



First Presbyterian

— R O M E —

And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there.

Now there was no water for the congregation. And they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. And the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Would that we had perished when our brothers perished before the LORD! Why have you brought the

assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink." Then Moses

and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them, and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle."

And Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?" And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the

congregation drank, and their livestock.¹² And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them." These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with the LORD, and through them he showed himself holy.

Numbers 20:1-13 (ESV)

THE LORD'S DAY

March 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

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 43

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
CORONATION

Affirming Our Faith

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

Leader: People of God, let us declare our faith. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

ALL. That I belong--body and soul, in life and in death--not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

The Gloria Patri

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.

Confession Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 648

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
BEECHER

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

"The Gift of Love"

Chancel Choir

arr. Hal Hopson

Ms. Judy Powell, director/accompanist

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Numbers 20:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Fighting for Faith in Frustrations
and Failures"

Rev. Bill Pardue

Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn No. 688

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



Ministry Opportunities

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (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

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

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

Rev. Bill Pardue preaching

(This message was previously preached at the Classic Service on March 11.)

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

Rev. Jeff Chadwick preaching

(This message was previously preached at the Convergent Service on March 11.)

THE ROSE IN WORSHIP TODAY is given in honor of Master Andrew Daniel Goodrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. John (Vickie) Goodrich, born on March 5th, 2018.

SOUP KITCHEN – We will host the Soup Kitchen this week (Monday 12th-Friday 16th). Food will be served to our community friends from 11:00am-12:00pm. Volunteers are needed and welcomed either from 8:30am until 10:30am for preparation time or at 10:30am until 12:00pm to serve. Contact Martin Foster for further information.

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 \$10.00. **Sunday, March 25th is the deadline for placing your order.**

THE ANNUAL KAREMY JACOBS 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!

"KNOWING GOD", MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TAUGHT BY REV. CHADWICK – All men are invited to join Rev. Chadwick as he leads a 7-week devotional study based on the book "Knowing God" by Dr. J. I. Packer. The study will be offered twice each week: Monday mornings, beginning March 19th from 6:45am – 7:45am and Wednesdays during lunch beginning March 21st, from 12:05pm until 1:00pm (bring lunch if you choose). Sign up by emailing Rev. Chadwick (jeffc@fpcrome.org) or calling the church office at 706-291-6033. Or, simply come to the first week of the study to get a taste of it to see if it is something to which you'd like to commit for the duration of the study.

The book and a study guide may be picked up in the church office. A donation of \$10.00 total is suggested to help cover the cost of materials. To help prepare for our discussion at the first session, you are asked to read chapters 1 and 2 in the book, and think through the questions in chapters 1 and 2 of the study guide.

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's providence over nature

Mark 4:41 "And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Ask: How does God's providence over nature show that there is none like God?

Try to imagine the zillions and zillions of animals and bugs there are in the world.

Think of God being in control of every single one of them, every single moment...through all centuries.

How does this kind of "holy imagination" strengthen your faith?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING - MARCH 14th – Meal from 5:30 – 6:15: Pirkle's will cater our meal which will include Parmesan Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Roll and Dessert. The children's menu will be Chick-Fil-A Sandwiches, Chips 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, March 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) – 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)
- 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 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

BIBLICAL IMAGINATIONS OF HEAVEN and THE COMEBACK CONCLUDES THIS WESNESDAY NIGHT –

Rev. Schwartz has been your guide on the journey of exercising our biblical imaginations on heaven and how our hope for the future significantly impacts our perspective, attitudes and actions in our life today. **BIBLICAL IMAGINATIONS OF HEAVEN** is held in the Fellowship Hall.

Joni Pittman has led the study on *The Comeback*, where author Louie Giglio draws on examples of men and women in Scripture that show how God gives fresh starts to people who need a comeback. **THE COMEBACK** is held in Hardy Classroom #1.

"LIGHT IN DARKNESS: A STUDY OF THE INCARNATION." - NEW CLASS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS STARTING MARCH 21st - While the church should seek to know and study all the events surrounding Jesus' life, there are some that demand more of our attention than others. The Incarnation of Jesus Christ is one of those events that calls for greater reflection as it is filled with deep mystery and beauty. In the light spectrum of our Immanuel, the hue of God's infinite love and grace shines with great brilliance. The Scriptures teach us that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Yet what does this mean? How does this impact my life today? These and other questions will be explored in the class. So join us on Wednesday Nights at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as Rev. Bill Pardue leads us through this 5-week study on the truths and implications surrounding the Incarnation.

