



# First Presbyterian

— R O M E —

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it— not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it— they will be blessed in what they do.

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

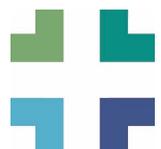
Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

James 1:19-27 NIV

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THE LORD'S DAY

April 8, 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 for Worship

Song of Preparation

Rock of Ages

*FPC Worship Team*

Welcome and Announcements

## Declaring God's Praise

Prayer of Preparation

Worship Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

### *Chorus*

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin...

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow with humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

## Confessing 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

## Setting Apart Our Leaders

Service of Ordination and Installation

*As a part of this time of setting apart our officers for the call to which God has called them and our congregation has elected them, the congregation will be asked to answer in the affirmative the following question:*

*Leader: Do you, the members of this congregation, continue to receive these persons as Ruling Elder(s), Deacon(s), and do you continue your promise to yield them and all your officers all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which the ordination as an officer entitles them, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?*

**Congregation:** We do.

## Offering Our Gifts

*At this time, children in 6 years old – 4th grades will be dismissed to Children’s Worship.)*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Lead On, O King Eternal”  
FPC Worship Team

## 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 1:19-27

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Act On What You Hear"

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

## Scattering as Christ's Church

Worship Song

"Grace So Glorious"

Beneath the cross of Jesus Christ  
No shadow remains for shame to hide  
Redemption shone for all to see  
Perfection bore our penalty  
With a grace so glorious

Immortal day the veil was torn  
When mercy donned a crown of thorns  
As law gave way to liberty  
And freedom for humanity  
With a grace so glorious

Oh, the glory of the Savior's love  
Surrounding our surrender  
To know forever we are welcomed home

Crowned in glory to glory  
Worthy is the Lord of all  
The glory forever  
Holy is the Lord

Triumphant praises without end  
All hailing the King of righteousness  
And every eye beholds the One  
Our hearts were undeserving of  
With a grace so glorious

O wondrous day when I will see  
The face of Him who ransomed me  
I'll fall in worship at His feet  
And rise to reign eternally  
In a grace so glorious  
In a grace so glorious

Commissioning and Benediction



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# Ministry Opportunities

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## **TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (4/8/18):**

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

Rev. Jeff Chadwick preaching

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (4/15/18):**

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

Rev. Jonathan Schwartz preaching

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

Rev. Bill Pardue preaching

*The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated at both Services on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please use this week to prepare your heart and mind to receive this gift of God rightly.*

## **NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS WILL BE ORDAINED/INSTALLED IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY –**

Having been elected by the congregation, taken part in a period of officer training, and approved by the Session, the following new officers will be ordained and/or installed in one of our worship services today.

### *Deacons to be Ordained and Installed:*

Travis Hill

Doug Holstein

Lance Maffett

John Rix

### *Deacons to be Installed:*

Rodger Duncan

Anthony McClain

Roger Sartorato

Charles Stevens

### *Elders to be Ordained and Installed:*

Frank Brown

### *Elders to be Installed:*

Bill Brewster

Paul Brock

John Pittman

Charlie Williams

As we prepare to begin a new officer year, we would like to thank the following officers who will be rotating off of active service as of April 8: Elders – Dr. Ed Brewster, Lynn Collier, John Cowan, Sr., Martin Foster, Sandy Hosea, Dr. Toby Morgan, Jonathan Whitley; Deacons – Joey Beard, Larry Cagle, Matt Claytor, Lee Clevenger, Mike Crego, Brant Evans, Dr. Justin Pettegrew

**2018 ROME AREA PRAYER BREAKFAST** – The 2018 Rome Area Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Forum River Center on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00am - 8:30am with doors opening at 6:30am. The speaker will be Pastor Wally Magdangal, who spoke at the 2014 Breakfast, and the Hugh Burnes Christian Service Award recipient is Dr. Bill Flannagan.

