



# First Presbyterian

— R O M E —

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, *"Here's a good seat for you,"* but say to the poor man, *"You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet,"*

have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor.

Is it not the rich who are exploiting you?

Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?

Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, *"Love your neighbor as yourself,"* you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. <sup>1</sup>For he who said, *"You shall not commit adultery,"* also said, *"You shall not murder."* If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.

Mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 2:1-13 (NIV)

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THE LORD'S DAY

April 22, 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

"By Still Waters"

*Lani Smith*

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist

Invocation

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

## Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

I John 3:16-24

Hymn No. 16

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

DIADEM

## 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.

## Confession Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 215

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI

## 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

“My Eternal King”

*Jane Marshall*

Dr. Patty Nelson, 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 2:1-13

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Triumphant Mercy”

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

## Scattering as Christ’s Church

Hymn of Response *(see insert)*

“This Is the Three-Fold Truth”

ACCLAMATION

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*Arr. Diane Bush*

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist



## THIS IS THE THREEFOLD TRUTH

This is the threefold truth  
On which our faith depends;  
And with this joyful cry  
Worship begins and ends;

Refrain:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

On this we fix our minds  
As, praying side by side,  
We take the bread and wine  
From Christ the crucified:

Refrain:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

By this we are upheld  
When doubt and grief assails  
Our Christian fortitude,  
And only grace avails.

Refrain:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

This is the threefold truth  
Which, if we hold it fast,  
Changes the world and us  
And brings us home at last.

Refrain:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

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# Ministry Opportunities

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (4/22/18):

Convergent Service in King Hall (10:30 am):  
Rev. Jonathan Schwartz preaching

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):  
Rev. Jeff Chadwick preaching

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**COMMUNICANTS CLASS SERVICE** – Next Sunday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, the Communicants Class will be interviewed before the Session where they will share their faith and their knowledge of the Scriptures and the great articles and creeds of our faith. The service will take place in our Sanctuary and all are welcome to join in this special milestone in their lives and in the life of our church.

**LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING THIS WEEK - APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>** – Meal from 5:30 – 6:15: Pirkle's will cater our meal which will include Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Rolls and Salad. The children's menu will be Chick-Fil-A Sandwich, 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, April 23<sup>rd</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

**JOIN US WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR THE CONCLUSION OF "LIGHT INTO DARKNESS: A STUDY OF THE INCARNATION" and GOSPEL-CENTERED DISCERNMENT AND PROTECTION IN THE DIGITAL AGE** – The Incarnation of Jesus Christ is an event that calls for greater reflection as it is filled with deep mystery and beauty. In the Fellowship Hall as Rev. Bill Pardue concludes the study on the truths and implications surrounding the Incarnation.

This class concludes the discussion of 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.

**EVANGELISM TEAM** – Would you like to love on people in Jesus's name? That's what the Evangelism Team at FPC does on Thursday mornings at the local bus stop near the church. We hand out water, snacks and Bibles and offer to pray with people. If you would like to join us, come to the coffee room at 8:15am on Thursday mornings. Also, the Evangelism Ministry Team is sponsoring an event at Banty Jones Park (212 East 13<sup>th</sup> street, just off Maple Avenue) on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be grilling hotdogs, handing out Bibles and sharing the good news of the gospel. Volunteers are welcome! Please contact Anthony McClain (706-252-5343) for more information. Please pray for us, and pray for opportunities for you to share the gospel with others.

## 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: Saving providence: seeking and saving the lost  
God calls the lost. The saving providence of God calls men to be saved.

Ask: In what ways has God blessed you with opportunities to hear the gospel?  
What can you do to share the Gospel with someone else?

**GRADUATING SENIOR RECOGNITION MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>** – Student Ministry Council wants to announce that SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY is May 6th. There will be a formal recognition during the Convergent Service in King Hall and two students will represent our group of seniors as they share a brief testimonial during the Classic Service in the Sanctuary. If you have a student that is graduating this year, please let Sonny Walker know at [sonnyw@fpcrome.org](mailto:sonnyw@fpcrome.org) by Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We don't want to miss celebrating anyone in this exciting time of transition!

**FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP! PIPS MONTHLY LUNCHEON** – Our PIPS luncheon will be Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Mike Garrett and the Missions Ministry Team. Everyone is welcome to join us for good food, fun, and fellowship! Please call the church office to make your reservation.

**CAMP 456 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** – Rev. Bill Pardue will be our speaker talking about Identity in Christ. 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 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 is \$120.00, with scholarships available. For details, contact Mrs. Andrea at [andreas@fpcrome.org](mailto:andreas@fpcrome.org) or 706-291-6033, and go to [www.fpcchildrensministries.org](http://www.fpcchildrensministries.org) to register.

**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.

**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.

**CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS** – Frank Brown and Rivers Roser are the cheerful greeters at the Classic Service today. They are both very active, "behind the scenes", longtime members of FPC. You, too, can be a greeter. Just call Betty Carver at 706-512-4455. Greeters can be blessed while being a blessing, meet new friends as well as long time members.

