



First Presbyterian

— R O M E —

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

INCLUDING THE

SACRAMENT OF

COMMUNION

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:
The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,
“This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying,
*“This cup is the new covenant in my blood;
do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

I Corinthians 11:23-26

THE LORD’S DAY

February 17, 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-drive passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

Preparing our Hearts

Prelude

Invocation

Declaring God's Praise

Responsive Call to Worship

*Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

**ALL: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

*Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.*

ALL: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

*Leader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces
the cedars of Lebanon.*

ALL: The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

*Leader: The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of
Kadesh. The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in
his temple all cry, "Glory!"*

**ALL: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.**

Hymn No. 21

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
AZMON
(verses 1, 2, 3, & 5)

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

Offering Our Gifts

Welcome

"Know My Heart"

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir

Dr. Aaron Rice, Director

Mr. Kyle Coleman, Accompanist

(Children in 1st – 4th grades will be dismissed to Children's Worship at this time.)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Esther 3

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Confident... While All Others Are Confused"

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

Sharing the Sacrament

Hymn of Communion No. 321

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Partaking of the Elements

(The congregation will remain in their seats as the elements are distributed to you and partake each element together after all have been served.)

A gluten free option is available on each of the bread trays.)

Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn of Response No. 724

"Lead On, O King Eternal"
LANCASHIRE

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



Ministry Opportunities

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (2/17/19):

Convergent Service in the King Hall (10:30 am):
Rev. Bill Pardue preaching
Matthew 6:19-24 (*This message was preached on February 3 at the Classic Service.*)
The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated at both services today.

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):
Rev. Jeff Chadwick
Esther 3 (*This message was preached on January 20 at the Convergent Service.*)

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (2/24/19):

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

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

MEN OF THE CHURCH: DATE 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. Cost is \$25.00 per couple.

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.

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 this 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.

MISSION EMPHASIS THANK-YOU – The Missions Ministry Team would like to express THANKS to all who served during Missions Week. It is also with gratitude and humble hearts that they accept the 51 Faith Promise cards pledged for a total of \$37,540.00, which goes directly to the special needs of FPC's missionaries. If you would still like to pledge, please turn in your Faith Promise card during offering or to the church office. Please **Check Out** the new Mission Map (former SERVE board)! It will be used to highlight our missionaries.

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, contact Pastor Jonathan at jonathans@fpcrome.org or 423-596-8316. The following time slots will be offered:

- Tuesdays at 6:45 am – 7:45 am, beginning February 19 in the Parlor Room in the Education Bldg
- Wednesdays at 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, beginning February 20 in the Parlor Room in the Education Bldg

CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS – Those who entered the sanctuary through the main doors this morning were greeted by Susan and David Williams. They were blessed while being a blessing with their warm handshakes and pleasant smiles. You, too, can volunteer 15 minutes of your time on a Sunday morning. Call Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 and tell her when you would like to help in March, April, May or June.

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; that you may believe

Romans 10:17 – "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."

Ask: What does it mean "to believe in Jesus"?

Is there a difference in knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus?

Do you want to know Jesus and trust Him?

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20 – Meal from 5:30–6:15: Pirkle's will cater our meal which will include Parmesan Baked Chicken, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli with Walnuts, and Rolls. Children's menu will be Chick-fil-A. The home page of our website (www.fpcrome.org) provides easy access to make your reservations, which are due by NOON on Monday, February 18. 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

- 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 (6th grade) – Education Bldg. Hardy Classroom #1
- The Summit for children 1st – 5th 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!

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.

PIPS DINNER AND CONCERT – PIPS are meeting at Provino's Thursday, February 21 at 5:30 pm. 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 to eat 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)

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.