

**SERMON NOTES ♦ OCTOBER 4, 2009  
“At Your Service”**

**SERMON TEXT**

Matthew 20:25-28 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup>But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup>It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, <sup>28</sup>even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**NOTES**

**CAR TALK**

**Discussion Starters for the Way Home...**

1. Do you prefer “self-service” restaurants (e.g., Bojangles, McDonald’s) or “table service” restaurants (e.g., Red Robin, Applebee’s)? Which experience tends to be more satisfying?
2. Who has been “at your service” this past week? How did you respond to them... or did you?
3. What are some ways you will “serve” others this week?

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**Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples**

October 4, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

**WELCOME**

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.”

**STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Don Howie

**PRELUDE: “In the Beauty of Holiness”**

Exaltation Ringers

Sherman

**INVOCATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: “Ascribe to the Lord”**

Martin

\***HYMN 702** “We Come as Guests Invited” WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF 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.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Dot Campbell

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 53: 3-5**

Pew Bible, p. 648

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON LESSON:**

Sermon Notes

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!****SERMON:** “At Your Service”

Fred Coates

**PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE****GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS****OFFERTORY:** “With a Voice of Joy”

Williams/Drennan

Chancel Choir

With a voice of joy, with a sound of triumph, with a voice of joy I will praise the Lord. My song in the night, I walk in His light; with a voice of joy I will praise the Lord.... Why should I despair; why should I be afraid when God is my strength, His majesty arrayed? His loving kindness is mine; He is my rock and my shield. In the presence of my enemies His power is revealed. With a voice of joy... I will praise the Lord.

**\*DOXOLOGY 34**

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**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****SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution and Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

Post-Communion Prayer

**\*OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION****\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****\*RESPONSE 740:** “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.**

**\*POSTLUDE:** “Voluntary in A Major”

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**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 and in memory of Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown’s father, and Paul and Eloise Brown, Clay Brown’s parents by Clay and Cathy Brown.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Emily Kirkland; Martha Gragg; Anne Lowe; Joan Gibson; Lecie Miller; Glyn Powell; Al Culp; Jeanne McKenry; Paul Manning; Jan Stilwell; Karen Shore’s aunt, Allene Shore; Brayden Alleman, 10 year-old relative of the Loftins; Jim Scott, friend of the Fortanbarys; Richard Holshouser; Pam Winters’ sister, Reaves Geist; Suzy Brawley; Bill Raffety’s father, Mick Raffety; Mary Voils Aven; Tip McGee; EO2SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who are looking for jobs

**Stewardship Emphasis:** Our theme for our annual stewardship emphasis is “All for You: Renewed, Rejoicing, Rededicated.” Church members will be receiving information in the mail on how we can respond to God’s grace and love for the coming year. The sermon this Sunday is “At Your Service” (Matthew 20:25-28). Next Sunday, Oct. 11: Pledge Sunday—returning our pledge cards and Time and Talent responses (Colossians 3:15-17)

**All ladies of the church** are invited to the Autumn Social being held by the Presbyterian Women of FPC this afternoon in the Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. We encourage you to come enjoy this time of fun and fellowship.

**Assisting Fellow Presbyterians:** Doug Vinez, pastor of Lake Norman Fellowship, is on a sabbatical October-December 2008. On some of the Sundays during this time period, our pastors will assist our sister congregation of Salem Presbytery by providing worship leadership and sermons. Today, Clay Brown is ministering and preaching there

**The current issue of *These Days*,** our daily devotional, is available at the rear of the sanctuary.

**From the Budget & Finance Committee:****January –September 2009**

YTD Budget = \$577,740

YTD Deficit = \$43,983

**Calendar for October 4-11, 2009**

Sunday 10/4 9:00 a.m.-- Early Worship with Communion  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion  
2:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Social  
4:00 p.m. Alpha PYF  
5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF

Monday: 6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the Coates’ home

Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - Library Committee  
7:00 p.m. - Tuesday FOCUS

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM Sock Hop Night  
6:15 p.m. - HS SupperClub at Wendy’s  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

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

Friday: 10:00 p.m. PYF 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

Sunday 10/11 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 with MSM Handbells  
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry at the home of Thelma Vaughan  
4:00 p.m. Alpha PYF  
5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF  
5:00 p.m. - Diaconate  
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings

**First Family Celebration**

Everyone is invited to attend a congregational breakfast on Sunday, October 18, from 10:00-10:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Breakfast will be prepared by church hostess Jerilyn Fair, with assistance from Circle I and the Budget and Finance Committee. Church school classes will be offered following breakfast, or classes may choose to stay for a slide show presentation featuring activities of various ministries and programs at First Prebyterian. Come see what’s been going on at Logos/MSM, VBS 2009’s Jungle Safari, PYF, Mission Trip to Washington, DC, Saints Alive, Camp Grier, Church School, Preschool, as well as other groups throughout the year. Cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children ages 4-12. Children under 4 are free.

