

SERMON NOTES ♦ AUGUST 30, 2009
“God’s Mysterious Ways”

SERMON TEXT

Romans 11:25-36 (ESV)

²⁵Lest you be wise in your own sight, I want you to understand this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,

"The Deliverer will come from Zion,
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob";

²⁷"and this will be my covenant with them
when I take away their sins."

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"

³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

NOTES

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

August 30, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME

Fred Coates

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."

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TEAM

September 3-7, Presbyterian Outreach Center, Slidell, LA

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING AND INVOCATION

PRELUDE: "Prelude from Te Deum"

Charpentier

Christy Floyd Organ; Harrison Deaton, Violin

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Purifey

Chancel Choir

***HYMN 408** "I Am Thine, O Lord"

I AM THINE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tyler Domske

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy
we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all
our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain
desires, that with reverent and humble hearts, we may draw
near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and
finding in you our refuge and strength. Through Jesus Christ
we pray...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI 734**

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

***HYMN 465:** "Lord, Be Glorified"

Kilpatrick

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Allen Brawley

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7

Pew Bible, pp. 637-8

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON LESSON: Romans 11:25-36 Sermon Notes
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: “God’s Mysterious Ways” Clay Brown

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE AND 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: “O Praise the Gracious Power” Troeger
O praise the gracious power, O praise the living Christ; We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one! O praise the gracious power that tumbles walls of fear and gathers in one house of faith all strangers far and near: We praise you, Christ!.. O praise the tide of grace that laps at every shore with visions of a world at peace, no longer bled by war. We praise you Christ... O praise the word of faith that claims us as God’s own, a living temple built on Christ, Our rock and cornerstone. O praise the power, the truth, the love, the word, the tide. Yet more than these, O praise their source, praise Christ the crucified. We praise you Christ... O praise the living Christ, with faith’s bright songful voice! Announce the gospel to the world and with these words rejoice. We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

***DOXOLOGY 34** OLD 100TH
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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 426:** “Blessed Assurance” (vv 1-2) ASSURANCE

*APOSTLES’ CREED

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.

*OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE 426:** “Blessed Assurance” (v 3)) ASSURANCE

***POSTLUDE:** “the Heavens Declare Thy Glory” Marcello

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God, in joyous celebration of the marriage of Margaret McNeely Curtis and John Joseph Purcell, and in loving memory of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.P. McNeely, Mr. and Mrs. John Carey Purcell and Mr. John Daniel O’Connell.

Recent Prayer Requests: Paul Trimble; Joan Gibson; Lecie Miller; Jonathan Burris; Jim Scott, the Fortanbary’s son-in-law’s father; Willie Allison; Richard Holshouser; Clayton Davidson; George Brawley; Becky McIntyre’s mother; Pam Winters’ sister, Reaves Geist; Suzy Brawley; Bill Raffety’s father, Mick Raffety; Mary Voils Aven; Tip McGee; EO2SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; 1st Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF, all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who are looking for jobs.

Camp Grier Congregational Retreat: Everyone in our church family is encouraged to attend the annual congregational Labor Day Retreat at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, scheduled for this Friday, September 4 through Sunday, September 6. You may come for all or part of the weekend. Informational brochures may be found at the rear of the sanctuary, in the parlor, and in the church office. **Registration forms and payments are due no later than today.** Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you have questions.

Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM): This year marks the beginning of the 31st year of our congregation’s participation in the Logos Program. Our Logos program is a mid-week (Wednesdays, 4:00-7:15 p.m.) program for youth in first through eighth grades, and consists of Bible study, worship skills, recreation, and dinner. Logos is for children in first through sixth grades, while MSM is for seventh and eighth graders. The primary goal of the Logos Program is to develop genuine and lasting relationships between young people and Jesus Christ, their ministers, parents and other adults in the congregation, as well as their peers. **The registration deadline is Wednesday, September 2.** Fees include a \$30 registration fee and a \$50 per semester tuition fee. Scholarship help is available upon request. Please contact program director Gretchen Little (704-528-9796), assistant director Lisa Davidson (704-662-9393), or Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) with questions about the program. The 2009-2010 Logos year begins Wednesday, September 9.

Logos/MSM Staff Meeting: All weekly Logos/MSM volunteers are encouraged to attend a Staff Meeting this Wednesday, September 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Dinner will be served, and child care is available with reservations. Please contact Gretchen Little (704-528-9796) or Lisa Davidson (704-662-9393) to secure child care.

Lost and Found: Please check the Lost & Found table in the fellowship hall for items you may have left at the church. All items not claimed by August 31 will be donated to the Christian Mission.

Catechism Club: The 2009-2010 Catechism Club, offered to children in third through sixth grades, will begin Sunday, September 13, 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.

Attention College Students and Parents: Please send your college student’s addresses to Eleanor Templeton, Carolyn Poteat or the church office so that the Churchmouse Program can contact them. A letter and questionnaire will be sent to them along with news about our program. When the questionnaires are returned, the student will be assigned a Churchmouse.

From the Budget and Finance Committee: January – July 2009:
YTD Budget - \$440,354.00; Deficit – (\$15,468.00)

Congregational Meeting September 13, 11:00 a.m. The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 13, at the beginning of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose is to change the Rev. Tyler Domske’s terms of call to include a one-month paid paternity leave, per the recommendations and guidelines of Salem Presbytery.

Congratulations are expressed to Ashley and Jae Teeter on the birth of a son, Andrew Mitchell, on August 22. Also to Margaret McNeely (Neely) Curtis and John Joseph (Jack) Purcell on their marriage on August 29.

Calendar for August 30 – September 6, 2009

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| Sunday: | 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship |
| Monday: | 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts |
| Wednesday: | Logos Registration Deadline 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner 6:00 p.m. - Logos Staff Training 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir |
| Thursday: | 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home 7:30 p.m. - Mooresville User’s Group in room 310 |
| Friday: | - Camp Grier Retreat begins |
| Sunday 9/6: | 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship No PYF |