



# First Presbyterian

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## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

INCLUDING THE

SACRAMENT OF

COMMUNION

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For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:  
The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,  
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,  
*“This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”*

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying,  
*“This cup is the new covenant in my blood;  
do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

I Corinthians 11:23-26

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THE LORD’S DAY

March 4, 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

"Blessed Jesus"

*Gabriel Faure*

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist

Invocation

## Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Psalm 19

Hymn No. 143

"This Is My Father's World"

TERRA BEATA

## 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 Gloria Patri

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. Amen

## 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

"Before the Throne of God Above"

*David Angerman*

Dr. Aaron Rice, director;

Ms. Judy Powell, accompanist

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 90

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Count the Days, Make the Days Count"

Rev. Jonathan Schwartz

## Sharing the Sacrament

Communion Hymn No. 319

"Near the Cross"

(verses 1, 2 and 3)

NEAR THE CROSS

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Partaking of the Elements

*(The congregation will remain in their seats as the elements are distributed and wait to partake each individual element together after all have been served.*

*A gluten free option is available on each of the bread trays.)*

## Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn of Response No. 686

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Diane Bish*

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist



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# Ministry Opportunities

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (3/4/18):

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

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

*The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated at both Services on today.*

## NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (3/11/18):

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

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 February 25<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Patrick Crow, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey (Teresa) Puckett, and Mr. and Mrs. Derrick (JoAnna) Parker

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS** next Sunday morning, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for placing your order.**

**FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS CARDS** – Thank you to everyone that has turned in your Faith Promise pledge cards. We have received 73 cards with a total pledge of \$59,935.00. You can still turn in your Faith Promise pledge card in the church office or the offering plate.

**THE ANNUAL KAREMY JACOBS EASTER EGG HUNT** – The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

**NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TAUGHT BY REV. CHADWICK BEGINNING IN MARCH** – The book "Knowing God" by Dr. J. I. Packer is widely praised as one of the most impactful Christian books of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In it Packer seeks to walk us through the Scriptures as they pull back the veil of heaven and reveal the glories of the nature of the living God, and how knowing him in his fullness as he has revealed himself is the key to living life as God intended it to be.

Beginning in mid-March, Rev. Chadwick will lead a 7-week men's study of this classic book. The day/time of the study will depend on the schedules of those men who express interest. If you are interested in signing up for the study, or getting more information about it, please contact Rev. Chadwick at [jeffc@fpcrome.org](mailto:jeffc@fpcrome.org) prior to March 6. The study will begin the week of March 12.

### 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 acts for His glory.  
God acts in order to be seen.

Ask: What are some wonders you have seen God do?  
What do they show you about God?  
Pray for the work of God in each other's lives.

**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.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLES (Bible Study and Fellowship)** – The MORNING CIRCLE will meet Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the CLC Building in the VAN DYKE ROOM at 10:00am. 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, March 13<sup>th</sup>, CLC Room #204 at 6:30pm. Evening Circle meets the second Monday of each month at the church. Please bring your Bible.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING - MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>** – 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](http://www.fpcrome.org)) provides easy access to make your reservations, which are due by NOON on Monday, March 5<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 6:15 – 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 (6<sup>th</sup> 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 # 203
- Anchored – CLC Prayer Chapel (See announcement below for details)
- The Summit for children 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

**CONTINUES** – 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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. Presby-What? is a five-week class in **room 203** 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.

**CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS** – Two long-time members of FPC, Clare Harvey and Mary Arrington, are the greeters at the Classic Service today. They have both been very willing "behind the scenes" volunteers for many years. You, too, can be a blessing to others. Call Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 or the church office to sign up to be a greeter. You will be blessed.

**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 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.

**CAMP 456 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** – Rev. Bill Pardue will be our speaker talking about Identity in Christ. Students, rising 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> graders, you don't want to miss it! This adventure camp is designed especially for you. We will get together and explore and experience the adventure of having a relationship with Christ. There will be games, events, small groups and worship customized just for elementary age. The cost for this trip is \$120.00, with scholarships available. Please contact Mrs. Andrea at [andreas@fpcrome.org](mailto:andreas@fpcrome.org) or 706-291-6033 for more details, and go to [www.fpcchildrensministries.org](http://www.fpcchildrensministries.org) to register.

**PIPS/JR HIGH GAME DAY** – On Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm – 4:00pm, PIPS will be having a GAME DAY with the Junior High Youth in the Crossing. We're asking the adults to bring a salty or sweet snack to share with our youth. This is a great opportunity for our adults to have a wonderful time of fun and fellowship with our youth.

**WELCOME LANYARD THANK-YOU** – The Congregational Life Ministry Team would like to thank those who have opted to wear a Welcome Lanyard! It definitely promotes a welcoming and helpful environment. There are no requirements or responsibilities for those wearing lanyards, other than being open to provide assistance to a newcomer. For those interested, please contact Natalie Pettegrew at [nataliep@fpcrome.org](mailto:nataliep@fpcrome.org) for more information.

**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).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ROME'S COMMUNITY CHURCH MINISTRY'S EASTER EGG HUNT!** – 10-15 volunteers are needed from 3:30-5:00pm on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Graham Homes, located on E 12<sup>th</sup> and Maple. Responsibilities would include: hiding Easter Eggs, registering adults for a drawing, passing out candy, and serving hotdogs and drinks. *Community Church Ministry is a local ministry supported by FPC, led by Pastor George Nix.* Please contact Amy Edwards at 706-594-0878. This is a great family service project!



# Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

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Community Kitchen - Rome, GA  
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Family Resource Center - Rome, GA  
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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  
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