



# First Presbyterian

— R O M E —

“When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives my brothers,  
don’t resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends  
Realize that they come to test your faith and  
to produce in you the quality of endurance  
But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed,  
and you will find you have become men of mature character  
with the right sort of independence.  
And if, in the process, any of you does not know  
how to meet any particular problem he has only to ask God—  
who gives generously to all men without making them feel  
foolish or guilty—and he may be quite sure  
that the necessary wisdom will be given him.  
But he must ask in sincere faith without secret doubts  
as to whether he really wants God’s help or not.  
The man who trusts God, but with inward reservations,  
is like a wave of the sea, carried forward by the wind one moment  
and driven back the next.  
That sort of man cannot hope to receive anything from God,  
and the life of a man of divided loyalty will reveal instability at every turn.”

James 1:2-8 J. B. Phillips

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THE LORD’S DAY

January 28, 2018



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# 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)

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## Preparing our Hearts

Prelude

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

Roger C. Wilson

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist

Invocation

## Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Ephesians 2:4,5; I John 4:9-10

*Leader: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.*

**ALL:** This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Hymn No. 347

"And Can It Be?"

SAGINA

## Confession Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

*Leader: Our high priest, Jesus Christ, knows all our weaknesses, and can sympathize, because he was tested in every way we are, only without sinning. So, in this time of silent prayer, let us come boldly and honestly to the throne of grace, where we can find mercy and grace.*

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 815

The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

## Offering Our Gifts

Welcome

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"An Expression of Gratitude"

David Schwoebel

Chancel Choir

*Sung for the glory of God in honor of Reverend Jeff Chadwick, upon the occasion of his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rome Georgia.*

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

James 2:5-8

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"The Genuine Cry of a Tested Heart"

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

## Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn of Response No. 408

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"The Jerusalem Gate"

Lani Smith

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist

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*At the conclusion of this service, members of the church are urged to head directly across the street to the Christian Life Center for our Congregational Meeting. Please wait in the atrium until the conclusion of the Convergent Service and then head into King Hall to join those who have worshiped there.*

*Nursery care for children 8 weeks – 5 years old will continue to be provided during the Congregational Meeting. Parents of those in nursery care may wait until after the Congregational Meeting to pick up your children.*

*Children's Worship, however, will conclude at the same time as our worship service. Parents of children 6 years old – 4<sup>th</sup> grades in Children's Worship should pick their children up before coming to the Congregational Meeting in King Hall.*



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# Ministry Opportunities

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (1/28/18):

Convergent Service in King Hall (10:30 am):  
Rev. Schwartz preaching

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):  
Rev. Chadwick preaching

## NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (2/4/18):

Convergent Service in King Hall (10:30 am):  
Rev. Jeff Chadwick preaching  
(This message was previously preached at the Classic Service  
on January 21<sup>st</sup>.)

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):  
Rev. Bill Pardue preaching

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** – Please be sure to extend a special welcome to our newest members who joined the church on January 14<sup>th</sup>: Brad Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Gary (Gail) Burkhalter.

**FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS CARDS** are being mailed to you. Pledges will be received during the worship service Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. Please be in prayer regarding your personal Faith Promise.

**MISSIONS EMPHASIS** – 2018 Missions Emphasis will be held Wednesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. Make your reservation for the Wednesday night supper 5:15pm & program 6:15pm in King Hall (standard times). Summit, Communicants, and Nursery will be held as usual. The only schedule change for Sunday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> is that breakfast will be served at 9:00am in the King Hall prior to 9:15am combined adult/youth Sunday School. Combined Worship will be in the Sanctuary at regular time 10:30am. There will be children's Sunday School, Nursery, and Children's Church all as usual.

**"PRAY for ME CAMPAIGN" LAUNCH EVENT NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>** – "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. 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. If you would like to join this movement please contact the church office to register to attend the launch event next Sunday, February 4 after church in The Crossing (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](mailto:sonnyw@fpcrome.org).

**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](mailto:nataliep@fpcrome.org).

## 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:** God will accomplish all His purposes. (Isaiah 46:9-10)

God's plan cannot be thwarted. Nothing and no one can hinder God from accomplishing His purposes.

**Ask:** Philippians 1:6 – "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to its completion at the day of Jesus Christ." What is God promising in this passage? If you are a Christian, how is God working in your life to strengthen your faith? What things oppose that work?

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP** – The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for three purposes:

- 1) Hear and act on the report of the Officer Nominating Committee regarding their nominees for Elder, Deacon, and Trustee in the Class of 2021. Nominations may be made from the floor if the person to be nominated has been contacted ahead of time and has agreed to serve, if elected, including participation in the Officer Training classes. (A list of their nominees is available in the church office and also posted on the web site.)
- 2) Hear the report of Session concerning the 2018 budget and vote to affirm our support of it.
- 3) Approve any changes to Pastors' Terms of Call.

