



First Presbyterian

ROME

¹² When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai,

¹³ he sent back this answer:

*"Do not think that because you are in the king's house
you alone of all the Jews will escape.*

*¹⁴ For if you remain silent at this time,
relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place,
but you and your father's family will perish.
And who knows but that you have come to your royal position
for such a time as this?"*

Esther 4:12-14 NIV

THE LORD'S DAY

February 24, 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

Invocation

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Psalm 37:1-11. 39-40

Hymn No. 43

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
CORONATION

Affirming Our Faith

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the
Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was
incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was
crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the
third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to
judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from
the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped
and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one
baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 648

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
BEECHER

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

"Before the Throne of God Above"

arr. Philip Kevren

Chancel Choir

Judy Powell, director

Amy Neal, accompanist

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

Esther 4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Defining Moments"

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn No. 143

"This Is My Father's World"

TERRA BEATA

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



Ministry Opportunities

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (2/24/19):

Convergent Service in the King Hall (10:30 am):
Rev. Bill Pardue preaching
Matthew 7

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):
Rev. Jeff Chadwick preaching
Esther 4 (*This message was preached on
February 3 at the Convergent Service.*)

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (3/3/19):

Combined Disciple Now Worship Service in King Hall with the message by our Disciple Now speaker

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – Please be sure to extend a special welcome to our newest members who joined the church on February 17, Mr. and Mrs. Sam (Sally) Echols.

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 55 Faith Promise cards pledged for a total of \$40,345.00, 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.

MEN'S STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP IN THE HOME CONTINUES – 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, in the Parlor Room in the Education Bldg
- Wednesdays at 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, in the Parlor Room in the Education Bldg

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)

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 Bible, my treasure

Jeremiah 15:16– "When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty."

Ask: Do you have any favorite Bible verses?
What are they? Why are they your favorite verses?

COMMUNITY MISSIONS - Good Neighbor Ministries is a community outreach staffed by volunteers and financially supported by numerous local churches, including FPC. 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. 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. Contact Jill Fisher at romanfishers@yahoo.com or 706-409-3932 for more information.

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.

CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS – Frank Brown and Rivers Roser volunteer often to be greeters at the Classic Service because they like the pay and they like to bless those who enter in with warm handshakes and cheerful chatter. You, too, can volunteer for an entire month or just one Sunday a month. Just call Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 and tell her when you want to be a blessing to those who come to worship.

FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP! PIPS MONTHLY LUNCHEON – Our PIPS luncheon will be Thursday, February 28 at 11:30 am and will feature attorney Keith Williams, who is the son in law of Tom and Betty Carver, 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!

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27 – Meal from 5:30–6:15: Shane's Rib Shack will cater our meal which will include BBQ Chicken, BBQ Pork, Baked Beans, Slaw, and Chips. 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, February 25. 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)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING STUDIES FOR ADULTS CONTINUE:

- **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 disciplines, 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!

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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