



First Presbyterian

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¹⁵"If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." ²²Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" ²³Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. ²⁵"All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

⁵"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. ⁷But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt^{F76} in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹²"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. ¹⁶"In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

John 14:15-26, 16:5-16 NIV

THE LORD'S DAY

October 28, 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

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens,
Adore Him"
HYFRYDOL
arr. Rowland Prichard
Eddy Oliver, organist

Invocation

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn No. 408

"How Firm a Foundation"
FOUNDATION

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.

Congregational Response No. 813

The Gloria Patri
GREATOREX

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 389

"Spirit of the Living God"
IVERSON

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

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

arr. Dan Forrest

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

John 14:15-26, 16:5-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Live By the Spirit”

Dr. Jonathan Schwartz

Scattering as Christ’s Church

Hymn No. 401

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

JOYFUL SONG

arr. Mary McDonald

Eddy Oliver, organist



Ministry Opportunities

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (10/28/18):

Convergent Service in the King Hall (10:30am):
Rev. Bill Pardue preaching
Matthew 3:1-12 (*This message was preached on
October 14 at the Classic Service*)

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30am):
Dr. Jonathan Schwartz preaching
John 14:15-26, 16:5-16 (*This message was
preached on October 21 at the Convergent Service*)

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (11/4/18):

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

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

STATED SESSION MEETING – There will be a Stated Session Meeting on Monday, October 29 at 6:00pm in Hardy Classroom #1. Session Packets were emailed last week and printed packets are available now in the church office.

CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS – The warm handshake and cheerful smiles that greeted you as you entered the sanctuary through the main doors were given by Walter and Cheryl Matthews. You, too, can be a blessing just as they were. Just 15 minutes of your time and you can be blessed before entering to worship. Call Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 and VOLUNTEER.

SARTORATO MISSIONARY LUNCHEON – Raphael, Kaylee and Ezeqiel will be with us Sunday, November 18! The Missions Ministry Team is hosting a luncheon for you to become acquainted with their ministry and give you an opportunity to join with them through your prayer and financial support. *Please sign up for the luncheon* in your Sunday Morning Community or email Natalie Pettegrew at nataliep@fpcrome.org. Lunch details will be emailed to you.

STEWARDSHIP/COMMITMENT EMPHASIS will be held November 11. At the close of each of our services on November 11, we will have the opportunity to present our 2019 Financial Commitment Cards, indicating what we have prayerfully felt called to give in grateful response to what God has provided for us and as an act of faith that he will continue to provide for all of our needs. Spend time in prayer between now and November 11 seeking what God would have your 2019 financial commitment to the Lord's work through FPC to be.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS next Sunday morning, November 4. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour and enjoy your extra hour of sleep.

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.

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

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 will preserve His Word.

Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Ask: Can anyone fight against God and win?
Can anyone ever spoil God's plan?

“KNOWING GOD” MEN’S BIBLE STUDY TAUGHT BY REV. CHADWICK – 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

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.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 DUE TO HALLOWEEN – Join us again next week on November 7.

LIGHT, LIFE AND LOVE... A STUDY OF 1ST JOHN CONTINUES– 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 is led by Phyllis Pemerton in CLC Room 203.

A REASONED FAITH: APOLOGETICS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY CONTINUES – 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 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.

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. You can also get involved on Thursday, November 1 from 9:00am until 12:00 noon by helping us get items set up for the packing party. 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. Finally, if you want to pack your own box at home, we have empty shoeboxes available in the atrium of the CLC building for you to take home to fill and bring back to church for the dedication of all boxes on Sunday, November 11. Bring joy and Jesus to a hurting child. Each box is a Gospel opportunity. Contact Carol Brown for questions at 334-803-4555.

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.

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.

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.

Sermon Notes



Pray for Our Church Leaders and Missionaries

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Pastor of Adult Discipleship Ministries
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Director of Children's Ministry
Director of Connections Ministry/Missions Coordinator
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Sean & Angie, EPC/Pioneers - Muslim World
Stephen & Belinda, EPC - Muslim World
Tim & Kim, EPC/Pioneers - Muslim World
Adger & Sandra M., EPC Muslim World/Refugees

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