GOSPEL-CENTERED DISCERNMENT AND PROTECTION IN THE DIGITAL AGE –

At the conclusion of our January Christ & Culture Forum on Technology, many families asked about practical, detailed ways to safeguard their hearts and homes in the digital age. In light of this, starting Wednesday, March 21 there will be a 5-week class offered that will take a closer look at specific issues, protection, and resources surrounding many topics (such as Social Media, Filters, Apps, Cyberbullying, Texting, Devices, and more) as well as strategies and safeguards for the heart as it relates to remaining Gospel-centered on the ever-expanding digital frontier. This class is recommended for parents and non-parents alike, but space is limited - please email Dave Abernathy at dave@abernathyhome.com to sign up!

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 12th 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 13th, CLC Room #204 at 6:30pm. Evening Circle meets the second Monday of each month at the church. Please bring your Bible.

FATHER/CHILD FISHING TRIP – The Father/Child fishing trip will be held again this year at the Morgan Farm sponsored by Walter Matthews and Toby Morgan. The date is Saturday, March 31st from sunrise to sunset with a hot dog lunch and drinks provided. Bring your own fishing gear and bait. The cabin will be open and has several restrooms. Maps are available in the church office. The address is 1464 Bells Ferry Road. Please notify the church office if you are coming so that enough food and drinks are available.

PIPS/JR HIGH GAME DAY – Join us next Sunday, March 18th at 2:00pm in the Crossing for a time of fun and fellowship with the Junior High youth. We'll play games with the youth, but more importantly we're going to get to know these young people a lot better. Please bring a sweet or salty snack to share. Contact Martin Foster or the church office and let us know if you plan to attend this inter-generational event.

FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP! PIPS MONTHLY LUNCHEON – Our PIPS luncheon will be Thursday, March 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 Sonny Walker and the Youth Staff Team to share with us their ministry to our youth. Everyone is welcomed to join us for good food, fun, and fellowship! Please call the church office to make your reservation.

PIPS TRIP TO THE CREATION MUSEUM MARCH 26TH THRU 28TH – We still have room on the bus for more folks to join us for a fantastic trip to the Creation Museum in Kentucky. You'll be blessed and educated by this fun trip! For more information, contact Martin Foster.

HOMES OF HOPE 2018 – This collaborative gathering of current and prospective foster families, along with foster care advocates and agencies, is designed to multiply the investment Restoration Rome is making to support and grow the foster care community in Floyd County. The event is April 5th at the Forum Civic Center and will feature Bishop Aaron Blake, founder of the Stand Sunday Movement, along with Guest Speakers Jeff and Mary Margaret Mauer, Co-Founders of the Restoration Rome Center for Foster Care. Register at www.restorationrome.org to attend. Admission is free.

CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS – Diane and Bob Ogletree were married at FPC and have been very active members ever since they said those vows. Today they are the greeters at the Classic Service blessing worshipers and being blessed. You, too, can be a blessing. Call Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 or the church office to volunteer.

LADIES SPRING EVENT – We still have tickets available! 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 \$30.00 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 4th, 5th, 6th 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 or 706-291-6033 for more details, and go to www.fpcchildrensministries.org to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ROME'S COMMUNITY CHURCH MINISTRY'S EASTER EGG HUNT! – 10-15

volunteers are needed from 3:30-5:00pm on March 17th at Graham Homes, located on E 12th 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!

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT FPC

Palm Sunday, March 25

Concurrent Palm Sunday Worship Services at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary and King Hall

Monday, March 26 – Wednesday, March 28

Community Holy Week Services hosted by St. Peter's Episcopal Church

from noon-12:30 pm each day, followed by lunch

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday Communion Service held at 7 pm in the Sanctuary

This service of Tenebrae will include a message by Rev. Jonathan Schwartz, and will feature the Chancel Choir with orchestra presenting Michael John Trotta's setting of the seven last words of Christ.

Easter Sunday, April 1

Concurrent Easter Sunday Worship Services at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary and King Hall

Sunday School will be held as usual on both Palm Sunday and Easter.

Childcare will be provided at all services held at FPC.



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