



First Presbyterian

ROME

¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust destroy
and where thieves break in and steal,

²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust destroys
and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹ For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body.

So, if your eye is healthy,
your whole body will be full of light,

²³ but if your eye is bad,
your whole body will be full of darkness.

If then the light in you is darkness,
how great is the darkness!

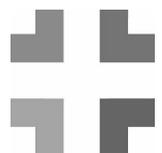
²⁴ "No one can serve two masters,
for either he will hate the one and love the other,
or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

You cannot serve God and money.

Matthew 6:19-24 ESV

THE LORD'S DAY

February 3, 2019



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

Mr. Kyle Coleman

Invocation

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 56

"To God Be the Glory"
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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.

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 309

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"
HYFRYDOL

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

"Make a Joyful Noise"

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir

Dr. Aaron Rice, director

Mr. Kyle Coleman, piano

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 6:19-24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Treasuring Treasure"

Rev. Bill Pardue

Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn No. 139

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



Ministry Opportunities

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (2/3/19):

Convergent Service in the King Hall (10:30 am):
Rev. Jeff Chadwick preaching from Esther 4

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):
Rev. Bill Pardue preaching from Matthew 6:19-24

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE COMBINED FOR MISSIONS EMPHASIS SUNDAY (2/10/19):

Combined Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):

Guest Speaker: Dr. Guillermo Mac Kenzie

THE ROSE IN WORSHIP TODAY is given in honor of Master Sawyer Jacob Stroupe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam (Fauntine) Stroupe, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Dale (Leslie) Miller, great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. David (Carole) Lawton, born on January 25, 2019.

MISSIONS EMPHASIS CONFERENCE will be held February 6 -10 taking us "South for the Winter":

-Wednesday Evening, February 6: Missions Program in King Hall (Adults + Students) featuring Greg and Amanda Davidson [Hands of Love, Bolivia] + Travis & Stephanie Hill [Blue Sky, Kenya]. The banquet will be hosted and catered by Fred and Mary Taylor. The menu will be as follows: **Argentinian** Beef Empanadas with Chimichurri, Grilled Chicken Breasts with **Bolivian** Sauce, **Colombian** Green Beans, and **Paraguayan** Corn Bread, and Assorted South American Desserts. Children's Menu: Homemade Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni and Cheese, Vegetable Sticks with Ranch Dressing and Grapes.

Please make your reservations by noon Monday, February 4. Reservations can be made online or by contacting the church office. **(NOTE: We'll take a break this week from to-go boxes.)**

Nursery, Summit, and Communicants will be held as usual.

-Sunday Morning, February 10: Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am in the King Hall prior to our 9:15 am combined Adult SMC/Student Sunday School. Combined Worship will follow in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am. Nursery, Children's Sunday School, and Children's Worship will remain the same.

FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS CARDS were mailed and will also be available at all Missions events. Cards will be presented during the worship service NEXT Sunday, February 10. Please be in prayer regarding your individual Faith Promise. This is such a blessing to Missionaries.

MEN OF THE CHURCH: LADIES NIGHT – The Men's Council is hosting a Ladies Night Tuesday, February 26 at 6:00 pm in King Hall. The evening will include dinner, catered by Pirkle's and the music of Gail Burnett & Chuck McDowell of the duo ESOEBO (Eclectic Selections Of Everything But Opera). Nursery will be available upon request only. Please make your dinner and Nursery reservations by February 22. Reservations can be made online or by contacting the church office.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES – THANK YOU for using your offering envelopes!! It is a huge help when we are posting your contributions! Envelopes are available for pick up in the hallway outside of the church office. If you can't find your envelope, please contact Lisa at 706-291-6033 ext. 112.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS - Good Neighbor Ministries is a community outreach staffed by volunteers and financially supported by numerous local churches, including First Presbyterian. Good Neighbor Ministries helps Rome residents in need by assisting with utility bill payments, rent, prescriptions, clothing for work, and personal items. It also refers people to the local food pantry and the furniture Re-store. Right now they are asking for donations of Diapers (size 3 or larger). Diapers are bundled into smaller amounts and given to parents of small children whenever needed. You may drop them off at the church on Wednesday Evenings or Sunday Mornings. As always, volunteers are greatly needed to be receptionists or interviewers with training provided. Volunteers are asked to work only 1 day a month from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. For more information, please contact Jill Fisher at 706-409-3932 or email romanfishers@yahoo.com.

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: The message of the Bible; Saved by Grace

Ephesians 2:8-9 – ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ask: Can you fix your sin problem?

