

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

SERMON TEXT  
Luke 21:25-36 (NRSV)

<sup>25</sup>“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.

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

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

<sup>34</sup>“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, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be 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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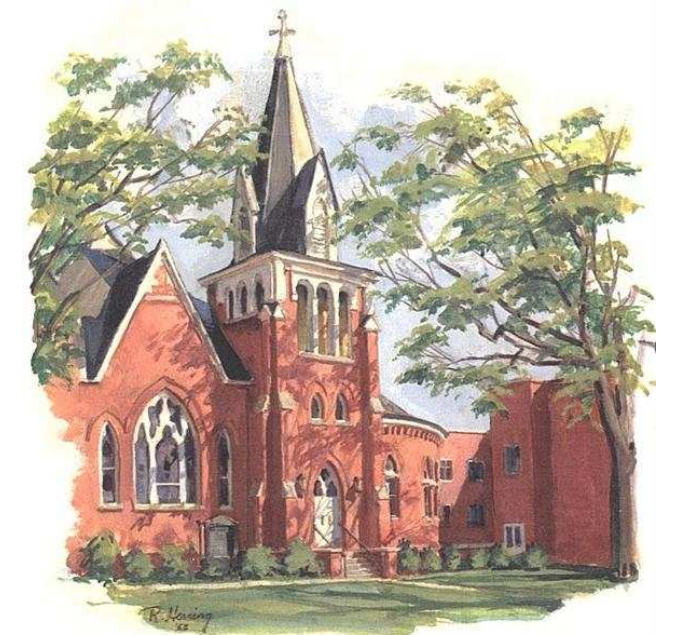
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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*

November 29, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M. ♦ First Sunday of Advent

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

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.”

Clay Brown

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Harry Weyer

INVOCATION

PRELUDE: “Hail, Star of Heaven”

Grieg

Christy Floyd

CALL TO WORSHIP: : “Sing For Christ Is Born”

Martin

Chancel Choir

\*HYMN 154: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

ADVENT WREATH: “Hope”

The Trimble Family

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**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** From “A Brief Statement of Faith”

**In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom  
alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human,  
fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news  
to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the  
brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling  
all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY:** “My Heart, Your Bethlehem” Schram

Will you have a place to lay Your head on the night of Your holy birth;  
a crown or a robe of royal thread, as Your life begins on earth? Though  
some will not receive You, or know just who You are, I will prepare a  
place for You, a home within my heart. I’ll make my heart Your  
Bethlehem, where You, O Lord, can enter in. Shine Your light, let Your  
life in me begin, and make my heart Your Bethlehem. O holy Child of  
Bethlehem, descend to us we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in; be  
born in us today! Though some will not believe You are the Savior born  
for them... How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given. So  
God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven....

**\*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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**Calendar for November 29 – December 6, 2009**

Sunday: **1<sup>st</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

