

SERMON NOTES ♦ NOVEMBER 22, 2009
“Different King, Different Kingdom”

SERMON TEXT
John 18:33-37 (NRSV)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

NOTES

1. Point One

2. Point Two

3. Point Three

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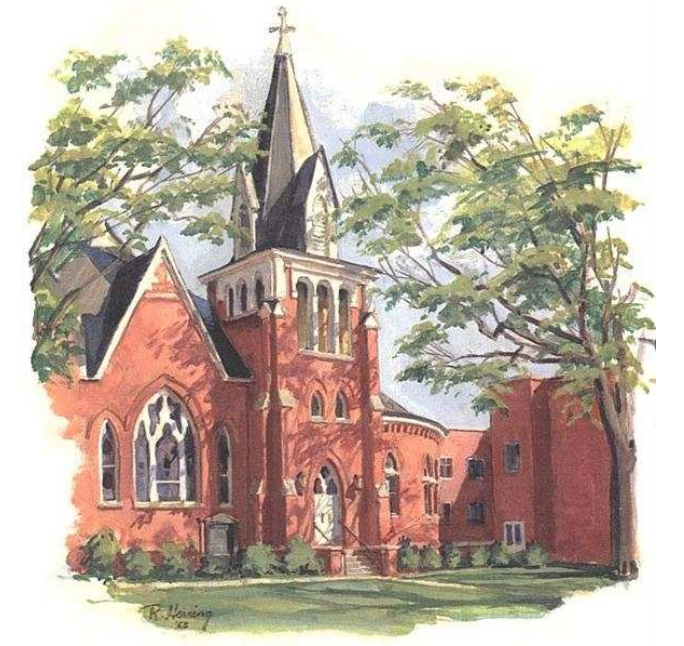
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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

November 22, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M. ♦ Christ the King Sunday

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: “Title” Composer
Christy Floyd

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.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN 317: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” DIADEMATA

CHILDREN'S SERMON Tyler Domske

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 24:7-10 Pew Bible, pp. 484-5
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 18:33-37 Sermon Notes
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: “Different King, Different Kingdom” Clay Brown

RESPOND TO GOD

***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.

PRAYERS OF THE 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: “Title” Composer
Alan Sledge

*RESPONSE 34: “The Doxology” OLD 100TH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*HYMN 341: “Jesus Shall Reign” (vv. 1-3) DUKE STREET

***OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*RESPONSE 341: “Jesus Shall Reign” (v. 4) DUKE STREET

*POSTLUDE: “Title” Composer

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 with thanksgiving to God and in loving memory of Asa and Milner McNeely, whose birthdays are in November, by Miriam McNeely.

Recent Prayer Requests: The Gragg family; 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.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Ron and Richard Gragg and families in the death of their mother, Martha Gragg, on November 15.

“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.

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 22-29, 2009

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.-- Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with PYF Praise Team
4:30 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
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at Coates’ home

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
No Logos or SupperClub
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: *Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving*

Friday: Church Office closed

Sunday 11/29 **1st Sunday of Advent**
9:00 a.m.-- Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Advent Workshop
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with PYF Praise Team
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry at the home of Thelma Vaughan
No PYF today

From the Budget and Finance Committee:

January –October 2009

YTD Budget = \$641,934

YTD Deficit = \$43,864

In Memoriam
Martha Brawley Gragg
February 10, 1914 – November 15, 2009
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth that they may rest from their labors,
for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13