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- ¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.
- ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"
- ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.
- ¹⁶ 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;
- ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:13-17 ESV

THE LORD'S DAY

October 21, 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-driven passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

Preparing our Hearts

Prelude

Invocation

Declaring God's Praise

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 104 (selected verses)

*Leader: Praise the LORD, my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.*

ALL: The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

Leader: He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

ALL: He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.

Leader: He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.

**ALL: You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.**

Leader: But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight; they flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys, to the place you assigned for them. You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they cover the earth.

**ALL: How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works —

**ALL: he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains,
and they smoke.**

Leader: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

ALL: May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

Leader: But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.

ALL: Praise the LORD, my soul. Praise the LORD.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn No. 215

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"
LAUDES DOMINI

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 311

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!"
MAN OF SORROWS

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

"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"
arr. Christopher Teichler

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 3:13-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Daily, Daring Decision"
Rev. Bill Pardue

Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn No. *(see next page)*

"The Master Hath Come"
ASH GROVE

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

The Master Hath Come

(Sung to the tune of 794)

The Master hath come, and He calls us to follow
The track of the footprints He leaves on our way;
Far over the mountain and thro' the deep hollow,
The path leads us on to the mansions of day:
The Master hath called us, the children who fear Him,
Who march 'neath Christ's banner, His own little band;
We love Him and seek Him, we long to be near Him,
And rest in the light of His beautiful land.

The Master hath called us; the road may be dreary,
And dangers and sorrows are strewn on the track;
But God's Holy Spirit shall comfort the weary;
We follow the Savior and cannot turn back;
The Master hath called us: tho' doubt and temptation
May compass our journey, we cheerfully sing:
"Press onward, look upward," thro' much tribulation;
The children of Zion must follow their King.

The Master hath called us, in life's early morning,
With spirits as fresh as the dew on the sod:
We turn from the world, with its smiles and its scorning,
To cast in our lot with the people of God:
The Master hath called us, His sons and His daughters,
We plead for His blessing and trust in His love;
And thro' the green pastures, beside the still waters,
He'll lead us at last to His kingdom above.



Ministry Opportunities

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (10/21/18):

Convergent Service in the King Hall (10:30am):
Dr. Jonathan Schwartz preaching
John 14:15-26, 16:5-16

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30am):
Rev. Bill Pardue preaching
Matthew 3:13-17

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (10/28/18):

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

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

THE ROSE IN WORSHIP TODAY is given in honor of Master Conrad Lawson Pinyerd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew (Abby) Pinyerd, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Barry (Bobbie) Hand, born on October 11, 2018.

CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS – It is a family affair for greeters today at the Classic Service. Sisters, Linda Hine and Diane Ogletree and her husband Bob met you with warm handshakes and pleasant smiles. You, too, can be a blessing while blessing others as a greeter for just 15 minutes on a Sunday morning. Call Betty Carber at 706-512-4455 and tell her what Sunday you want to serve.

FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP! PIPS MONTHLY LUNCHEON – Our PIPS luncheon will be this Thursday, October 25 at 11:30am. The program will feature Larry Brown speaking about the changes in our tax laws. Lunch will be catered by Shane's Rib Shack for just \$5.00 per person. Everyone is welcomed to join us for good food, fun, and fellowship! Please call the church office to make your reservation.

PRAYER MINISTRY – Perhaps you've noticed that the season has brought changes, and a return to our normal routine has afforded time to meet together to undergird our church and ministries with prayer. The Intercessory Prayer Team meets each Thursday morning at 9:30am to pray for pastors, adult and children's programs, as well as concerns for those who need prayer. Please join us for a special time as we bring our petitions before a mighty God. Questions? Email anitasmith716@comcast.net.

TIME TO CLEAN OUT THOSE WINTER COATS! – Temperatures are beginning to cool down and with that comes digging in the closet for last year's winter coat. If you find it is too small or a little worn, we have the place to bring it. The month of October and November, we will collect gently used coats for the Salvation Army. Drop boxes will be in the CLC building. We will collect these coats on November 14 for the Salvation Army to hand out.

POWER MINISTRY – This is a great opportunity for men to serve God together on a mission trip that will change your life forever. Men from our church will be traveling to Texas to join forces with other men from across the nation to serve others in several towns along the border. Registration starts soon – Start praying about this opportunity now! Trip dates are January 10-16, January 17-23, OR we will offer a spring trip this year March 28-April 3. Most men from our area will be going one of the weeks in January but we'll have men on all trips. Contact Tim Morgan at 770-548-4909 for more information.

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 Word is eternal; does not change. It is forever.

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever."

Ask: Why doesn't God's Word change?

