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Numbers 31:1-4, 48-54

THE LORD'S DAY

June 3, 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

"A Crown of Beauty"

James Southbridge

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist

Declaring God's Praise

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18; 23-24

Leader: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

ALL: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

Leader: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

ALL: Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

Leader: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

ALL: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Leader: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

ALL: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

*Leader: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.*

ALL: Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in
your book before one of them came to be.

Leader: How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

ALL: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

Leader: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

ALL: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Hymn No. 153

"Worthy of Worship"

JUDSON

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 79

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

GORDON

Focusing on Our Mission

FPC's Foster Care Ministry

Offering Our Gifts

Welcome

(Children ages 6 years old – 4th grade will be dismissed at this time for Children's Worship in God's Garden.)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"At the Name of Jesus"

Cindy Berry

FPC Summer Choir

Dr. Aaron Rice, Director

Mr. Kyle Coleman, Accompanist

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Numbers 31:1-4, 48-54

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"A Memorial of Faith for Faith"

Rev. Bill Pardue

Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn No. 435

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDA

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Arr. Edward Broughton

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist





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A Memorial of Faith for Faith

I. Scripture Lesson

Numbers 31:1-4, 48-54 (ESV)

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II. Introduction

“Memorials exist at the intersection of memory and history and bond us to our past.”

- Robert P. Watson

III. Big Idea

The cross and empty tomb are God's memorial of provision and protection in Jesus Christ to move the Church towards radical faith and benevolence in life.

IV. Perspective - God's war on sin

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V. Provision and Protection - God's grace in Jesus Christ

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VI. Purpose - Our response

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VII. Conclusion

Ministry Opportunities

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (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

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (6/10/18):

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

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):
Lt. Commander John Van Dyke, US Navy Chaplain

ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY – 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?

June 3 - Theology: An Introduction -Greg Garrett

June 10 - Revelation - Andy Garner

June 17- Sin - Matt Claytor

June 24 - Grace - Tommy Atha

July 1 - Repentance - Rev. Bill Pardue

July 8 - Righteousness - Dathan Sorrow

July 15 - Holiness - Rusty Chadwick

July 22 - Discipleship - Rev. Jeff Chadwick

July 29 - Faith - John Pittman

August 5 - Hope - Rev. Jonathan Schwartz

August 12 - Love - Brant Evans

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – This summer we are combining our children's Sunday School classes in the Education Building as follows:

1st-5th grades - Room 201

Through Old Testament stories about Moses and New Testament stories about followers of Jesus, kids will focus on how we are created to be like Jesus—in how we live, speak, and think so that we can walk in the good works He prepared for us.

2 and 3 year olds - Room 207 Lesson – “God’s People”

4 and 5 year olds - Room 206 Lesson – “Serving the Savior”

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.

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 – During JUNE, we will collect CLOTHING ITEMS for our shoebox party to be held in November. Please put items like t-shirts, shorts, socks, flip-flops, etc. in the OCC collection box in the atrium of the Christian Life Center.

CAMP 456 REPORT – From the desk of Mrs Andrea – This past Memorial Day weekend we took 36 rising 4th, 5th, and 6th graders and 29 leaders to Ocoee, TN for our annual Camp 456! We had a blast worshipping, growing our faith in Christ, playing games, going down a huge super fast water slide and more! Thank you to our speaker Rev. Bill Pardue for helping our campers to understand what it means to have an “Identity in Christ”. Thank you to our Student Ministry staff and to all College Small Group Leaders, you guys rock! I could spend a MONTH away with you all. Thanks to Carson Garrett for taking pictures and making an inspiring video. Thanks to Cooper Evans and his excellent Worship Team. Thank you to all 9 parent chaperones for being there for our campers. Thanks Mrs. Maggie Cooper for being a kind and valuable “nurse” for the weekend. Thanks to our snack captain, you keep us happy! Thank you to our five drivers that safely drove us. Thank you, thank you to ALL prayer warriors that prayed us there and back. You all made another glorious Camp 456 for the books! I love each and every one of you and I am most grateful for you.

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!

FOSTER CARE – Are you interested in supporting Foster Care Families? Some ways that you can support are:

Recognize – FPC’s recent and current foster families are: Hayes, Hickman, Clevenger, Pinyerd, Rooke, Scott, Whitley

Prayer – Pray for the church, the families, the children, the workers, and the word! To join the FPC Foster Family Prayer Team, contact Dottie Hall at 706-506-1862 or smithdottie@comcast.net.

Care Teams – To provide prayer, meals, transportation, child care, etc, contact Pam Morgan at 706-346-9580 or pmorgan@darlingtonschool.org.

Become a Foster Family – To learn more about being a foster parent or training, contact Jane Cavaness at 706-409-0267 or cavaness1969@comcast.net.

Serve in the Community – To learn ways to serve through a variety of local organizations, contact Jennifer Scott at 770-548-9100 or jenniferyscott@yahoo.com.

If you’d like to be involved and have someone contact you with more information, please fill out the Foster Care at FPC card with your contact information and check your areas of interest.

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.

JOIN US FOR SHIPWRECK – RESCUED BY JESUS! VBS 2018 JUNE 25th-29th – Registration is 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.

FINANCIAL REMINDER – Vacation season is upon us and while you are making your list of must haves for your vacation, please remember to include sending your tithe to the church. Unfortunately, the church’s bills do not take a vacation! Thank you for your faithfulness to the finances of First Presbyterian Church.

CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS – Bob and Diane Ogletree greeted you at the Classic Service today. They enjoy giving cheery smiles, warm handshakes and being blessed while blessing others. Call Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 to offer to serve. You will be glad you did.

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

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.

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.

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.