



First Presbyterian

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³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you."

³⁸And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out."

³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Mark 1:35-39 ESV

THE LORD'S DAY

January 14, 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

"Andante Sostenuto"

Stewart Landon

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist

Invocation

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 8

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

Affirming Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Doxology

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.

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 56

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Offering Our Gifts

Welcome

(Children in 1st – 4th grades will be dismissed to Children's Worship at this time.)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"My Savior"

Christopher Teichler

Dr. Aaron Rice, director

Dr. Patty Nelson, accompanist

Interceding for God's World

Prayer for God's People, Work and World and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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, forever. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:35-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Busy, Busy, Busy"

Rev. Jonathan Schwartz

Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn of Response No. 450

"Lift High the Cross"

verses 1, 4, and 5

CRUCIFER

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"Jubilate Amen"

Chester Nordman

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist





Why?

40-50% of Students from good youth groups and families will drift from the Church after High School. In fact, research shows that adult believers are crucial in passing on faith to the next generation. And whom better to invoke to work in the hearts of our students than the one and true, living God. In light of these studies, the Pray for Me Campaign (PfMC) was launched.

What? "Rallying the Church around the Next Generation"

PfMC is a movement designed to naturally create multi-generational relationships through prayer. Three adult believers from three different generations pray for one student for one year.

What are you committing to?

1. Sign up via the Church Office
2. Attend our launch event after church services on February 4, 2018 (Meal will be provided)
3. Purchase the Prayer Guide for \$10 at the launch event.
4. By following the Prayer Guide, pray for your student for one year

Will you join the movement?

Ministry Opportunities

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (1/14/18):

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

Rev. Bill Pardue preaching

(This message will be preached again at the Classic Service next Sunday, January 21.)

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

Rev. Jonathan Schwartz preaching

(This message will be the same as was preached at the Convergent Service on January 7.)

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (1/21/18):

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

Rev. Chadwick preaching

(This message will be the same as was preached at the Classic Service on January 7.)

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

Rev. Pardue preaching

(This message will be the same as was preached at the Convergent Service on January 14.)

EVERYBODY NEEDS A COMEBACK – In this 6 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. It will offer encouragement and perspective for those feeling frustrated or confused, are enduring hardship or pain, have made mistakes or are grieving, or are defeated and feel without purpose. Led by Joni Pittman on Wednesdays at 6:15pm and Thursdays at 1pm in the Hardy Classroom, beginning the week of February 14th and 15th.

PRAY for ME CAMPAIGN – “Rallying the Church around the Next Generation” - 40-50% of Students from good youth groups and families will drift from the Church after High School. In fact, research shows that adult believers are crucial in passing on faith to the next generation. And whom better to invoke to work in the hearts of our students than the one and true, living God. P4MC is a movement designed to naturally create multi-generational relationships through prayer. Three adult believers from three different generations pray for one student for one year. If you would like to join this movement please contact the church office to register to attend the launch event on February 4 after church (meal will be provided). Prayer guides will be available for purchase at the event for \$10. If you have any questions please contact Sonny Walker at sonnyw@fpcrome.org.

FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP! PIPS MONTHLY LUNCHEON – Our PIPS luncheon will be Thursday, January 25th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be catered by Duffy's Delli and our guest speaker will be Rev. Jeff Chadwick who will speak on the topic “What the ‘Young’ns’ Need From Us”. Join us for great food, fun and fellowship. Please contact the church office to make your reservations.

CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS – Walter and Cheryl Matthews are the friendly greeters at the Classic Service this morning. If you'd like to become a greeter, please contact Betty Carver at 706-512-2244 or Nancy Foster at 678-988-1100 or leave your name with Sarah Pope in the church office. You can meet new folks and see those who regularly worship with us. You will be a blessing and you will be blessed.

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: Everything God does has a purpose. (Ephesians 1:11)

Nothing happens by chance; all things are ordained by God.

Ask: What fears or worries do you have?

How does knowing that everything God does has a purpose help you with that fear or worry?

This week, how can you make a conscious effort to turn that fear or worry over to God? This week think of the many possibilities that God may have purposed in the situations you find yourself encountering.

