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¹In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and laid siege to it. ²The Lord handed Jehoiakim king of Judah over to him, along with some of the vessels from the house of God. Nebuchadnezzar carried them to the land of Babylon, to the house of his god, and put the vessels in the treasury of his god.

³The king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his court officials, to bring some of the Israelites from the royal family and from the nobility— ⁴young men without any physical defect, good-looking, suitable for instruction in all wisdom, knowledgeable, perceptive, and capable of serving in the king's palace—and to teach them the Chaldean language and literature. ⁵The king assigned them daily provisions from the royal food and from the wine that he drank. They were to be trained for three years, and at the end of that time they were to serve in the king's court. ⁶Among them, from the descendants of Judah, were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. ⁷The chief official gave them other names: he gave the name Belteshazzar to Daniel, Shadrach to Hananiah, Meshach to Mishael, and Abednego to Azariah. ⁸Daniel determined that he would not defile himself with the king's food or with the wine he drank. So he asked permission from the chief official not to defile himself. ⁹God had granted Daniel favor and compassion from the chief official, ¹⁰yet he said to Daniel, "My lord the king assigned your food and drink. I'm afraid of what would happen if he saw your faces looking thinner than those of the other young men your age. You would endanger my life with the king."

¹¹So Daniel said to the guard whom the chief official had assigned to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ¹²"Please test your servants for 10 days. Let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³Then examine our appearance and the appearance of the young men who are eating the king's food, and deal with your servants based on what you see." ¹⁴He agreed with them about this and tested them for 10 days. ¹⁵At the end of 10 days they looked better and healthier than all the young men who were eating the king's food. ¹⁶So the guard continued to remove their food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables. ¹⁷God gave these four young men knowledge and understanding in every kind of literature and wisdom. Daniel also understood visions and dreams of every kind. ¹⁸At the end of the time that the king had said to present them, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹The king interviewed them, and among all of them, no one was found equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they began to serve in the king's court. ²⁰In every matter of wisdom and understanding that the king consulted them about, he found them 10 times better than all the diviners-priests and mediums in his entire kingdom. ²¹Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

Daniel 1 (HCSB)

THE LORD'S DAY

May 27, 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

"Pastorale"

John M. Rasley

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist

Invocation

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Psalm 29

Hymn No. 56

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 686

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

Offering Our Gifts

Welcome

(Children will remain in the Sanctuary with their parents today, instead of being dismissed to Children's Worship.)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"I Love Thee"

Arr. Mary McDonald

Dr. Patty Nelson and Mr. Kyle Coleman

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

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Daniel 1

Sermon

"Remaining Faithful in a Fallen Experience"

Mr. Sonny Walker

Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn No. 705

"It Is Well with My Soul"

VILLE DU HAVRE

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"Sing Praise to God"

Edward Broughton

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist





Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

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Stephen & Belinda, EPC - Muslim World
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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 (5/27/18):

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

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):
Mr. Sonny Walker preaching

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (6/3/18):

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

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

THE ROSE IN WORSHIP TODAY is given in honor of Miss Susie Grace Durrett, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David (Susan) Williams, born May 15th, 2018.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

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! In this four-week study, we will take a 'big picture' approach to the book of Revelation. We will focus on how this book fits with the whole of Scripture. We will find that Revelation 'reveals' to us the ultimate reality. The ultimate reality is Jesus Christ...who is the Lamb slain and the conquering Lion of Judah and is making all things new!

We will meet on Wednesday mornings, in the Fellowship Hall, 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!

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Christmas is only 212 days away so it is not too early to be thinking about Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Starting in June, and throughout the summer and fall, we will be collecting various items each month with plans for a packing party to be held in November. Stay tuned for more to come.

JOIN US FOR "SUMMER CHOIR" – Do you want to participate in the Chancel Choir but don't have the time or flexibility for a long-term commitment to Wednesday evening rehearsals? Summer choir is for you! This is everyone's chance to participate. So if you are a sixth grader, celebrating your centennial, or somewhere in between, join us on Sundays in June at 9:30am in the Choir Suite to learn an easy anthem and then lead in the Classic Service.

STUDENT MINISTRIES SUMMER CALENDAR – The Student Ministries summer calendar has been posted on the webpage. Please visit Student Events at www.fpcstudentministries.org.

MAY IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH – There will be an extended announcement on June 3rd about how you can be involved.

CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS – Classic Service greeters this morning are Derrick, JoAnna and Kadon Parker. Although JoAnna (Rusaw) used to attend First Pres, she went off to college, got married, had a baby and her family recently became members of our church. They were happy to greet you today. Call Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 to tell her you want to be a blessing while blessing others as a greeter.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP – There will be no Children's Worship today due to Camp 456.

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 signup sheets located just outside Preschool classrooms.

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.

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.

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.

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). 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.

