

SERMON NOTES ♦ [NOVEMBER 8, 2009
"I Dream of Jesus"

SERMON TEXT
Jonah 4 (NIV)

¹ But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD, "O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, O LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

⁴ But the LORD replied, "Have you any right to be angry?"

⁵ Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ Then the LORD God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine. ⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?"

"I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."

¹⁰ But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

NOTES

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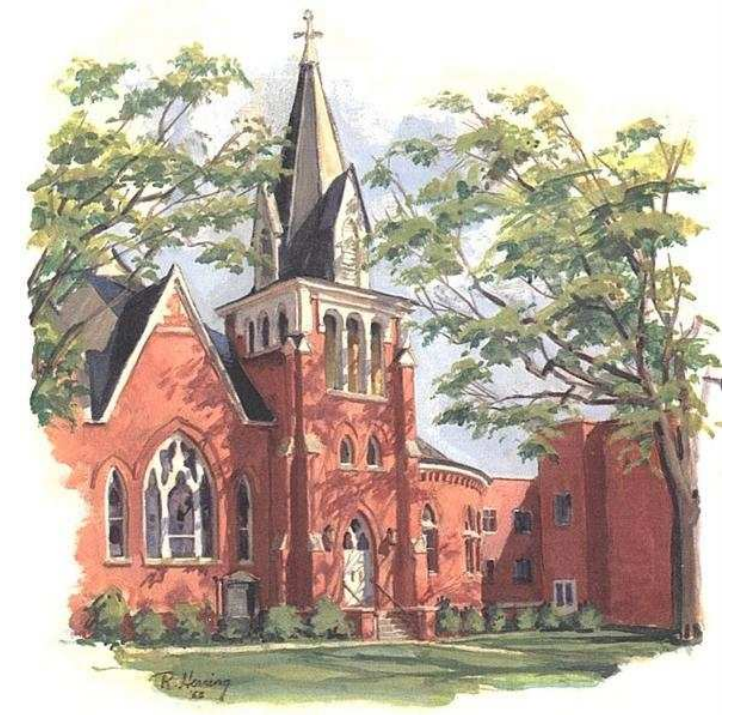
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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

November 8, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

PRAISE

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."

INVOCATION

PRELUDE: "May Jesus Christ Be Praised" arr. Innes
Christy Floyd

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Let the Trumpet Sound" Curry
Chancel Choir

*HYMN 2: "O Worship the King" LYONS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION Clay Brown

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we come here today as your children, praising and glorifying your name. We seek to serve you with all of our lives, yet we fall short. We are drawn to our own selfish motives, to our own weak nature. We are sinners. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to follow you with our entire beings. Help us to love like you love us. Help us to have a heart that seeks to be obedient and loving, rather than self interested and spiteful. Forgive our wanderings; restore us, through the power of your son Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE 734:** “Glory Be to the Father” GREATOREX

PROCLAMATION

***HYMN 557:** “Pass It On”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ellen Hinson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1Corinthians 2:1-16 Pew Bible, p. 157

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jonah 4 Sermon Notes

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: “I Dream of Jesus” Tyler Domske

PETITION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

DEDICATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: “Prayer of St. Francis” Pote
Chancel Choir

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***THE 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.

*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.

***HYMN 711:** “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name” (vv. 1-3) ELLERS

*OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE:** “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name” (v. 4) ELLERS

***POSTLUDE:** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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 loving memory of my husband, Frank, by Eleanor Templeton.

Recent Prayer Requests: Martha Gragg; Bob Campbell; Ray Brawley; Zoe Deaton; Don Howie; Emily Kirkland; Helen Templeton; Angie Toma; Lottie Massey; 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.

There will be a Fun & Fellowship Barbecue on Thursday, November 12 in the FPC Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. **Reservations must be made** in advance: \$7.50 for barbecue dinner; \$3.50 for barbecue sandwich. Contact Dot Nelson, 704-662-8560 or dotn@windstream.net. Come join us!