Complimentary tickets are available until April 26 at Bert Brooks Tire, Chick-fil-A Dwarf House, Christian Counseling and Education Ministries, Dogwood Books, Doug's Deli Downtown, Duffy's Deli, Haven Health Clinic, sweetFrog premium frozen yogurt, and Winslette Pharmacy. You may also get tickets from Donna Chadwick, by emailing [romeprayerbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:romeprayerbreakfast@gmail.com) or calling 706-295-1409. Please get your ticket by April 26<sup>th</sup> and come join our Rome community for prayer and inspiration.

**SOUP KITCHEN** – We will host the Soup Kitchen this week (Monday 9<sup>th</sup>-Friday 13<sup>th</sup>). 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.

**STATED DIACONATE MEETING** – There will be a Stated Diaconate Meeting on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Hardy Classroom #1. Deacon Packets were emailed last week and are available now in the church office.

**PIPS POTLUCK AND SING ALONG** – We will have a Family Potluck and Sing-a-Long TODAY in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm. We will gather for great food and fellowship followed by singing some of our favorite old hymns, led by Dr. Aaron Rice. We hope this will be a fun intergenerational event. All are welcome and please invite your friends.

## 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 man's heart

God is sovereign over the heart of man; man's heart is subject to the will of God.

Ask: Do you believe that God knows what is best for you?

What does believing that God knows what is best for you look like?

Only God can give you a heart of change.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING - APRIL 11<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, Roll, Salad and Dessert. The children's menu will be the same. 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, April 9<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.)
- Gospel-Centered Discernment and Protection in the Digital Age – CLC Room 203
- 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" CONTINUES** – 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 CONTINUES –**

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, 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.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLES (Bible Study and Fellowship) –** The **MORNING CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the home of Barbara Allen, 128 Saddle Mountain Road, 706-676-4566, 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, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Room CLC #204 at 6:30pm. Evening Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at the church. Please bring your Bible.

**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.

**THE POWER OF PRAYER** – What would it mean to you to be part of a great movement, to change lives, to see your commitment to undergird First Presbyterian in prayer with power and praise through Jesus Christ? Ready for adventure? The Intercessory Prayer Team meets each Thursday in the Prayer Room to do just that. Questions? Call 706-766-5330 or email [anitasmith716@comcast.net](mailto:anitasmith716@comcast.net).

**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.

**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.

**FPC SERVICE DAY** – Calling all First Pres Families!!!! Meet us in the Fellowship Hall Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am for biscuits, donuts, coffee, and juice before we caravan to Restoration Rome's Comcast Day (1400 Crane Street) 9:00am-1:00pm. They are in need of 200+ volunteers to work on jobs such as outdoor clean up, landscaping, pressure washing, sanding/painting of meeting rooms, organizing clothes and toy closets, writing thank-you cards & blanket-making (kid-friendly) and much more. Comcast will bring all supplies needed for the day! Just bring your family and friends to help them unlock potential grant money from Comcast and accomplish their mission of restoring broken families in our community. Please call the church office if you plan on meeting us for breakfast. After volunteering, head to the South Rome Redevelopment Spring Festival at Anna K. Davie Elementary School (24 E Main St SW) going on from 11 am - 6 pm. You can grab lunch, play games with the family, tour the Early Learning Center and check out what South Rome Redevelopment has done by interrupting the generational cycle of poverty through educational opportunities, housing choices, healthy outcomes and economic development. [www.southrome.org](http://www.southrome.org)

For more information on either event please contact Amy Edwards at 706-594-0878.

**JOIN US FOR SHIPWRECK – RESCUED BY JESUS! VBS 2018 JUNE 25-29** – Registration is now open! You may register online at [www.fpcrome.org](http://www.fpcrome.org) under the Children's Events page or pick up a registration packet from the church information racks. If you are interested in volunteering to help with VBS, sign up at one of the VBS tables or contact Mrs. Joan Brock at 706-346-4253 or Mrs. Natalie Babington at 706-266-7740.



# Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

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Community Kitchen - 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  
Davies Homeless Shelter - Rome, GA