



# First Presbyterian

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Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, *"I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"* But Jesus answered him, *"Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."* Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, *"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."*

But he answered, *"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, *"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"*

Jesus said to him, *"Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"*

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, *"All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."*

Then Jesus said to him, *"Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"*

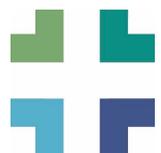
Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Matthew 3:13 - 4:11 (ESV)

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THE LORD'S DAY

April 29, 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

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist

Invocation

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

## Declaring God's Praise

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 22:22-28

*Leader: I will declare your name to my people;  
in the assembly I will praise you.*

**ALL: You who fear the LORD, praise him!**

**All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!**

**Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!**

*Leader: For he has not despised or scorned  
the suffering of the afflicted one;*

**ALL: he has not hidden his face from him  
but has listened to his cry for help.**

*Leader: From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;  
before those who fear you<sup>o</sup> I will fulfill my vows.*

**ALL: The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the LORD will praise him—  
may your hearts live forever!**

*Leader: All the ends of the earth  
will remember and turn to the LORD,*

**ALL: and all the families of the nations  
will bow down before him,  
for dominion belongs to the LORD  
and he rules over the nations.**

Hymn No. 724

"Lead On, O King Eternal"  
LANCASHIRE

## 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.

Response of Praise No. 815

The Doxology  
OLD HUNDREDTH

## Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 408

"How Firm a Foundation"  
FOUNDATION

## Offering Our Gifts

Welcome

*(Children 6 years old – 4th grade will be dismissed to Children's Worship at this time.)*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"My Song in the Night"  
Mark Wilberg  
Dr. Aaron Rice, director  
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

Matthew 3:13 - 4:11

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

**ALL:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"You Are My Beloved"

Rev. Jonathan Schwartz

## Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn No. 705

"It is Well with My Soul"

VILLE DU HAVRE

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist



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# Ministry Opportunities

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (4/29/18):

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

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

## NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (5/6/18):

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

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

**COMMUNICANTS CLASS SERVICE TONIGHT** – Tonight, 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 at 5:00pm and all are welcome to join in this special milestone in their lives and in the life of our church.

**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.

**GRADUATING SENIOR RECOGNITION NEXT SUNDAY - MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>** – Student Ministry Council wants to announce that SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY is next Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Graduating Seniors will be presented to worshippers in the Sanctuary at the very beginning of the Classic Service and then receive a formal recognition during the Convergent Service in King Hall. 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!

**FAMILY GATHERINGS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER** – Last week was our final family gathering until September. Take some time on Wednesday nights to gather with friends, spend time with family, and we'll look forward to seeing you again in early September. Watch for a special 4<sup>th</sup> of July Wednesday Night Celebration this summer.

**VBS LEADER PACKET PICK UP** – VBS Leaders and helpers, please stop by the Van Dyke Room next Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> right after church service for VBS LEADER PACKET PICK UP. Your VBS Directors will be there to give you your fun packet and your t-shirt and they will be able to answer any questions you may have. Thank you!

**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.

## 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: God's gift of salvation  
Salvation is a free gift from God.

Ask: Are you running toward God or away from God?  
What are the evidences of this?

**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.

**CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS** – Alec and Lynn Riedell are the cheerful greeters at the Classic Service this morning. With a warm handshake and/or a sincere and friendly smile, you can be a blessed while blessing others. Volunteer by calling Betty Carver at 706-512-4455.

**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.

**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).

**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.