The Officer Nominating Committee will place the following names in nomination to serve in the Class of 2021:

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Trustee</u>
Bill Brewster	Rodger Duncan	John Graham
Paul Brock	Travis Hill	
Frank Brown	Doug Holstein	
John Pittman	Lance Maffett	
Charlie Williams	Anthony McClain	
	Roger Sartorato	
	Charles Stevens	

Church members may make additional nominations from the congregation, providing the person nominated has been contacted ahead of time and has agreed to serve and to participate in the Officer Training process. Please be in prayer for this important process in the life of our church.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>** – Meal from 5:30 – 6:00: Fuddruckers will cater our meal which will include Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Fries, Salad and Dessert. The children's menu will be the same. The home page of our new website ([www.fpcrome.org](http://www.fpcrome.org)) provides easy access to make your reservations, which are due by NOON on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. You may also email your reservation by that same deadline to [reservations@fpcrome.org](mailto: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 (6<sup>th</sup> grade) – Boy Scout Room (Next to the Crossing)
- Divorce Care (5:45-7:15) – CLC # 202
- The Summit for children 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 CONTINUES THIS WEEK** – As we conclude our Discipleship Forum for 2018, **"Life and Faith in the Digital Age: Grasping Opportunities, Discerning Risks,"** we will meet on Wednesday, January 31st at 6pm. This will be the panel discussion that was cancelled earlier in the month due to snow. Our panelists are: Barbara Cordle, Linda Oliver, Jennifer Scott, John Rix, and Pastor Jonathan Schwartz. Our panelists will discuss their perspectives on a variety of questions related to digital technology. Come and support our brothers and sisters in Christ as they share with us!

Also, we will have a resource table with several different books available for a donation of \$10 each. Please take a moment to look at these during the evening.

**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.

**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 outside of King Hall. If you can't find your envelope, please let Lisa know. You can contact her at the church office at 706-291-6033.

**CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS** – Sandy and Lynn Hosea are very involved members of FPC –Elder, Choir Member, Sunday School Teachers – and today they are the friendly greeters at the Classic Service this morning. You too can be a blessing as you greet folks on Sunday mornings. If you'd like to be a greeter, please contact Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 or Nancy Foster at 678-988-1100 or leave your name with Sarah Pope in the church office.

**PIPS VALENTINES DINNER** – We will have a PIPS Valentines Dinner on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our meal will be catered by Pirkle's and the cost is \$10 per person. Please call the church office to make your reservations. Everyone is welcome!

**PRESBY-WHAT? CLASS** – 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. It will be a five-week class beginning Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, in room 201 in the Christian Life Center. The class will be led by Rev. Bill Pardue and Mr. Kenneth Studdard. To sign up please contact Sarah Pope in the church office.

**NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, "BIBLICAL IMAGINATIONS OF HEAVEN", BEGINS FEBRUARY 14TH** – 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 upcoming 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 beginning Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, and all ages and stages of life are welcome. For more information, contact Kirsten McClain (706) 676-1249 or burchamk@bellsouth.net.

**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](http://www.fpcrome.org).

# Sermon Notes



# Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

## THE CHURCH STAFF

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 Pastor of Adult Discipleship Ministries  
 Pastor of Family Ministries  
 Director of Student Ministries  
 Assistant Director of Student Ministries  
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 Assistant Director of Student Ministries  
 Director of Children's Ministry  
 Director of Connections Ministry/Missions Coordinator  
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 Mr. Jonathan Whitley

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 Mr. Kenneth Studdard

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 Mr. Vance Luke

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 Dr. Justin Pettegrew

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 Mr. Rick Gilbert  
 Mr. Chick Harvey  
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## OUR MISSIONARIES

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 Ms. Margaret-Elliott Czentnar, Serge - England  
 Dr. Ellis Deibler, Wycliffe Bible Translators  
 Rev. & Mrs. John Fain, EPC/Pioneers - SE Asia  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Randy H., EPC/Frontiers - SE Asia  
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 Mike & Stephanie K., EPC - Arab World  
 Tim & Karen, EPC/SEND - Muslim World  
 John & Carlene, EPC - Muslim World  
 Rob & Iris, EPC/Frontiers - Muslim World  
 Sean & Angie, EPC/Pioneers - Muslim World  
 Stephen & Belinda, EPC - Muslim World  
 Tim & Kim, EPC/Pioneers - Muslim World  
 Adger & Sandra M., EPC Muslim World/Refugees

Atlanta Youth Project  
 Campus Outreach - Berry College  
 Casa de Alfarero - Rome, GA  
 Centro Shalom – Tijuana  
 Community Kitchen - Rome, GA  
 EPC World Outreach  
 Family Resource Center - Rome, GA  
 Good Neighbor Ministries - Rome, GA  
 Habitat For Humanity - Rome, GA  
 Hands of Love – Bolivia  
 Haven Health Clinic - Rome, GA  
 Hospitality House - Rome, GA  
 Power Ministry - Texas/Mexico  
 Rome Action Ministries - Rome, GA  
 Salvation Army - Rome, GA  
 Davies Homeless Shelter - Rome, GA