**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).

**PIPS TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE IN WASHINGTON D.C. OCT. 18<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup>** – PIPS has 15 seats reserved with Burke Christian Tours for this trip. The deadline to sign up is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Martin Foster or the church office if you're interested in this great opportunity.

**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.

**STATED SESSION MEETING** – There will be a Stated Session Meeting Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm in Hardy Classroom #1. Session Packets were emailed last week and are available now in the church office.

**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 Welcome Areas (near the Welcome banners), at both Convergent and Classic Services. Connect Forms are available to let us know you have visited, request information, and to register your children in Nursery, Children, and Student Ministries.

**CONNECT FORM** – Looking for a simple way to connect with our Pastors or church office? The Connect Form is available through one of the icons at the top of FPC's website ([www.fpcrome.org](http://www.fpcrome.org)). Connect Form cards may also be found at both Welcome Areas. If your question does not fit within the categories listed, choose *How to Connect at FPC*. Please hand your card to a Welcome Area greeter or deacon, and someone will reach out to you.



# Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

## THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor  
Pastor of Adult Discipleship Ministries  
Pastor of Family Ministries  
Director of Student Ministries  
Assistant Director of Student Ministries  
Assistant Director of Student Ministries  
Assistant Director of Student Ministries  
Assistant Director of Student Ministries  
Director of Children's Ministry  
Director of Connections Ministry/Missions Coordinator  
Director of Classic Music Ministries  
Assistant to the Director of Classic Music Ministries  
Organist  
Choir Accompanist  
Director of Nursery Ministry  
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## THE SESSION

### CLASS OF 2019

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Mr. Greg Garrett  
Mr. Ross Johnson  
Mr. Bob Ogletree  
Mr. Jarrett Shadday  
Mr. Alan Storey (Clerk of Session)  
Mr. Kenneth Studdard

### CLASS OF 2020

Mr. King Askew  
Dr. Tom Carver  
Mr. Rob Davis  
Dr. Dan Pate  
Mr. Dathan Sorrow

### CLASS OF 2021

Mr. Bill Brewster  
Dr. Paul Brock  
Mr. Frank Brown  
Dr. John Pittman  
Mr. Charlie Williams  
**Elders Emeritus:**  
Mr. Bill Johns  
Mr. Vance Luke

## THE BOARD OF DEACONS

### CLASS OF 2019

Mr. David Abernathy  
Mr. Justin Bruce  
Mr. Mark Brewster  
Mr. Ryan Earnest  
Mr. Tim Morgan, Chairman  
Mr. Ben Rooke  
Mrs. Beth Tharp

### CLASS OF 2020

Mr. Tommy Atha  
Mr. Andy Garner  
Mr. Rick Gilbert  
Mr. Chick Harvey  
Mr. Nate Masters  
Dr. Jay Riley  
Mr. John Rix  
Dr. Ryland Scott  
Mr. Harris York

### CLASS OF 2021

Mr. Rodger Duncan  
Mr. Travis Hill  
Mr. Doug Holstein  
Mr. Lance Maffett  
Mr. Anthony McClain  
Mr. Roger Sartorato  
Mr. Charles Stevens

## OUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. & Mrs. Paul Branch, EPC – Guatemala  
Ms. Margaret-Elliott Czentnar, Serge – England  
Dr. Ellis Deibler, Wycliffe Bible Translators  
Rev. & Mrs. John Fain, EPC/Pioneers - SE Asia  
Mr. & Mrs. Cyrus Farmer, Cru – Germany  
Mrs. Dan Gill, Ethnos360 – Bolivia  
Rev. & Mrs. Keith Haywood, OM  
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Rev. & Mrs. Guille MacKenzie, EPC – Argentina  
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Mr. & Mrs. George Nixon, Serge – Kenya  
Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Pouncy, Ethnos360  
Rev. Julian Reese, InterVarsity - UT Knoxville  
Mr. & Mrs. Raphael Sartorato, 100 Fold Studio  
Gregg & Julie Nicholson, United World Mission - Thailand

Rev. & Mrs. Robert Shaffer, Entrust – Austria  
Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Stewart, EPC  
Rev. & Mrs. Phil Thrash, EPC  
Rev. & Mrs. David Walker, EPC/OC - SE Asia  
Dr. Stephen Woodworth, EPC/ITEN  
Mr. & Mrs. Randy H., EPC/Frontiers - SE Asia  
Jesse & Bobbie - North Asia  
Mike & Stephanie K., EPC - Arab World  
Tim & Karen, EPC/SEND - Muslim World  
John & Carlene, EPC - Muslim World  
Rob & Iris, EPC/Frontiers - Muslim World  
Sean & Angie, EPC/Pioneers - Muslim World  
Stephen & Belinda, EPC - Muslim World  
Tim & Kim, EPC/Pioneers - Muslim World  
Adger & Sandra M., EPC Muslim World/Refugees

Atlanta Youth Project  
Campus Outreach - Berry College  
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