How can God be sure that His Word will not change?

What does that tell you about how much God's Word can be trusted?

“KNOWING GOD” MEN’S BIBLE STUDY TAUGHT BY REV. CHADWICK RETURNS – All men are invited to join us as we begin the 2nd part of the study of J.I. Packer’s classic work, “Knowing God”, that began last spring. Two options to participate in the study will be offered:

- Monday mornings from 6:45 am – 7:45 am beginning October 29
- Wednesday afternoons from noon – 1:00 pm beginning October 17

Whether or not you joined us for the first part of this study, you’ll be able to jump right in with us as Packer has designed the study in two distinct, but interrelated parts. If you’re interested in signing up, please contact Tracy Dupree in the church office at 706-291-6033 or tracyd@fpcrome.org. You can also contact Rev. Chadwick to sign up or ask questions at jeffc@fpcrome.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS CONTINUE OCTOBER 24 – Meal from 5:30 – 6:15: Las Palmas will cater our meal which will include Beef Taco, Rice, Beans, Chips and Salsa, and Dessert. The children’s menu will be the same. The home page of our website (www.fpcrome.org) provides easy access to make your reservations, which are due by NOON on Monday, October 22. You may also email your reservation by that same deadline to 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 an accurate count for our caterer.*

Program from 6:15 – 7:15

- A Reasoned Faith: Apologetics for the 21st Century (Rev. Charles Looney) – Fellowship Hall
- Marriage Enrichment Small Groups (Dr. Jonathan Schwartz)
- Light, Life and Love (Phyllis Pemerton) – CLC Room 203
- Bible Zone 2/3 Year olds – Education Bldg. Room 208
- Bible Zone 4/Kinders – Education Bldg. Room 206
- Communicants (6th grade) – Education Bldg. Hardy Classroom #1
- The Summit for children 1st – 5th grades – Education Bldg. in God’s Garden
- Junior High (6:00-7:15) – In the Crossing
- Senior High (6:00-7:15) – In the Boy Scout Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal (6:15-7:30)

Cost: Adults \$7.00 – Students and Children \$3.00 (Note: Family Max is \$20.00)

LIGHT, LIFE AND LOVE... A STUDY OF 1ST JOHN – As believers, we are born of God, we have fellowship with God, and our eternal home is with God. Yet, for now, we live in a world that is opposed to the things of God. How do we live faithfully in such a world? The Apostle John gives us beautiful insight and guidance. God is Light, God is Life, and God is Love. As we abide in Him, we overcome the world. Let’s journey together through the first epistle of John and meditate on the One who is perfect Love. This class will begin October 10 and is led by Phyllis Pemerton in CLC Room 203.

A REASONED FAITH: APOLOGETICS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY – This class seeks to give an introduction to Christian Apologetics by establishing the purpose, limits, and need for the discipline. During this course, we will also address some common critiques of the faith as well as present a few classic and more modern arguments for the existence of God. This class begins on October 17 and is led by Rev. Charles Looney in the Fellowship Hall.

CALLING ALL MEN! COVENANT KEEPERS STEAK DINNER NIGHT – NOVEMBER 6 – We feel very blessed to have secured Nathan Phillips with Battlefield Ministry as our key note speaker. Nathan will be addressing the topic, Cultural Masculinity and Gospel Leadership in the home. The event will begin at 6:00pm and end at 7:30pm. The cost will be \$10 per person, with Dempsey and crew back with the best Ribeyes in town! Please remember to bring a friend for Great Fellowship, Food and a Gospel message! Make your reservations by contacting the church office at 706-291-6033 or info@fpcrome.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2019! – Mrs. Joan Brock and Mrs. Natalie Babington will be our VBS Directors again for VBS 2019! Mark your calendars for June 24th – June 28th!

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNITIES – Our Sunday Morning Communities continue and include six different communities. See the church website or information racks for details.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – During OCTOBER, we will collect HYGIENE ITEMS such as washcloths, towels, hair brushes, combs, hair barrettes/bows, unscented bar soap, toothbrushes, small reusable cups etc. for our shoebox party to be held in November. No toothpaste or liquids are allowed.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY will be held on Sunday, November 4 at 12 noon until 4:00pm in King Hall on the walking track. Want to participate, but need help packing a box? Let us pack it for you! We will pack your shoeboxes for \$15, which will include the \$9 shipping donation. Place a check in the offering plate or donation box located in the atrium of the CLC building. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with designation for Operation Christmas Child (OCC) in the memo line. Bring joy and Jesus to a hurting child. Each box is a Gospel opportunity. Contact Carol Brown for questions at 334-803-4555.

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.



Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

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