



# First Presbyterian

— R O M E —

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom spread from shore to shore  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
declare his love in sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where Jesus reigns  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blessed.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and endless praises crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall arise  
with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring  
his grateful honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again  
and earth repeat the loud 'Amen!'

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MISSIONS SUNDAY

February 10, 2019



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# 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)

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## Preparing our Hearts

Prelude

"Fanfare on a Mighty Fortress"

arr. Tim Jameson

Festival Brass

Invocation

## Declaring God's Praise

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: *Jesus said,*

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

*Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."*

ALL: **The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth.**

Leader: *From one man he made every nation of men that they should inhabit the whole earth. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him, and find him.*

ALL: **Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

Leader: *How, then, can they call on the one they in whom they have not believed?*

ALL: **And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?**

Leader: *And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*

ALL: **And how can they preach unless they are sent?**

**As it is written:**

**"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"**

Leader: *Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Proclaim his salvation day after day.*

*Declare his glory among all nations, His marvelous deeds among all the peoples.*

ALL: **For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

Hymn No. 686

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

Vs. 1 – All Sing

Vs. 2 – Men

Vs. 3 – *Choir*

Vs. 4 – All Sing

Vs. 5 – Women

Vs. 6 – All Sing

## **Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 210

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(verses 1, 2, and 4)

## **Offering Our Gifts**

Welcome

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Hymn of Creation"

*arr. Dan Forrest*

Chancel Choir

Dr. Aaron Rice, Director

Mr. Kyle Coleman, Accompanist

Festival Brass

## **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!**

Sermon

Dr. Guille MacKenzie  
*Presbiterio San Andrés*  
*Buenos Aires, Argentina*

## **Scattering as Christ's Church**

Hymn No. 450

"Lift High the Cross"  
CRUCIFIER  
*(verses 1, 2, 3, and 5)*

(As sing our final hymn, we are asked to come forward and present our Faith Promise cards.)

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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# Ministry Opportunities

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## TODAY'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

## NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (2/17/19):

Convergent Service in the King Hall (10:30 am):

Rev. Bill Pardue preaching

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

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

*The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated at both services on February 17. Please use this week to prepare your heart and mind to receive this gift of God rightly.*

**THANK YOU FROM THE SHETTER AND FLANERY FAMILY**– Thank you seems inadequate for all the blessings you have showered us with over the last several weeks. Thank you for all the calls, texts, cards, and visits, the hugs, the food, the memorial contributions, the flowers, the prayers. Your love and concern have been so evident, and so very much appreciated.

Yes, it does seem like a never-ending nightmare, and our grief is heavy and ever present. No, we don't have any answers yet. God's grace is sufficient, and His peace which surpasses all understanding sustains us.

With appreciation and love, the Shetter's and Flanery's.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN** – We will host the Community Kitchen this week (Monday Feb. 11 – Friday Feb. 15). Food will be served to our community friends from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Volunteers are needed and welcomed either from 8:30 am until 10:30 am for preparation OR at 10:30 am until 12:00 pm to serve. Contact Martin Foster for further information.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLES (Bible Study and Fellowship)** – The **MORNING CIRCLE** will meet Monday, February 11 at the home of Mary Arrington, 19 Notasulga Drive SW, 706-232-0717, at 11:00 am. Please join us for our fellowship and study. Morning Circle meets the second Monday of each month in the homes of members of our church.

The **EVENING CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, February 12, Room CLC #204 at 6:30pm. Evening Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at the church. Please bring your Bible.

**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.

**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](mailto:sonnyw@fpcrome.org).

### 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; The gift of God is eternal life

Romans 6:23 – "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ask: Why wouldn't God let us live in Heaven with Him?

Is God lonely?

Why is Heaven a gift?

Can you describe heaven?

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP –

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting 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

**WOMEN'S MISSION TRIP** – Exciting news! This October FPC will be sending 10 women from our congregation to Nairobi, Kenya to serve alongside Nate and Shanna Mast and others from our church family. There will be an upcoming meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Van Dyke Room for those who would like more information. Please contact Amy Davis at 706-512-6555 or Lauren Brewster at 706-346-7554 for more information.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13** – Meal from 5:30–6:15: Pirkle's will cater our meal which will include Sausage & Meatball Marinara with Penne Pasta, Silician Vegetable Medley, Caesar Salad and Rolls. Children's menu will be pizza. The home page of our website ([www.fpcrome.org](http://www.fpcrome.org)) provides easy access to make your reservations, which are due by NOON on Monday, February 11. You may also email your reservation by that same deadline to [reservations@fpcrome.org](mailto: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

- Futile Endeavor or Fertile Investment (Rev. Jeff Chadwick) – Fellowship Hall
- Presby-What? (Rev. Bill Pardue and Kenneth Studdard) – CLC 201
- Visionary Parenting (Dr. Jonathan Schwartz) – CLC 205
- Even Better Than Eden (Morgan Walker) – CLC 203
- Bible Zone 2/3 Year olds – Education Bldg. Room 208
- Bible Zone 4/Kinders – Education Bldg. Room 206
- Communicants (6<sup>th</sup> grade) – Education Bldg. Hardy Classroom #1
- The Summit for children 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades – Education Bldg. in God's Garden
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal (6:15-7:30)
- Jr. High (6:00-7:15) – In the Crossing
- Sr. 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)*

## 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!

**CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS** – Volunteering to welcome those who enter through the main doors to the sanctuary this morning are Neal and Toby Morgan. Their handshakes and smiles are a blessing to those who come to worship. Volunteer 15 minutes of your time to be a greeter on a Sunday in March, April or May by calling Betty Carver at 706-512-4455. You can be blessed while blessing others.

**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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:ppemerton@bellsouth.net) or the church office.

**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](mailto:romanfishers@yahoo.com).

**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.

**FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP! PIPS MONTHLY LUNCHEON** – Our PIPS luncheon will be Thursday, February 28 at 11:30 am and will feature a local attorney discussing the importance of an updated will. Lunch will be soup and sandwiches by Duffy's Deli for just \$5.00 per person. Please make your reservation with the church office and join us for great food, fun, and fellowship!

#### **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)