

# Sermon Notes

Sunday, February 28, 2010  
 First United Methodist Church of Pine Mountain

*"The Psalms Speak for the Soul"*  
 Part 1 of 4  
*"Who Are We?"*

1. We Are \_\_\_\_\_ Here by \_\_\_\_\_ .

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2. We Are \_\_\_\_\_ Highest \_\_\_\_\_ .

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3. We Are a \_\_\_\_\_ of Everything

God \_\_\_\_\_ .

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*"What is God doing in the world today? The answer is another question: What are God's people doing?" -Philip Yancey*



... are given today  
 by John Manseau  
 for the Glory of God  
 and to celebrate the birthday of  
 Rebecca K. Manseau

## This Week at First United Methodist

A=Annex, CR=Choir Room, S=Sanctuary, FLC=Family Life Center,  
 CEC=Christian Education Center

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 28</b>
8:30am	- Worship Service
9:30am	- Coffee/Light Breakfast Fellowship
9:45am	- Sunday School
11:00am	- Worship Service
12:15pm	- Mission Committee Meeting (FLC)
4:30pm	- 3H Club (FLC)
4:30pm	- Youth Choir (A)
5:30pm	- UMYF
5:30pm	- Children's Council Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 1</b>
9:30am	- Prayer Team (FLC)
12:00pm	- Louise Miller Circle
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 3</b>
5:45pm	- Wednesday Night Supper (FLC)
6:00pm	- Youth Choir
6:15pm	- Kingdom Seekers
6:30pm	- Youth (FLC)
6:30pm	- Chancel Choir
6:30pm	- Steward Bible Study (CEC)
6:45pm	- Children's Choir (FLC)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 5</b>
6:30am	- Emmaus Reunion Group
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 6</b>
	- Youth Service Day Project
8:00am	- UM Men (FLC)

**BIG BOOK and MEDIA SALE:** Please bring books, CDs, DVDs, & tapes for Friends of Harris County Library sale. Donation box located in Church Office. Sale Date, Saturday, April 17, Sunny Side School. All proceeds support library programs.

**Wednesday Night Supper and Fellowship**  
 Beef Tips/Gravy over Pasta  
 Vegetable medley ~ Salad  
 Bread ~ Beverage ~ Dessert

### Next Week's Servants

	<b>8:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Michael Bishop, Jeri Bishop Bob Phillips, Sherry Phillips	John Christian, Peggy Christian Steve Davis, Pam Davis
<b>Children's Church</b>	Jeri Bishop	Peggy Christian
<b>Acolyte</b>	Leslie Ann Flynn	Elle Schaeffer
<b>Nursery Helper</b>	Sally Cobb	Pam Davis
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Sally Clay Smith, Sue Trott



# The First United Methodist Church of Pine Mountain

Second Sunday in Lent, February 28, 2010

## The Psalms are Prayers For and From the Soul to Creator God

During the last four Sundays in Lent, from now to Palm Sunday, we will be exploring the rich spiritual treasures contained in the book of Psalms. The thrilling thing is that *today*, these ancient Jewish prayers, which became the church's hymn-book, can help each one of us step into a deeper, more satisfying relationship with God in our daily lives. Starting *today*, use the Psalms to help you do just that.

In his latest book, *Prayer, Does It Make Any Difference?*, Philip Yancey writes, "The book of Psalms offers a practicum in how to pray. 'It is my custom to call this book *An Anatomy of All the Parts of the Soul*,' wrote John Calvin, 'since there is no emotion anyone will experience whose image is not reflected in this mirror.'"

Yancey continues, "Fear, praise, anxiety, anger, love, sorrow, despair, gratitude, grief, doubt, suffering, joy, vengeance, repentance-every human emotion and experience surges to the surface in the prayer-poems of Psalms...read straight through the psalms and you will rail against God, praise God for his faithfulness, wish yourself dead, exult in the beauties of nature, bargain for a better life, and spit curses against your enemies."

Have you ever let yourself *enter* the Psalms and allow them to speak for your soul? In this season of Lent, this is a good time to decide, to will for yourself, to take out the Psalms and let them help you enrich your prayer-connection to God. Prayer is the primary building block in our relationship with God. It is through prayer that we come to realize that God wants us to be His partner on earth. It is through prayer that God opens our spiritual eyes and ultimately inspires us to *do* what He would have us *do* in life.

Yancey concludes a section in his book on the Psalms this way:

*"That's it: open our Bibles to the book of Psalms and pray them-sequentially, regularly, faithfully across a lifetime. This is how most Christians for most of the Christian centuries have matured in prayer. Nothing fancy. Just do it."*

I think God would approve of that admonition, nod, and say, "Absolutely. Just do it, indeed."

