



First Presbyterian

— R O M E —

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord,
because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service,
though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent.

But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,
and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me
with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,
of whom I am the foremost.

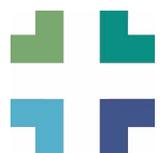
But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost,
Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience
as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

I Timothy 1:12-17 (ESV)

THE LORD'S DAY

February 18, 2018



God's People Gather for Worship

By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-drive passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

Preparing our Hearts

Prelude

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Diane Bish

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 3

"Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

Confessing Our Sins and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 25:1-10

ALL: In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

I trust in you;

do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

No one who hopes in you

will ever be put to shame,

but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

Show me your ways, LORD,

teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,

for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;

according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful

toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 321

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Celebrating the Sacrament

The Sacrament of Baptism of Jeremiah Wallace Rooke

The Vows:

Parents:

Do you yourselves know that you are saved through faith in Christ, not through anything you have done or ever will do, but simply through your faith in Christ's finished work on Calvary's cross?

Do you claim God's covenant promises and benefits for Jeremiah while also realizing that this is not a saving ordinance and do you look forward by faith to a time when Jeremiah will claim the finished work of Christ on the cross for his own salvation, as you do for your own?

Have you covenanted with God to give Jeremiah back to Him, so that, if He sees fit in His providence to call him home to Himself, you will not complain against Him, or if your son grows to adulthood and is called to some form of special Christian service, you will not stand in his way but rather encourage him?

Do you realize that this sacrament is not a matter of magic, but that in it you covenant with God to raise Jeremiah in the fear and admonition of the Lord, to pray for and with him, to keep him in the house of God and with God's people, to be faithful in your home life for Christ as you live it before him, and to do your utmost personally to lead him to a saving knowledge of Christ at an early age?

Congregation:

Do you, the members of this congregation, acting for yourselves and in behalf of the whole Body of Christ, assume responsibility with these parents for the spiritual nurture of this precious child?

Do you commit yourself to set a godly example before Jeremiah, to provide as far as you are able, all that is necessary to the end that he may one day confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

Congregational Response

"Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me, this I know; for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me;

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Offering Our Gifts

Welcome

(Children 6 years old – 4th grades will be dismissed to Children's Worship at this time.)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"He Leadeth Me"

Dr. John and Lisa Reams, clarinet

Mr. Kyle Coleman, accompanist

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

I Timothy 1:12-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"The Privilege and Responsibility of
Knowing the Truth"

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

Prayer for the Nations

Joel 3:12	Let the nations be awakened!
Isa 1:2	Let the earth hear the voice of the Lord!
Ps 9:20	Judge the nations in Your sight, Father, and put them to fear,
Ps 9:20	that they might know themselves to be but men.
Rom 8:22	Father, the whole creation groans and labors
Rom 8:21	to be delivered from the bondage of corruption,
Rom 8:21	into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
Jn 15:26	Send forth Your Spirit of Truth to bear witness of You,
Jn 16:8	and to convict the world of sin, of righteousness,
	and of judgment.
Eze 14:6	Cause them to repent and to turn from their idols.
Hag 2:7	Shake the nations, so they will come to Jesus,
	the Desire of All Nations.
Joel 3:14	Bring the multitudes into the valley of decision.
Jer 49:14	Send Your ambassadors into all the nations.
Col. 4:3	Open to them a door for the Word, to speak the mystery of Christ,
Mt 24:14	that the gospel of the kingdom may be preached
	in all the world.
Ps 111:6	You have declared to Your people the power of Your works,
Ps 111:6	in giving them the heritage of the nations.
Phil 2:10	Let every knee bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord!
Isa 61:11	Cause righteousness and praise to spring forth.
Hab 2:14	Let the earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory
Hab 2:14	of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Isa 43:9

Ps 22:27

Ps 46:10

Gal 3:8

Isa. 49:6

Mk 12:36

Father, gather the nations together,
that they may worship Thee,
and exult Thee in all the earth.

Let all the nations be blessed through Your people.

Send forth Your salvation to the ends of the earth,
and make Your enemies to be Your footstool.

Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn No. 435

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDA

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Diane Bish

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist



Ministry Opportunities

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (2/18/18):

Convergent Service in King Hall (10:30 am):

Rev. Bill Pardue preaching

(This same message was preached at the Classic Service on February 4.)

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):

Rev. Jeff Chadwick preaching

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (2/25/18):

Combined Disciple Now Worship Service in King Hall with the message by our Disciple Now speaker

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WILL BE CELEBRATED AT OUR CONVERGENT SERVICE TODAY – We welcome this morning Mr. and Mrs. Sonny (Morgan) Walker, as they present their daughter, Cynthia Karis Walker, for the Sacrament of Baptism. Karis is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy (Lynn) Hosea.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WILL BE CELEBRATED AT OUR CLASSIC SERVICE TODAY – We welcome this morning Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin (Sumer) Rooke, as they present their son, Jeremiah Wallace Rooke, for the Sacrament of Baptism.

CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS – Alec and Lynn Riedell, long time members of FPC, are the friendly greeters at the Classic Service this morning. You, too, can bless members and visitors with a smile and a handshake. Call Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 or Sarah in the church office at 706-291-6033. You will be a blessing and be blessed.

FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP! PIPS MONTHLY LUNCHEON – Our PIPS luncheon will be Thursday, February 22nd at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be catered by Duffy's Deli for just \$5.00 per person. Our guest speaker will be Nelli Luthi who will be speaking about Hydrangeas. Everyone is welcomed to join us for good food, fun, and fellowship! Please call the church office to make your reservation.

LADIES SPRING EVENT – Mark your calendar ladies! Join us for a delightful evening of Dinner and a Show on March 17th. We will meet at FPC in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm for dinner, and afterwards we will walk or if you'd prefer, ride the bus to see humorist Jeanne Roberson at 7:00pm at the City Auditorium. Cost is \$30 per person (includes dinner & ticket). We have a limited number of tickets available, hurry to the church office to reserve your spot, your payment is your reservation. Please make checks out to FPC. Contact Abby Holcombe (amoo84@aol.com) or Donna Chadwick (donna.r.chadwick@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

EASTER LILIES – It is time once again to place your order for an Easter Lily to be placed in honor or in memory of a loved one. You may fill out one of the yellow cards located in the pew rack in the Sanctuary or call the church office. The cost of a lily is \$10. **Sunday, March 25th is the deadline for placing your order.**

CARRY ON THE CONVERSATION

(Each week we use this space to provide a glimpse into what our children are learning in Children's Worship, and what you might ask to "carry on the conversation" with them at home.)

Key Theme: Hidden providence. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

God's providential works are often hidden from man.

Ask: Many of God's providences are multi-layered – involving many people and many events over time. It is easier to see the purposes of God after the pieces have fallen together than in the middle of the situation.

How does reading Bible stories help us to see the purposes of God and increase our faith?

Why is it hard for us to trust and to give thanks all the time in all circumstances?

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES – The study of Job, led by Amanda Davidson continues Tuesdays at 1:30pm in Hardy Classroom #1 and Thursdays at 8:00am in the Van Dyke Room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING - FEBRUARY 21st – Meal from 5:30 – 6:15: Las Palmas will cater our meal which will include Grilled Chicken with Cheese, Taco, Rice, Beans, Chips, and Salsa. The children's menu will be the same. The home page of our new website (www.fpcrome.org) provides easy access to make your reservations, which are due by NOON on Monday, February 19th. You may also email your reservation by that same deadline to reservations@fpcrome.org, call the church office at 706-291-6033, use the green cards in the Sanctuary pew racks, or sign up in the back of King Hall at the Convergent Service. ***We do not make standing reservations, so please make your reservations on a week-to-week basis to ensure a more accurate count for our caterer.***