Ladies of all ages are invited to attend a baby shower for Adrien and Tyler Domske this afternoon from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Preschool and elementary church school classes are invited to a special *Veggie Tales* event this morning, from 10:00-10:45 a.m. in Room 322. To help the children prepare for the Operation Christmas Child project, the classes will watch the Veggie Tales movie, *Saint Nicholas: A Story of Joyful Giving*, and will participate in activities that will help focus on giving, especially to those children who are needy and impoverished.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to the Southern Christmas Show in Charlotte on Thursday, November 19. The group plans to leave at 9:15 a.m. and return in the late afternoon. Cost is \$7.50 for advance ticket purchases. Contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are interested in this trip.

Veterans’ Night at Logos/MSM: All veterans of any branch of the military are invited to be special guests at the Logos/MSM dinner hour this Wednesday, November 11, at 6:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Logos/MSM program participants would like to take the opportunity at dinner to recognize and thank veterans for their dedicated service to our country. Please contact the church office (704-664-5275) by Monday, November 8, to make a reservation for dinner.

“Magic of Christmas” Symphony Concert: Join our congregation as we celebrate the sounds of the season with a concert by the Charlotte Symphony on Thursday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. at Belk Theater in Charlotte. Tickets are \$25; each ticket purchase provides a donation to our church through the Presbyterian Foundation Group. Contact Alan Sledge at 704-664-5275 for more information. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, November 25.

Church Luncheon and Operation Christmas Child Packing Party: Everyone is encouraged to attend a church luncheon next November 15, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the fellowship hall. The luncheon will be prepared by church hostess Jerilyn Fair with assistance from Circles 2 and 5 and members of the Property Committee. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children (no charge for children under 40, with a maximum cost of \$12 per family).

Following the meal, we will have pack shoe boxes for hurting and needy children around the world through the Operation Christmas Child shoe box project, which is part of Samaritans Purse in Boone, NC.

Everyone is encouraged to bring items to pack into shoe boxes. Items to bring include small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hard candy (no chocolate), lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, toy jewelry, etc.

Please do not include the following: used items, war-related items, perishable items, medicines, breakable items, or liquids.

Please be generous as you shop, and come join the fun and fellowship next Sunday as we provide tangible gifts for needy children. Sunday,

Scrapbook Workshop: All scrapbookers are encouraged to attend a Scrapbook Workshop this Friday, November 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your supplies, and enjoy fellowship as the group works on their individual scrapbook projects. The group will order dinner, and light refreshments will be served. Contact Martha McDonnell (704-663-3835) for more information.

Looking to upgrade your refrigerator, but aren't sure what to do with your old fridge? The PYF would be glad to take it off of your hands. We're looking for a fridge to replace the one that is currently in the youth room (and looking to be on it's last legs...). If you would like to donate your old fridge, contact the church office. Thanks!

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. We are behind the typical number of responses turned in by this time. 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!

Calendar for November 8 – November 15, 2009

Sunday:	8:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
	9:00 a.m. -- Early Worship with MSM Handbells
	10:00 a.m. - Church School
	10:00 a.m. - <i>A Veggie Tales</i> Event
	11:00 a.m. - Worship
	4:00 p.m. Alpha PYF
	5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF
	5:30 p.m. - Diaconate
	7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings
Monday:	2:00 p.m. - Circle 1 in the parlor
	6:30 p.m. - Session/Diaconate Meeting in FH
	7:00 p.m. - Circle 3 at Pat Culberson's home
	7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
	7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at Coates' home
Tuesday:	10:00 a.m. - Circle 4 at Margaret Sander's home
	12:00 p.m. - Circle 5
	2:00 p.m. - Circle 6 in the parlor
	6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
	6:00 p.m. - Circle 2 in the library
	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 <i>Veteran Celebration</i> Night
	6:15 p.m. - HS SupperClub at Subway
	7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday:	9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
	6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship Dinner in the FH – Reservations Required
Friday:	6:30 p.m. - Scrapbook Workshop in the FH
Sunday 11/15	9:00 a.m. -- Early Worship
	10:00 a.m. - Church School
	11:00 a.m. - Worship with Logos choir
	12:00 p.m. - Church Luncheon with Operation Christmas Child
	4:00 p.m. Alpha PYF
	5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF