

SERMON NOTES ♦ FEBRUARY 7, 2010  
*I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life*

SERMON TEXT

John 14:1-7 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup>“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.  
<sup>2</sup>There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?  
<sup>3</sup>When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.”

<sup>5</sup>“No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup>Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!”

NOTES

1. An Absolute Dislike of All Absolutes...

2. An Absolute Claim...

3. An Absolute Result...

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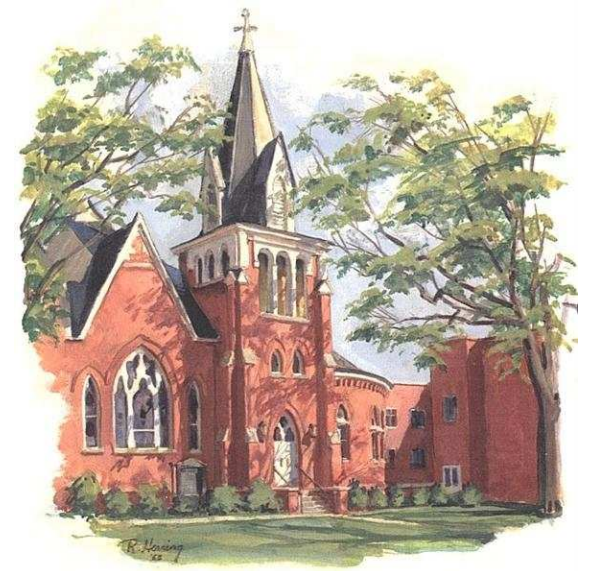
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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*

February 7, 2010 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

WE COME BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Clay Brown

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.

\*Please stand as you are able. +Latecomers may be seated.

Please turn off your cell phones or place them on “vibrate.”

WORDS ON WORSHIP

+PRELUDE: *Come, Come, Ye Saints*

arr. Darley

Christy Floyd

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

\*+HYMN 335: *Christ the Eternal Lord*

DIADEMATA

ANTHEM: *Jesus Shall Reign*

arr. Dobrinski

Middle School Ministry Handbell Choir

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Tyler Domske

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of your covenant. This we pray through Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life...*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*This is God’s promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone through faith in Christ. Thanks be to God!*

\*RESPONSE 428: *When Peace Like a River* (v. 3)

VILLE DU HAVRE

*My sin—O, the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin—not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

\*+HYMN 337: *We Will Glorify*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 28:10-17

Pew Bible, p. 24

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 14:1-7

Sermon Notes

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*Thanks be to God!*

SERMON: *I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life*

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Fred Coates

*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: *Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled*

Stellhorn

Chancel Choir

Jesus said: "Let not your hearts be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me... In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." Draw us to thee, for then shall we walk in thy steps forever and hasten on, where thou art gone, to be with thee dear Savior. Amen

\*RESPONSE 474: *I Surrender All* (v. 1)

SURRENDER

*All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live. I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 66: *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

### \*SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.*

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

### \*INVITATION

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE: *Go Ye Now In Peace*

Eilers

\*POSTLUDE: *The God We Worship Now (Variations on "Aylesbury")*

Colvin

## Announcements

**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.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Lee O'Malley, Diane O'Malley's son; Helen Templeton; Don Howie; Peter Schlect, Erin Spielman's husband; Donna MacInnis, Angie Toma's cousin; Ron Patterson and family; Byron Crowley; John Holt; Willie Allison; Aldo Martinez; Ray Brawley; Pam Winters' sister, Reaves Geist; Suzy Brawley; Mary Voils Aven; EO2SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF; Maj. Scott Goodrich; T. Sgt. Timothy Goodrich; PFC Adam R. Loftin, USMC; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who are looking for jobs.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Donald and Helen McCullough, parents of Nancy Smith by John and Nancy Smith. **The flowers from last Sunday** were given with thanksgiving to God for my wife, Lois, who graced me with her heart and hand in marriage 59 years ago on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February, at Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama. From a grateful husband, Smith Kirk.

**"Membership Matters":** Beginning today, and concluding Sunday, March 14, 10:00-10:45 a.m., in Room 222, you are invited to learn more about the Christian faith and First Presbyterian Church in a short six-week course called "Membership Matters." The double meaning of the title is purposeful: this is a course about matters regarding membership at FPC, and we think that membership in our church matters a great deal! So please register by calling or emailing the church office at 704-664-5275 or [nellie@moorevillefirstpres.org](mailto:nellie@moorevillefirstpres.org).

**Lent in the Living Room:** Registration for these Lenten small groups takes place on Sunday, February 7 and 14, in the Parlor. The groups will meet starting the week of February 14, so you can meet as a group and discuss the passage and then hear the sermon on it the next Sunday. Groups will meet for a total of six sessions, finishing up the week of March 21. This year's theme is "Words from the Cross." We'll explore some of the last words of Jesus as he is on the Cross, atoning for sin and showing the grace and love of God for a hurting world. Here are the sermon titles and Scripture passages for the upcoming Sundays of Lent:

DATE	TITLE	TEXT
2/21, Lent 1	"Father, Forgive Them"	Luke 23:32-38
2/28, Lent 2	"Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise"	Luke 23:39-43
3/7, Lent 3	"Here Is Your Son"/"Here Is Your Mother"	John 19:25-27
3/14, Lent 4	"My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"	Matthew 27:45-49
3/21, Lent 5	"I Am Thirsty"	John 19:28-29
3/28, Lent 6	"It Is Finished"	John 19:30

**Christian sympathy** is expressed to Ron Patterson in the recent death of his mother.

## Calendar for February 7-14, 2010

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. -- Early Worship
	10:00 a.m. - Church School
	10:00 a.m. - <i>Membership Matters</i> Class
	11:00 a.m. - Worship with Handbells
	3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry at the home of Thelma Vaughan
	6:00 p.m. - PYF Super Bowl party
Monday:	2:00 p.m. - Circle 1 in the Parlor
	6:15 p.m. - Circle 3 at the home of Kim Streb
	6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
	7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
	7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the Coates' home
Tuesday:	10:00 a.m. - Circle 4 at the home of Margaret Sanders
	12:00 p.m. - Circle 5 at the home of Sandra Harris
	2:00 p.m. - Circle 6 in the library
	6:00 p.m. - Circle 2 in the library
	7:00 p.m. - Tuesday Focus Groups
Wednesday:	<b>Ash Wednesday – Lent begins</b>
	11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
	4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM <i>Bible Character</i> Night
	6:15 p.m. - HS SupperClub at McDonalds
	7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
	7:30 p.m. - Mwandu Mission meeting at Lake Norman Fellowship
Thursday:	9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
	10:00 a.m. - GriefShare
	6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral
Friday:	6:30 p.m. - Scrapbook Party in the FH
Saturday:	8:45 a.m. - PYF Mission & a Movie
	9:00 a.m. - Scrapbook Party resumes
Sunday 2/14/10:	8:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
	9:00 a.m. -- Early Worship
	10:00 a.m. - Church School
	10:00 a.m. - <i>Membership Matters</i> Class
	11:00 a.m. - Worship
	4:00 p.m. - Alpha PYF
	5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF
	7:00 p.m. - CE, Personnel & Worship Committees

**Scrapbook Group:** All scrapbookers are invited to attend a 2-day scrapbook workshop, scheduled for this Friday, February 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, February 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The workshop will be held in the fellowship hall, and participants will have an extended opportunity to work on their scrapbook projects and enjoy sharing project ideas together. Come for all or part of the weekend. Call Martha McDonnell (704-663-3835) to make a reservation.