Program from 6:15 – 7:15

- Biblical Imaginations of Heaven (Rev. Jonathan Schwartz) – Fellowship Hall
- Bible Zone 2/3 Year olds – Education Bldg. Room 208
- Bible Zone 4/Kinders – Education Bldg. Room 206
- Communicants (6th grade) – Boy Scout Room (Next to the Crossing)
- Divorce Care (5:45-7:15) – CLC # 202
- The Comeback (Joni Pittman) – Hardy Classroom #1
- Presby-What? (Rev. Bill Pardue and Mr. Kenneth Studdard) – CLC # 201
- Anchored – CLC Prayer Chapel (See announcement below for details)
- The Summit for children 1st – 5th grades – in God's Garden (Education Bldg.)
- Jr. High (6:00-7:15) – In the Crossing
- Senior High (6:00-7:15) – In the Study Hall

ANCHORED: A BIBLE STUDY FOR LADIES TOUCHED BY MISCARRIAGE, STILLBIRTH, OR INFANT LOSS – This Bible Study is offered for ladies who have been touched by miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss and will be held in the Prayer Chapel. The group uses the following curriculum: [Anchored: A Bible Study for Miscarriage, Stillbirth, & Infant Loss](#) by Erin Cushman. The 9 lessons encourage the participants to marinate on the Word of God and reflect upon God's character...*anchoring* the reader in the firm foundation of the love and care of our Sovereign God. Phyllis Pemerton, of the Adult Discipleship Ministry Team, provided the following review of this study, "I am impressed with this content as a Christian woman and as a nurse who has had experience with grieving moms. I believe the Lord will use this in a very powerful way." To register for this Bible Study, please contact Iwona Brownrigg at iwonaluci@yahoo.com or 678-901-7256. If you would be willing to ***pray specifically*** for the ladies going through this study, please contact Paula Newman at bebenew50@yahoo.com.

"BIBLICAL IMAGINATIONS OF HEAVEN" CONTINUES – Do you ever stop to imagine what heaven is going to be like? If you are like me, you probably do not think about heaven as much as you should. But in this Wednesday night series, we will take some time to exercise our biblical imaginations on heaven—and ultimately the new heaven and the new earth—and consider not only how amazing it will be and all the things we will do there, but also how our hope for the future will significantly impact our perspective, our attitudes, and our actions in this life today. Join Rev. Schwartz, your humble and excited tour guide, on this journey in the Fellowship Hall.

PRESBY-WHAT? CLASS CONTINUES – Are you curious about what Presbyterians believe? Were you raised in another denomination but would like to know more about ours? Are you considering joining this church (or have recently joined) but have questions about it? If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions above, then the "Presby-What?" class is for you! This class is for all visitors and new members who want to know more about the ministry and beliefs of our church and denomination. This five-week class will be held in room 201 in the Christian Life Center, led by Rev. Bill Pardue and Mr. Kenneth Studdard. To sign up, please contact Sarah Pope in the church office.

THE COMEBACK CONTINUES – In this six-week study, *The Comeback*, author Louie Giglio draws on examples of men and women in Scripture to show how God gives fresh starts to people who need a comeback. The study is led by Joni Pittman on Wednesdays at 6:15pm and Thursdays at 1pm in the Hardy Classroom #1.

FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS CARDS – Thank you to everyone that has turned in your Faith Promise pledge cards. We have received 68 cards with a total pledge of \$58,035.00. You can still turn in your Faith Promise pledge card in the church office or the offering plate.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST AVAILABLE – Each week you will find a page listing the current prayer needs of the congregation in the back of King Hall and at the Welcome Center outside of the Sanctuary. Please take one and use it as a way of supporting members of your church family in prayer. If you would like to have a name added to the list, please call the church office at 706-291-6033.

VISITORS – As a way to welcome you to First Presbyterian Church, we would like to gift you with a cross by local artist, Cabell Sweeney. You'll find your cross at the Connection Point stations, which are outside of King Hall and adjacent to the church office and down the hall from the Sanctuary.

CONNECTION CARDS – Connection Cards may be found at the Welcome stations, which are outside of King Hall and adjacent to the church office and down the hall from the Sanctuary. These create an easy way for you to communicate with church leadership. Whether you would like to let us know you visited, share a prayer request, ask to speak with a pastor, or find out ways to serve your church, we look forward to hearing from you! You may also access the online "Family Connect Form" under the Resources tab at www.fpcrome.org.