Your Pastor and Friend, Mark

*Dr. Mark Outlaw, Pastor*  
*John Manseau, Minister of Music*  
*Mary Ellen Roberts, Church Secretary*  
*Shannon Emerson, Minister of Children*  
*Roger Bryant, Minister of Youth*  
*Karen Williams, Noah's Ark Director*  
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The Prelude Mr. John Manseau

The Procession of the Acolyte

†The Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (1,3,4) UMH 89

†The Congregational Response UMH 886  
"The World Methodist Social Affirmation"

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort. We believe: God, help our unbelief. We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom; in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources. Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace. We confess our sin, individual and collective by silence or action; through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ; to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come. Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

†The Gloria Patri UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

†The Moment of Fellowship

*(At this time, take a moment to greet someone sitting near you in Christ! Members and visitors, please sign an Attendance Pad and pass it along your pew. If you are a first-time visitor, please fill out one of the yellow slips in the pad. If our pastor or church can serve you in any way, please let us know.)*

The Time of Prayers, Praises and The Lord's Prayer

The Offertory

†The Doxology UMH 95  
**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**

The Anthem "Keep Your Lamps" Andre Thomas

The Children's Message Ms. Shannon Emerson  
*(Children age 3-1st grade are now dismissed for Children's Church)*

†The Hymn of Preparation "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (2X) UMH 349

The Scripture Psalm 8

The Sermon "Who Are We?" Dr. Mark Outlaw  
[The First in a Lenten Series Titled, "The Psalms Speak for the Soul"]

†The Closing Hymn "How Great Thou Art" (1,3,4) UMH 77

†The Benediction

†The Congregational Response "Song of Hope"

**May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

†The Postlude

†Please Stand As You Are Able UMH United Methodist Hymnal

**Louise Miller Circle** will have their monthly meeting on Monday, March 1. The program is entitled: "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial: Property Makes Mission Possible". Two offerings will be received: Sacrificial Giving to support the North GA mission institutions and Prayer and Self-Denial offering to support global and national UMW missions. Time: 12:00 PM, Place: FLC

**United Methodist Men:** Join us for breakfast and fellowship : 8:00am, Saturday, March 6 in the Family Life Center. Tee Mabry will lead discussion lesson #4 from the booklet: "Following Christ" and we will discuss plans for our up-coming Community Chili Cook-Off. Bring a friend!

**Baby Gifts received today** will be for Brooke Zuerner who is having a second girl. Let us welcome another new arrival the end of March. Our church is truly blessed with baby girls this year!

### This Week's Servants

	<b>8:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Tee Mabry, Shannah Mabry John Willis, Karlia Willis	Dean Mabry, Peggy Elder Bobby Reddick, Anne Lanham
<b>Children's Church</b>	Karlia Willis	Dean Mabry
<b>Acolyte</b>	Evan Willis	Harris Stinnette
<b>Nursery Helper</b>	Shannah Mabry	Mary King Kurrass
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Carol Morgan, Mary Ellen Roberts



Louise Burlton  
Pat Brooks  
Terry Chandler  
Jewell Cleaveland  
Bill Darley  
Ibby Edgar  
Marion Edwards  
Allen Hagler  
Nelson Jones  
Dathan Mabry  
Emma Mabry

Martha Morgan  
Mike Morgan  
Alf Mullins  
Janet Mullins  
Lexie Paulk  
Nick Peterson  
Dimple Strother  
Don Taylor  
Fran White  
Minnie Whitaker  
Janet Williamson  
Gary Zuerner  
Our Church  
Our Country &  
All Nations  
The Men & Women of  
our U. S. Military

**Youth Scoop:** The Youth are currently taking pledges for our Biggest Loser Challenge participants. All money raised will go towards our trip to Camp Glisson and other retreats. We are in need of volunteers for devotionals and to provide snacks. Contact Roger if you are able to help at roger@myUMYF.com or call the church office. All of our events for 2010 will soon be up on www.myUMYF.com. Check out what God has planned for us this year.

**Men's Clothing needed:** Please bring men's clothing to the church for Open Door Community House.

### Financial Information

#### **General Budget to date:**

Budgeted:	\$62,376.00
Received:	\$50,277.80
Attendance last week:	139

#### **Exercising the Faith**

In order to reach our Vision 2020 Goal to be debt free by 2020 we need to average \$48,000 per year above and beyond our General Budget. [Campaign year from May 2009 to May 2010]  
Received to date: \$71,846.81