 16:1-8 (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**NOTES**

**I. An anxious sense of duty... (vv. 1-3)**

**II. One surprise after another... (vv. 4-5)**

**III. The announcement that changes everything... (vv. 6-7)**

**IV. A perfectly normal reaction ... (v. 8)**

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**April 12, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M. ♦ Easter**

**THE PRELUDE:** *Jubilate*.....Jordan  
 Christy Floyd

**THE WELCOME**.....Clay Brown  
 Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.  
 An asterisk (\*) marks when those who are able will please stand.  
 Please turn off your cell phones or place them on “vibrate.”

**THE MINUTE FOR MISSION:** First Family Groups.....Fred Coates

**THE INVOCATION**

**THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP:** *The Strife is O'er*.....arr. Ferguson  
 Chancel Choir and Exaltation Ringers

**\*THE HYMN #288:** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* .....EASTER HYMN

**THE CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**.....Tyler Domske

**THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mighty God, by your power is Christ raised from the dead to rule this world with love. We confess we have not believed in him, but instead we fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised Kingdom comes...

**THE SILENT CONFESSION**

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

\***THE RESPONSE #734:** *Glory Be to the Father*.....GREATOREX

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE FIRST LESSON:** Genesis 3:8-15.....Pew Bible, p. 3

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**THE ANTHEM:** *Hymn to Joy*.....arr. Keller

**THE SERMON LESSON:** Mark 16:1-8 .....Sermon Notes

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**THE SERMON:** *Your Life Changes Now!*.....Clay Brown

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH 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.

**THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY:** *Canon of Praise*.....Petker

\***THE RESPONSE #34:** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*..OLD 100TH

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\***THE HYMN #287:** *Lift High the Cross* .....CRUCIFIER

**\*THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**\*THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\***THE RESPONSE #447:** *Because He Lives* (v. 1).....RESURRECTION

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

\***THE POSTLUDE:** *Look, Ye Saints! The Sight is Glorious* .....Page

**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 the pastor in the chancel area 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.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Julie Morrow's mother; Helen Templeton; Carol Donaldson; Anita Teeter; Don Fair; Rebecca Auten; Fred Hoke; Mary Voils Aven; Bob Davidson; Terry Stevens; Tip McGee; Cathy Brown's parents; David Ortwein, Ken Bemd's nephew; EO3SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who have lost their jobs recently.

**The Marti Estes 5k is Saturday, April 25th** at 8:30 am. Please pre-register for the race if you are planning on participating. If you'd like to volunteer please email Allyson Hill at [allysonhill@windstream.net](mailto:allysonhill@windstream.net). We are still accepting sponsors for the event. Please consider a donation to the race to benefit the Christian Mission. The Marti Estes 5k race committee is in need of some baked goods for the volunteers who are helping out with the event. If you are able to make something please deliver it to the church by Friday, April 24th. Thank you. For more information, contact Stacey Faulkenberry at [staceyf41@yahoo.com](mailto:staceyf41@yahoo.com) or 704-995-9156.

**The First Presbyterian Church-wide membership survey** is underway. If you have not yet filled out a survey online, please visit the Church web site and click on the link, check your email and click on the link, or paste the hyperlink into your web browser. [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=cF\\_2byxQFrpIXhk5JTx5aRw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=cF_2byxQFrpIXhk5JTx5aRw_3d_3d)

If you would rather fill out the survey on paper, copies are available in the back of the church, in the parlor and the church office. Completed paper surveys can be dropped in a locked survey box in the parlor. To make sure the information we gather is accurate, each member must fill out **ONLY ONE** survey. Don't wait. The survey ends at 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Upcoming Studies:** Because the Crucifixion and Resurrection are so important to our Christian faith, Dr. Brown will teach two courses following Easter that will help put them into their right perspective. The courses are for two distinctly different audiences and sets of needs. "EXPLAINING CHRISTIANITY" will begin Sunday, April 26 and is for self-acknowledged non-Christians or anyone wondering about Christianity. "THE CORE OF THE GOSPEL" begins Thursday, April 16 and is for Christians who want to be grounded in the faith. See the April Newsletter for more information or call the office (704-664-5275) to sign-up for either course.

**We welcome to our services this morning,** our own high school brass and percussion ensemble. They are: Marshall Horsman and Graham Sledge, french horn; John Patrick Justice and Logan Bates, trombone; Cody Brown, tuba and Matt Abele and Jordan Sledge, percussion.

**Calendar for April 12-19, 2009**

- Sunday: **Easter Sunday**  
9:00 a.m. - Early Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship
- Monday: *Church Office Closed for holiday*  
6:15 p.m. - Circle 3 at the home of Kim Streb  
7:00 p.m. - Personnel Committee  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Circle 4 in the parlor  
11:30 a.m. - Carpool meets for Circle 5  
12:00 p.m. - Circle 5 at the home of Pam Morrow  
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  
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club @ Tony's Pizza  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home  
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:15 p.m. - Pastor's Bible Study
- Friday: PYF Spring Retreat through Sunday
- Sunday 4/19: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
5:00 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Property Committee



*The staff of First Presbyterian Church wishes each of you a very blessed Easter.*