

SERMON TEXT

Ephesians 2:1-10 (New Revised Standard Version)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins² in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ **For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

NOTES

1. The Miracle of Grace...

2. The Miracle of Faith...

3. The Miracle of Purpose...

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

October 25, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

Reformation Sunday

PRAISE

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.”

INVOCATION

PRELUDE: “Prelude on ‘All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arr. Jones
Christy Floyd

INTROIT: “God Is Our Refuge and Strength” Larson
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN 507:** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” EIN FESTE BURG

CHILDREN’S SERMON Tyler Domske

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you raise up men and women to live and to die in faith. We confess we are often in different to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served

you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE 734: "Glory Be to the Father" GREATOREX

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Becky Rader

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6 Pew Bible, p. 11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 2:1-10 Sermon Notes

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: "The Miracle of the Gospel" Clay Brown

PETITION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYERS

DEDICATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: "Saints Bound For Heaven" Parker/Shaw

Our bondage it shall end by and by... From Egypt's yoke set free, Hail the glorious jubilee, And to Canaan we'll return by and by. Our Deliv'rer He shall come by and by. And our sorrows have an end with our three score years and ten, And vast glory fill the day by and by. And when to Jordan's floods we are come, Jehovah rules the tide and the waters He'll divide, And the ransom'd host shall shout we are come.

Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice! Shouting glory to our King, till the vaults of heaven ring, And thro' all eternity we'll rejoice!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE DOXOLOGY 34 OLD 100TH

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution and Breaking of the 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: "For All the Saints" arr. Hamlin

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 honor of Eleanor Templeton and Lynelle Owen by Circle One.

Recent Prayer Requests: Don Howie; Emily Kirkland; Helen Templeton; Angie Toma; Lottie Massey; Joan Gibson; Dick Fortanbary; Karen Shore's aunt, Allene Shore; Pam Winters' sister, Reaves Geist; Suzy Brawley; Bill Raffety's father, Mick Raffety; Mary Voils Aven; EO2SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; 1st Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who are looking for jobs.

Mission Opportunity in Africa: Have you ever considered participating in an overseas mission? Here's a chance to find out more and explore the possibility. A special informational meeting for persons interested in the mission opportunities in the African village of Mwandu, Zambia will be held on Wednesday, October 28, in Room 300 at 7:30 p.m. A joint trip with Lake Norman Fellowship is currently being planned for August 3-20, 2010. Contact Fred Coates for additional details and plan now to attend the meeting.

Saints Alive Beach Trip: Twenty-eight participants are registered for the annual Saints Alive beach trip to Myrtle Beach, SC. The group plans to leave this Tuesday, October 27, and return Friday, October 30. Participants traveling in the church van should be at the church by 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

All Saints' Eve Fall Festival: Everyone is invited to attend the All Saints' Eve Fall Festival this Saturday, October 31, from 5:00-7:00, in the fellowship hall. Activities include carnival games, a bounce castle, costume parade, hot dog supper, and cake walk. All activities are free of charge; donations are appreciated to offset costs.

All Saints' Eve Volunteers: We are still needing volunteers to help staff games and help with clean up for the All Saints' Eve Fall Festival. Please contact Susan Kendall (704-660-0458) or Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are available to help.

Mark Your Calendar: The Missions Committee is sponsoring a Pancake Supper/Breakfast on Friday & Saturday, November 6 and 7. Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and breakfast starts at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. The proceeds will benefit the Spring 2010 Mission Trip to Slidell, LA. Tickets may be purchased from members of the Missions Committee.

From the Budget & Finance Committee:

January - September 2009

YTD Budget = \$577,740

YTD Deficit = \$43,983

Calendar for October 25 - November 1, 2009

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. -- Early Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion
4:00 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF
7:00 p.m. - Session

Monday: 6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. - Saints Alive leave on Beach Trip
7:00 p.m. - Tuesday FOCUS

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. - Preschool Petting Zoo
11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM *Maquerade Madness* Night
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at What-a-Burger
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Preschool Petting Zoo
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - PYF to Scarowinds

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - All Saints Eve Celebration
Change your clocks - "Fall Back"

Sunday 11/1 9:00 a.m. -- Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry at Thelma Vaughan's home
4:00 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF

Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Forms: If you haven't yet turned in your 2010 Pledge Card or your 2010 Time and Talent Form, you're encouraged to do as soon as you are able. Your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure is very important to your spiritual growth and our service for Christ as a congregation. Groups use the information from Pledge Cards and Time and Talent forms to plan 2010's ministry. You may find cards and forms in the pews, in the Parlor, and in other locations. You may turn in the cards and forms in the offering plate or in the church office. Thank you for your support and generosity of spirit!

Reformation Sunday and Communion: Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday, in which we remember and give thanks for those who led in the reformation of the church to a renewed emphasis on the gospel of grace through faith. We will observe communion as part of our celebration: all baptized Christians and children who have been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament are encouraged to participate, regardless of denomination or membership. Please commune as you are served the elements.