

SERMON NOTES ♦ NOVEMBER 29, 2009
“The End of the World”

SERMON TEXT
Luke 21:25-36 (NRSV)

²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

NOTES

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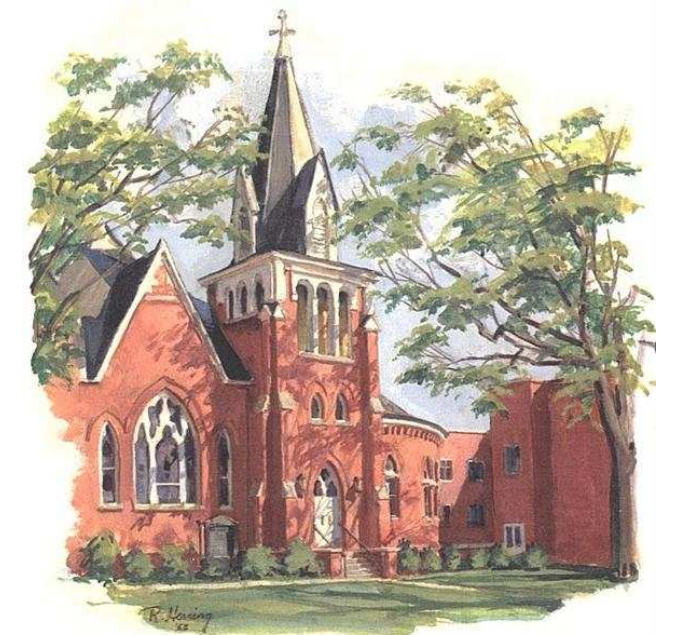
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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

November 29, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M. ♦ First Sunday of Advent

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: “Hail, Star of Heaven” Grieg
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.”

MINUTE FOR MISSION Harry Weyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN 154: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL

ADVENT WREATH: “Hope” Bill and Terry Skeen

CHILDREN'S SERMON Fred Coates

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

While we ask, O Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much. Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee in prayer, for not reading your Word, for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins. Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God! Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of your presence and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE 179:** “Joy to the World” (v. 3) ANTIOCH
**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as
the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Pew Bible, p. 699

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 21:25-36 Sermon Notes

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION: “The End of the World” Clay Brown

RESPOND TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: “Celebrate” Morgan/Bankhead

***RESPONSE 188:** Refrain of “Angels We Have Heard on High” GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

COMMUNE WITH GOD

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Tyler Domske

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

GO IN GOD’S NAME

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE 740:** “The Lord’s Prayer” DUKE STREET

***POSTLUDE:** “From Thy Throne So High” von Gluck

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 in glory to God and in memory of loved ones by Roger and Debbie Hyatt.

Recent Prayer Requests: Byron Crowley; Holly Brumley; Paul Trimble; Bob Campbell; Jim Streetman’s father; Aldo Martinez; Debbie Hyatt; Billie and Ray Brawley; Helen Templeton; Lottie Massey; Dick Fortanbary; Pam Winters’ sister, Reaves Geist; Suzy Brawley; 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.

Church Night Supper and Concert: You are invited to a fellowship supper on Sunday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will consist of baked ziti, garlic bread, tossed salad and a Christmas surprise dessert. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Following the supper, there will be sing-a-long concert, “Sing We Now of Christmas” with a Reader’s Theater telling the stories of some of our most beloved Christmas Carols. Be sure to join us for this festive evening.

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!

Christmas Pageant: All children in grades 1-6 are encouraged to participate in the annual Christmas pageant, scheduled to be presented on Sunday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m. Pageant practice will be held during the church school hour on Sundays, December 6 and 13. The four year olds and kindergarten class will also participate in the pageant, and will practice on Sunday, December 13 during church school. Please contact Ellen Auten by this Wednesday, December 2, if your child would like to participate in the pageant.

Cherub Choir: All preschool and kindergarten age children are encouraged to participate in the Cherub Choir at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Practices will be held during church school at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays, December 6 and 13, in Room 210. An additional practice will be held immediately following the Christmas pageant in the fellowship hall on Sunday, December 20.

Advent Workshop: Everyone is encouraged to attend the annual Advent Workshop this morning in the fellowship hall, from 10:00-10:45 a.m. Participants will have an opportunity to make Christmas crafts and Advent wreaths while enjoying holiday refreshments and fellowship with our church family. Young children need to be accompanied by a parent or an adult or teen helper to assist with the craft projects.

Calendar for November 29 – December 6, 2009

- Sunday: **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
- Monday: 6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at Coates’ home
- Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos /MSM *Christmas* Night
6:15 p.m. - SupperClub at McDonalds
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home
7:00 p.m. - PW Coordinating Team
7:30 p.m. - *Magic of Christmas* Concert in Charlotte
7:30 p.m. - Mooresville User’s Group in Room 310
- Friday: 6:00 p.m. - Walk Thru Bethlehem
- Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - Walk Thru Bethlehem
- Sunday 12/6 **2nd Sunday of Advent**
9:00 a.m. -- Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Logos & MSM
No PYF
5:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee
6:00 p.m. Church Night supper
7:00 p.m. - *Sing We Now of Christmas* Concert

From the Budget and Finance Committee:

January –October 2009

YTD Budget = \$641,934

YTD Deficit = \$43,864



****Newsletter Note:** We’re sorry to report that due to equipment failure, the December Newsletter will be arriving *after* December 1.