



First Presbyterian

— R O M E —

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.

If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,”

but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?

Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did

when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

You see that his faith and his actions were working together,

and his faith was made complete by what he did.

And the scripture was fulfilled that says,

“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,”

and he was called God’s friend.

You see that a person is considered righteous

by what they do and not by faith alone.

In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous

for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies

and sent them off in a different direction?

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

James 2:14-26 (NIV)

THE LORD’S DAY

May 13, 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

Ms. Judy Powell, organist

Invocation

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 3

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
NICAEA

Affirming Our Faith

Responsive Reading of I John 5:9-13

Leader: We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son.

ALL: Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony.

Leader: Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

ALL: And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Leader: Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

ALL: Those who believe in the name of the Son of God may know that we have eternal life

Hymn No. 815

The Doxology

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 89

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"
ST. AGNES

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

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

arr. Mark Edwards

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

James 2:14-26

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"A Package Deal"

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn No. 642

"Abide With Me"

EVENTIDE

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Ms. Judy Powell, organist





Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

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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

Ministry Opportunities

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (5/13/18):

Convergent Service in King Hall (10:30 am):
Rev. Bill Pardue preaching

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (5/20/18):

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Rev. Jeff Chadwick preaching

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):
Rev. Bill Pardue preaching

The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated at both services on May 20th. Please use this week to prepare your heart and mind to receive this gift of God rightly.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN THIS SUMMER! – Come and teach His children this summer, we will provide the curriculum and helpers, but we **NEED** you! Help us to leave behind a legacy of children who love the Lord. They can't learn about Him without a teacher. Please contact Mrs. Andrea at 706-506-9865 or just add your name on the sign-up sheets located just outside Preschool classrooms.

ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS JUNE 3rd – Each summer we gather as a collective body rather than in our Sunday Morning Communities. This summer we will gather in King Hall for an 11-week study taught by a team of teachers. Our study this summer, *The Vocabulary of the Gospel*, will shine a clarifying light upon what we believe and enable us to see the impact of that belief on our daily life. Each lesson will answer three questions: What do we believe? Why do we believe this? How does this apply to my relationship with God and others?

SUMMER BETHEL STUDY – Perhaps you haven't been able to take the Bethel Discipleship Class...perhaps you just want to see what the class is like...perhaps you want to continue studying God's Word in a small group setting during the summer. If this is the case, then the Summer Bethel Study is for you! We will have a four-week Bible study this summer on a specific book of the New Testament. **We will meet on Wednesday mornings, from 10:00am-12:00noon (July 11th, July 18th, July 25th and August 1st).** If you are interested in attending, please register through our website or by contacting Phyllis Pemerton at 706-767-8347 or ppemerton@bellsouth.net. We would love to have you join us! Our topic of study will be announced in the next couple of weeks, so be sure to watch the Ministry Opportunities page in your bulletin for the specifics.

STATED DIACONATE MEETING – There will be a Stated Diaconate Meeting on Monday, May 14th at 6:30pm in the Hardy Classroom #1. Deacon packets were emailed last week and are available now in the church office.

SOUP KITCHEN – We will host the Soup Kitchen this week (Monday 14th-Friday 18th). 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.

HAVEN HEALTH'S BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG – Our church is once again partnering with this local ministry in this fundraiser. This is an easy opportunity to be a part of helping mothers choose life and be introduced to the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a great activity for the entire family. Simply take an empty bottle from the information table today, fill it with loose change, bills, or checks and then return it to the church on or before Father's Day, June 17th. *Save your Change to Save a Life!* If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 706-291-6033.

PRAYER GUIDE for the Muslim World! – This is a time for Christians to humbly learn about Islam and pray for Muslims during Ramadan May 15th-June 14th. One of the aims is to provide insight into Muslim faith and culture. Understanding helps us to pray, to love, and to engage more effectively with Muslim people. A new "Kid's Edition" is geared toward the elementary school-age with illustrations and fun activities. Free booklets are available at each Welcome Area.

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 evil and misfortune

"Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord commanded it?"

Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? Lamentation 3:37-38

Ask: Does our difficulty in accepting truth change truth? Why?

What should you do when you struggle with truth?

WOMEN'S CIRCLES (Bible Study and Fellowship) – The **MORNING CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, May 14th at the home of Anita Smith, 22 Saddle Mountain RD SE, 706-766-5330, 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, May 15th, Room CLC #204 at 6:30pm. Evening Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at the church. Please bring your Bible.

CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS – Not only were mothers greeted at the Classic Service by Bob and Diane Ogletree, but all who entered in received a warm smile and/or a handshake. You, too, can be a blessed while blessing others. Call Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 to sign up to be a greeter.

FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP! PIPS MONTHLY LUNCHEON – Our PIPS luncheon will be Thursday, May 24th in our Fellowship Hall at 11:30am. Our meal will be grilled hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixins. The program, which is optional, will feature Carol Burnett and Tim Conway. Everyone is welcome to join us for good food, fun, and fellowship! Please call the church office to make your reservation.

JOIN US FOR SHIPWRECK – RESCUED BY JESUS! VBS 2018 JUNE 25th-29th – Registration is now open! You may register online at 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.

CAMP 456 REGISTRATION MAY 25th – 27th – Rev. Bill Pardue will be our speaker talking about Identity in Christ. This adventure camp is designed especially for rising 4th, 5th, 6th graders. 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 you. The cost is \$120.00, with scholarships available. Contact Mrs. Andrea at andreas@fpcrome.org or 706-291-6033 for more information, and go to www.fpcchildrensministries.org to register. Dealine to register is Thursday, May 17th.

TIJUANA MISSION TEAM COLLECTING ITEMS – The Tijuana Mission team is collecting Spanish books (NOT textbooks) such as children's books, adults books, devotional books, secular books, etc. These will be put in a library for use by a children's afterschool program. The team is also collecting fabric, which can be small scraps of fabric. The focus is for patterns that have symbols or designs that could be used to represent something in someone's life because these will be used for a project that focuses on someone's story. The pieces of fabric can be small in size, but they should be able to represent something. There are boxes near the church office in which to place your items. Questions? Contact Kirsten McClain 706-676-1249 or burchamk@bellsouth.net.

FAMILY GATHERINGS WILL RESUME IN 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.