Who is the only one that can fix your sin problem?

Why can God do that?

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 FOLLOWING WORSHIP –

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting next Sunday for three purposes:

- 1) Hear and act on the report of the Officer Nominating Committee regarding their nominees for Elder, Deacon, and Trustee in the Class of 2022. Nominations may be made from the floor if the person to be nominated has been contacted ahead of time and has agreed to serve, if elected, including participation in the Officer Training classes.
- 2) Hear the report of Session concerning the 2019 budget and vote to affirm our support of it.
- 3) Approve any changes to Pastors' Terms of Call.

The Officer Nominating Committee will place the following names in nomination to serve in the Class of 2022:

Elder

Greg Davidson
Frank Fleming
Tony Pemerton
Hollis Reese
Gardner Williams

Deacon

Caleb Babington
Larry Cagle
Brant Evans
Joshua Jones
Joshua Reese (filling unexpired 2-year term)
Frank Stegall Jr.
Lanny Thomas
Cory Tucker
Jerome White

Trustee:

John Graham

Please be in prayer for these important matters in the life of our church, and plan to arrange your schedule so you can remain for the meeting.

CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS – Bill and Pam Ekey volunteered again to be greeters at the Classic Service. They enjoy being a blessing while welcoming those who enter in to worship. You, too, can be blessed just for smiling and giving warm handshakes for 15 minutes on a Sunday morning. Call Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 and tell her which Sunday you are available.

TIME WELL SPENT – It's that time of the year once again. The time when we look to the coming year and grasp the possibility of making a real difference. If you are seeking to add something to your life that would reap rewards untold, draw you into a fellowship that truly blesses, and has been God ordained by His very presence, perhaps you will find this weekly time of prayer the perfect fit. **One hour** a week – 1/168% of your time, to meet together with others who are praying for our church, the concerns of our congregation and the world. **One hour** to experience a time of drawing together to glorify and praise our Mighty God. Is this something the Lord is prompting you to do? If so, meet us in the Prayer Room on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Smith at anitasmith716@comcast.net.

NEW FAMILY GATHERING STUDIES FOR ADULTS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13:

- **WOMEN'S STUDY: "EVEN BETTER THAN EDEN" LED BY MORGAN WALKER** – I believe that when we first understand God's story, it will change everything about our story. Together, we will trace 4 themes that run from Genesis to Revelation in the Bible. Each theme reveals how God's plan for the new creation will be far more glorious than the original Eden. It is my hope that this new creation glory will not just be embraced as our future joy... but that it will transform everything about our lives today as we trace God's intended plan, the devastating effects of sin, and the crowning work of Jesus in whom we find a better identity, spouse, saviors, and sanctuary!
This 5-week class is offered on Wednesday Nights beginning Feb. 13 and is held in CLC Room #203. ([Even Better Than Eden](#) by Nancy Guthrie)
Please note – a more expansive study is also offered on Wednesday mornings beginning February 13 at 9:15-10:30 am. The morning study will cover 9 themes over a 10-week period and will be held in the Van Dyke Room. Nursery is available for the morning class. Please contact Morgan Walker at morganwalker0526@gmail.com or call the church office if nursery is needed.
- **"FUTILE ENDEAVOR OR FERTILE INVESTMENT: WHY SHARE THE GOOD NEWS IF GOD HAS ALREADY CHOSEN? LED BY REV. CHADWICK** – No one has more reason to devote their lives to sharing the Good News than those who believe beyond a shadow of a doubt that God is sovereign over all things, including, or perhaps especially, over who will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. No one has more reason to share the Good News boldly and with absolute confidence than those who believe most assuredly that God has his people scattered down the street and across the face of the earth, and that by his preparation of hearts and minds will draw them to himself through the love and obedience of faithful women and men, boys and girls who care enough to tell them about Jesus. Yet, those of us who find the Reformed faith to be the most faithful reflection of what God has revealed in his Word are often mistakenly assumed to have no reason to invest our lives in evangelism, since we believe in God's sovereign choice in salvation. "*If God has predestined*", we are asked, "*what difference can our evangelistic efforts make?*" Come join us as we discover together how nothing could be farther from the truth. Rather than leading us to complacency, our Reformed beliefs propel us into the world with the assurance that proclaiming Jesus is a fertile investment of our hearts, minds, time, prayers, energy and resources. This 5-week class will be held in the Fellowship Hall, beginning Wednesday, February 13.
- **"PRESBY-WHAT?" CLASS LED BY REV. PARDUE AND KENNETH STUDDARD** – Are you curious about what Presbyterians believe? Were you raised in another denomination but would like to know more about ours? Are you considering joining this church (or have recently joined) but have questions about it? If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions above, then the "Presby-What?" class is for you! This class is for all visitors and new members who want to know more about the ministry and beliefs of our church and denomination. It will be a 5-week class beginning Feb. 13, in room 201 in the Christian Life Center. To sign up please contact Sarah Pope in the church office.
- **"VISIONARY PARENTING" LED BY REV. SCHWARZ:** This 5-week class is an opportunity to continue the discussion on parenting as recently presented to us by Dr. Rob Rienow at our Faith and Family Conference. As we study and discuss key Scriptures together and develop a biblical vision for parenting in the home, we will seek to become more intentional in our parenting and better equipped with practical resources to help us succeed in this high calling. Among the things we will discuss are family faith talks, milestones in your child's spiritual journey, discipline that disciples, and the power of blessing your children. Please contact Pastor Jonathan if you are interested or would like more information. Hope to see you there!