MISSIONARY CARE PACKAGE – A tangible way to encourage Jesse and Bobbie (and children), serving in North Asia, is to send them their special treats from America. A list of specific items may be found on the SERVE board or at the church office. Donations of items or monetary gifts are greatly appreciated and may be left in the designated boxes, by the church office, throughout the month of January. For additional information, please contact Natalie at nataliep@fpcrome.org.

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 GATHERINGS RESUME THIS WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17TH –

Meal from 5:30 – 6:00: Provino's will cater our meal which will include Baked Lasagna, Salad, Rolls and Dessert. The children's menu will be Pizza, Salad and Dessert. The home page of our new website (www.fpcrome.org) provides easy access to make your reservations, which are due by NOON on Monday, January 15th. 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 6:00 – 7:15

- Christ and Culture – King Hall (see announcement below for details)
- 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 Summit for children 1st – 5th grades – in God's Garden (Education Bldg.)
- Jr. High and Senior High will participate In the Christ and Culture Forum in King Hall

CHRIST & CULTURE DISCIPLESHIP FORUM 2018 – *Life and Faith in the Digital Age: Grasping Opportunities, Discerning Risks*

This Wednesday, January 17th, our program will begin at 6:00pm in King Hall. Our program will be a Panel Discussion among members of FPC. The panel members this year are: Barbara Cordle, Linda Oliver, Jennifer Scott, John Rix, and Pastor Jonathan Schwartz. Our panelists will discuss topics such as: 'how technology has changed and impacted you over the past several decades,' 'as a parent, do you have a digital plan for your family,' 'how has technology impacted your view of community,' 'and 'what are some strategies for combatting the technological distractions that can affect our time with family and friends.' And perhaps a few surprises....our panel discussions are always enlightening and entertaining! Be sure to join us as we dialogue and learn together.

TIJUANA MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING – If you would like to hear more about the details for the summer 2018 Tijuana, Mexico mission trip, please join us on January 28th at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is NOT a commitment for the trip but an opportunity to learn more about this year's activities and plans. Now is the time to consider this! The trip dates are July 7th through 15th, and all ages and stages of life are welcome. For more information, contact Kirsten McClain (706) 676-1249 or burchamk@bellsouth.net.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES – THANK YOU for using your offering envelopes!! It is a huge help when we are posting your contributions!! Envelopes are available for pick up in the hallway outside of the Church office. If you can't find your envelope, please let Lisa know. You can contact her at the church office at 706-291-6033.

STATED DIACONATE MEETING – There will be a Stated Diaconate Meeting on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30pm in Hardy Classroom #1.

BETHEL DISCIPLESHIP CONTINUES EACH WEDNESDAY AT 10:00AM-12:00PM – We will continue our study of the Old Testament as we move from Judges through Malachi. We will look at these Old Testament books within the context of the history of God’s people and within the context of God’s overarching plan for the redemption of His people. As one author states, *“Only those who have journeyed through the Old Testament can appreciate the **full splendor and glory** of the New Testament and **fully digest** its fruit, and those who have not cannot.”* (Waltke) Please consider joining us as we journey together through the Old Testament and gain a greater understanding of our God, ourselves, and our Savior. We meet each Wednesday from 10:00am-12:00pm from January through mid-May. There is a nominal charge for the print materials (if you do not already have them). The book will be helpful for you if you miss a class session. To reserve your spot in the group, please register at fpcrome.org OR email Phyllis Pemerton (ppemerton@bellsouth.net) OR call our Church office.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT – The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 24th at 11:30am at Taylor’s Farm/OTR (495 Minshew Road – directions will be at the Church Welcome Center). All ages are welcome to enjoy a hot dog lunch, crafts and Egg Hunt. Hope to see you there for a fun and special day as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week!

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) 2018 – “Shipwrecked, rescued by Jesus”! June 25th-29th at 9:00am-12:00pm. Please contact our VBS Directors Mrs. Joan Brock 706-346-4253 or Mrs. Natalie Babington at 706-266-7740 for information on how to get involved and be a part of God’s Team VBS 2018!

SAVE THE DATE FOR CAMP 456 2018!

When: May 25th-27th

Where: Ocoee Retreat in TN

Why: Because we LOVE Jesus and want to grow in our relationship with Him

More information coming soon.

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.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY AND NARTHEX are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anne Brewster Somerville, by her mother, Ann Brewster and her family.



Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

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