



# First Presbyterian

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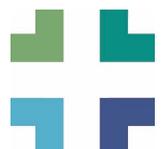
“When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.”  
For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;  
but each person is tempted when they are  
dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.  
Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin,  
when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.  
Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.  
Every good and perfect gift is from above,  
coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights,  
who does not change like shifting shadows.  
He chose to give us birth through the word of truth,  
that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.”

James 1:13-18 (NIV)

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THE LORD’S DAY

March 18, 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

Prelude in G Major

*Felix Mendelssohn*

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist

Invocation

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

## Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Colossians 1:15-20

Ruling Elder Dr. John Cowan, Sr.

Hymn No. 87

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CRUSADERS' HYMN

## Confession Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51:1-12

*Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.*

**ALL:** Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

*Leader: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.*

**ALL:** Surely I was sinful at birth; sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

*Leader: Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.*

**ALL:** Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

*Leader: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.*

**ALL:** Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

*Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

**ALL:** Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 486

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

ARISE

## 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

“Give Me Jesus”

*Arr. Moses Hogan*

Jennings Gardner, soloist

Mr. Kyle Coleman, 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

James 1:13-18

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Redeeming Our Desires”

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

## Scattering as Christ’s Church

Hymn No. 589

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM, LORD

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

“KINGSFOLD”

*Arr. David Paxton*

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist



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# Ministry Opportunities

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (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.)*

## NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (3/25/18):

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

Rev. Bill Pardue preaching

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

Rev. Jeff Chadwick preaching

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING OUR CONVERGENT SERVICE TODAY** – We welcome this morning, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb (Natalie) Babington, as they present their sons Robert Maclean Babington and John Paul Babington for the Sacrament of Baptism.

**PIPS/JR HIGH GAME DAY** – Join us today 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.

**EASTER LILIES** – Next Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for placing your order. It is time once again to order 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.

**MAINTAINING A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL WHO GATHER AT FPC** is a very important priority for your deacons and elders. At the same time, we want to provide a very warm and welcoming place for all who would choose to participate in ministries on our campus. In recent months your officers, led by a security team made up of both deacons and elders, has been working to develop a plan that will meet both of those goals excellently. As the first step in that plan you will soon see a uniformed off-duty police officer on our church campus at many, and ultimately at all, of our church events and activities. The visible presence of this officer may deter some who might be a source of risk to our safety. But, also, that officer's presence on campus will enable immediate response in the rare case that the potential for an unsafe situation arises. He will be in radio contact with all sections of our campus and will be able to respond quickly, and will be trained to respond appropriately. Please do all that you can to make the officer know we welcome his presence with us. We want you to be aware of the officer's presence being an intentional part of our security plan so that you will know that his presence is not an indicator that a problem exists. It simply means we are working to continually care for the safety of all of those whom God brings to us. We will continue to keep you informed of other steps in this process as they are implemented. If you have questions, please feel free to contact incoming Deacon Chairman, Tim Morgan, who also chairs the Security Task Force.

### 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 human life

Praise is due to God, for all people are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Ask: What do you wish you could change about yourself? Why?

Do these changes reflect a desire to please God or to please others and bring attention to yourself?

Think of one thing you can do this week to show someone else he or she is fearfully and wonderfully made.

**"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 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:45am – 7:45am and Wednesdays during lunch beginning March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING - MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> – Meal from 5:30 – 6:15:** Pirkle's will cater our meal which will include Apple Buttered Baked Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans and Buttermilk Biscuits. The children's menu will be Chick-Fil-A Sandwiches, Chips and Dessert. The home page of our website ([www.fpcrome.org](http://www.fpcrome.org)) provides easy access to make your reservations, which are due by NOON on Monday, March 19<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

- Light Into Darkness: A Study of the Incarnation (Rev. Bill Pardue) – 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)
- 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

**"LIGHT INTO DARKNESS: A STUDY OF THE INCARNATION."** – BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> - 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 this 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 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](mailto: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.

**PRAY FOR ME CAMPAIGN** – The Prayer Guide Books for the Pray for Me Campaign are in the church office. Each is \$10.00. If you are participating as prayer champion (adult) please consider purchasing one.

**PIPS TRIP TO THE CREATION MUSEUM MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> THRU 28<sup>TH</sup>** – 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.

**FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP! PIPS MONTHLY LUNCHEON** – Our PIPS luncheon will be Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be catered by Provino's 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.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**THE ANNUAL KAREMY JACOBS EASTER EGG HUNT** – The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held this 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!

**CAMP 456 REGISTRATION IS 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.

**HOMES OF HOPE 2018** – This gathering of current and prospective foster families, along with foster care agencies and advocates, is designed to multiply the investment Restoration Rome is making to support and grow the foster care community in Floyd County. The FREE event is April 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.restorationrome.org) to attend.

**CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS** – Join FPC and get involved right away. That is exactly what Chick and Mary Jo Harvey have done. Today they are the greeters at the Classic Service blessing those who enter the Sanctuary. You, too, can be a blessing. Call Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 or the church office to volunteer.

**KID'S TABLES AT FAMILY GATHERING** – In an effort to give adults a better chance to talk, we are designating kid's tables during the Wednesday Night meal. This is optional! If you choose to have your child (recommended 5 years and older) sit there, please speak to them about seeking your permission to run on the track, use the restroom etc. The well-being and safety of your child is still your concern, but perhaps a little distance will allow you to meet someone new!

**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).

## 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 (See announcement below)

**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.*



MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA

## **Maundy Thursday Communion Service**

**March 29th at 7 p.m.  
Sanctuary**

**Come worship and remember  
the passion of Christ**

### **SEVEN LAST WORDS**

This service of Communion and Tenebrae features the Chancel Choir and orchestra's presentation of, Michael John Trotta's setting of the Seven Last Words of Christ; and will include a message by Rev. Jonathan Schwartz. You do not want to miss this unique opportunity to reflect upon Christ's sacrifice.

Childcare will be provided.



# Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

## THE CHURCH STAFF

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Pastor of Adult Discipleship Ministries  
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Mr. Jonathan Whitley

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John & Carlene, EPC - Muslim World  
Rob & Iris, EPC/Frontiers - Muslim World  
Sean & Angie, EPC/Pioneers - Muslim World  
Stephen & Belinda, EPC - Muslim World  
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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