PIPS DINNER AND CONCERT – PIPS are meeting at Provino's on Thursday, February 21 at 5:30 pm for dinner. After dinner, we will proceed to the City Auditorium for a free concert. NWGA Winds will be performing "A Wing and a Prayer." Please contact the church office if you plan on eating dinner at Provino's. If you need transportation, contact Martin Foster.

BETHEL DISCIPLESHIP CONTINUES – The Bethel Discipleship community meets on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am till 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our spring semester begins January 9 and will run weekly through mid April. Our focus will be on the New Testament Scriptures—specifically Acts through Revelation. As we study these books, we will ask the question, ‘as Christians, how do we live a life pleasing to God?’ The Old Testament is full of God’s mighty acts and incredible promises; the Gospel accounts describe the fulfillment of those promises in Christ Jesus. The remainder of the NT unfolds the mission of the church, the message of the Gospel, and the manner in which Christians should live in a world that is still broken. Please consider joining us as we grow together in our knowledge and understanding of God and His powerful Word. To register, please contact Phyllis Pemerton ppemerton@bellsouth.net or the church office.

OUR ADULT SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNITIES STUDIES THIS SEMESTER –

twentySomethings: Topical Study: “Answers to Questions that Challenge Christianity: The Nature of God” (meets in Ensemble Room)
Reformations: Galatians (meets in CLC room 205)
Gospel Life: Topical Study: “Holy Conversation: Talking about God in Everyday Life” (meets in Hardy Classroom #1)
Living Stones: The Gospel of John (meets in Fellowship Hall)
Bereans: Acts (meets in CLC room 201)
Sola Scriptura: Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-7 (meets in CLC room 203)

NEW MEN’S STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP IN THE HOME – We, as men, are called by God to be servant leaders, following the example set by our Lord Jesus himself. During the course of six weeks, Pastor Jonathan invites you to join him in a study and discussion of servant leadership in the context of the home. Using the Bible and other helpful resources, we will discuss: 1) A man and his heart for God; 2) A man and his wife; 3) A man and his children. For more information, or to let Pastor Jonathan know that you are interested, please email him at jonathans@fpcrome.org or call him at 423-596-8316. The start date will be the week of February 18. The time and day of the week will be determined based upon what works best for the most number of participants.

Pray4Me CAMPAIGN – Prayer warriors, please continue to pray for your student(s)! Due to the many wonderful activities in our church this month, the Pray4Me Campaign will relaunch this fall. If you have questions, please contact Sonny Walker sonnyw@fpcrome.org.

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.

DID YOU KNOW that First Presbyterian has two rooms of prayer? The PRAYER ROOM (#206) is located upstairs in the Christian Life Center and just down the hall, the beautiful PRAYER CHAPEL (#208) can be found. What a blessing to be able to pray with others, or privately in these special places.

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

THE CHURCH STAFF

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 Pastor of Adult Discipleship Ministries
 Pastor of Family Ministries
 Director of Student Ministries
 Assistant Director of Student Ministries
 Director of Children's Ministry
 Assistant to the Director of Children's Ministry
 Director of Connections Ministry/Missions Coordinator
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THE SESSION

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 Sean & Angie, EPC/Pioneers – Muslim World
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 Power Ministry – Texas/Mexico
 Family Resource Center – Rome, GA
 Good Neighbor Ministries – Rome, GA
 Habitat For Humanity – Rome, GA
 Haven Health Clinic – Rome, GA
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 Rome Action Ministries – Rome, GA
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