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MISSIONS SUNDAY 2018

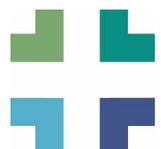
“BREAKING UNBELIEF”

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

Matthew 24:14

THE LORD'S DAY

February 11, 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

"You Are Worthy"

Andrew Brunson

As we gather for worship, please meditate on the words of this song, which speak to the intrinsic worthiness of God to receive our whole-hearted and single-minded worship. The song was written in his Turkish prison cell by our missionary brother, Andrew Brunson, as a cry of praise to God in the midst of his struggle, which has felt to be a weight too large to bear at times. Besides being presented on the screen, the words are also printed later in the bulletin so that you might continue to meditate on them as you head home.

Declaring God's Praise

Choral Call to Worship

"Lift High the Cross" (chorus)

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

adapted from Romans 15:5-13 (Phillips)

Leader: May the God who inspires people to endure, and gives them a Father's care, give you a mind united towards one another because of your common loyalty to Jesus Christ. And then, as one person, you will sing from the heart the praises of God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. So open your hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to you, and God will be glorified.

ALL: Christ was made a servant of the people of God to prove God's trustworthiness, since he personally implemented the promises made long ago to the fathers, and also that the nations might bring glory to God for his mercy to them. It is written: 'For this reason I will testify to you among the nations, and sing the praises of your name'.

Leader: And again it is written: 'Rejoice, peoples of the nations, with his people!' And yet again: 'Praise the Lord, all you who are far off! Laud him, all you peoples!' And then Isaiah says: 'There shall be a root of Jesse; and he who shall rise to reign over the nations, in him they shall hope'.

ALL: May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in your faith, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, your whole life and outlook may be radiant with hope.

Hymn No. 21

"Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

Praying Scripture 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	Father, gather the nations together,
Ps 22:27	that they may worship Thee,
Ps 46:10	and exult Thee in all the earth.
Gal 3:8	Let all the nations be blessed through Your people.
Isa. 49:6	Send forth Your salvation to the ends of the earth,
Mk 12:36	and make Your enemies to be Your footstool.

Hymn No. 375

"Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

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

"We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"

James Vernon

Dr. Aaron Rice, director

Mr. Kyle Coleman, accompanist

Hearing God's Word

Scripture and Sermon

Rev. Azim Janbakiyev
Ms. Allison Burns, translator

Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn of Response No. 450

"Lift High the Cross"
CRUCIFER

Presentation of Faith Promise Cards

(As we sing our hymn, please make your way forward to present your Faith Promise Commitment Cards.)

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"
arranged by Diane Bush
Dr. Patty Nelson, organist

Faith Promise for Missions at FPC

First Presbyterian takes very seriously the commitment to bring Christ to all the world, and to faithfully and lovingly support the missionaries we send to do that. At least 15% of every dollar you give in your regular contribution to the church's General Budget ensures that our missionaries have food on their tables, clothes to wear, transportation, resources for ministry, funds to educate their children in remote places, health insurance for crisis moments in life, etc.

But sometimes there are unanticipated needs or opportunities which could not be envisioned ahead of time and for which there are no "extra funds". Our church wants to be able to step in to our missionary's lives in those moments and let them know that we are standing with them. Our Faith Promise giving is the way that we prepare ahead of time to have funds readily available to set a faithful missionary's mind at ease.

This year some of the things Faith Promise has provided include an air filtration for a missionary apartment in Asia heated by coal causing breathing issues, supplies for a youth outreach conference in Kenya, financial assistance for funeral arrangements for the death of a missionary spouse, contribution to a hospital bill for a child injured in a serious accident in Bolivia, and even flowers from our church to show love and encouragement to one of our missionary couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary.

The needs may vary but the goal is to be able to respond on the spot to bless these precious families and to ensure that they are free from these concerns so they can focus all of their attention on the Gospel ministry to which they have been called. Please prayerfully consider what you will commit over the course of this year to ensure we have the funds to respond well.



Ministry Opportunities

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES COMBINED FOR MISSIONS EMPHASIS SUNDAY (2/11/18):

Combined Worship Services in Sanctuary

Guest speaker: Central Asian follower of Jesus who came to faith from a Muslim background

NEXT SUNDAY'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

SOUP KITCHEN – We will host the Soup Kitchen this week (Monday 12th-Friday 16th). Food will be served to our community friends from 11am-12pm. Volunteers are needed and welcomed either from 8:30am until 10:30am for preparation time or at 10:30am until 12pm to serve. Contact Martin Foster for further information.

WOMEN'S CIRCLES (Bible Study and Fellowship) – The **MORNING CIRCLE** will meet Monday, February 12th at the home of Carole Lawton, 7 Forest Lane NE, 706-291-7318, at 11:00am. Please join us for our fellowship and study. Morning Circle meets the second Monday of each month in the homes of members of our church.

The **EVENING CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, February 13th, Room CLC #204 at 6:30pm. Evening Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at the church. Please bring your Bible.

ANCHORED: A BIBLE STUDY FOR LADIES TOUCHED BY MISCARRIAGE, STILLBIRTH, OR INFANT LOSS –

Starting Wednesday, February 14th, a new Bible Study will be offered for ladies who have been touched by miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. The group will use 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.

CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS – Even though last Sunday was rainy and dreary, Susan and David Williams shared sunny greetings at the Classic Service. Today, they are again welcoming you to worship. You too can become a greeter, by calling Betty Carver at 706-512-4455, Nancy Foster at 678-988-1100 or call the church office at 706-291-6033. You will be blessed and be a blessing.

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.)

MISSIONS WEEK – Speaker Ms. Margaret-Elliotte Czentnar, Missionary in the UK

Key Theme: God is breaking the chains of unbelief through the faith of kids whose families do not know the Lord yet.

Ask: What would it be like to be the first and only Christian in your family?
How can I care for someone who is the first and only Christian in their family?
How does loving God make me a better son/daughter?
How can I pray for kids who don't know the Lord yet?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING - FEBRUARY 14TH – Meal from 5:30 – 6:15: Pick O Deli will cater our meal which will include Chicken Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Roll and Dessert. 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 12th. 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) – 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

"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 14th.

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. 14th, 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.

STATED DIACONATE MEETING – There will be a Stated Diaconate Meeting on Monday, February 12th at 6:30pm in Hardy Classroom #1.

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.

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.

**You Are Worthy
(Andrew's Song)**

You are worthy, worthy of my all
My tears and pain I lift up as an offering
Teach me to share in the fellowship of your suffering
Lamb of God, you are worthy of my all

You are worthy, worthy of my all
Adopted as a son, a brother to my King
Indeed I will share in your glory if I share your suffering
Jesus, you are worthy of my all

You are worthy, worthy of my all
But my heart faints, drowned in sorrow, overwhelmed
Make me like you, Cross-bearer, persevering, faithful to the end
To stand the trial and receive the crown of life.

You are worthy, worthy of my all
This is my declaration in the darkest hour
Jesus, the Faithful One who loves me, always good and true
You made me yours, you are worthy of my all.

You are worthy, worthy of my all
You are worthy, worthy of my all
What can I give to the Son of God, who gave himself for me
Here I am, you are worthy of my all.

I want to be found worthy to stand before you on that day
With no regrets from cowardice, things left undone
To hear you say "Well done, my faithful friend, now enter your reward"
Jesus, my Joy, you are the prize I'm running for.
Jesus, my Joy, you are the prize I'm running for.

You are worthy, worthy of my all
You are worthy, worthy of my all
What can I give to the Son of God, who gave himself for me
Here I am, you are worthy of my all.



Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

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