



# First Presbyterian

ROME

<sup>12</sup> "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 7:12 ESV

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THE LORD'S DAY

March 24, 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

Invocation

## Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

*Leader: The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him!*

Unison Prayer of Adoration

Psalm 63

ALL: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup>So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.

<sup>3</sup>Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.

<sup>4</sup>So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.

<sup>5</sup>My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,  
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup>when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

<sup>7</sup>for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

<sup>8</sup>My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

Hymn No. 56

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

## Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 314

"What Wondrous Love Is This?"  
WONDROUS LOVE

## Offering Our Gifts

Focus on Ministry

Vacation Bible School 2019

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

"How Great Thou Art"

*arr. Dan Forrest*

Chancel Choir

Dr. Aaron Rice, director

Mr. Kyle Coleman, 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

Matthew 7:12

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**ALL:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Golden Rule"

Rev. Bill Pardue

## Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn No. 603

"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"  
ELLISDIE

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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# Ministry Opportunities

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (3/24/19):

Convergent Service in the King Hall (10:30 am):  
Rev. Jeff Chadwick preaching  
Esther 5 (*This message will be preached again at the Classic Service on March 31*)

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):  
Rev. Bill Pardue preaching  
Matthew 7 (*This message was preached on February 24 at the Convergent Service*)

## NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (3/31/19):

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

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):  
Rev. Jeff Chadwick preaching  
Esther 5 (*This message is being preached today at the Convergent Service*)

*The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated at both services on March 31. Please use this week to prepare your heart and mind to receive this gift of God rightly.*

**STATED SESSION MEETING** – There will be a Stated Session Meeting on Monday, March 25, at 6:30 pm in Hardy Classroom #1. Session Packets were emailed last week and printed packets are available now in the church office.

**EASTER LILLIES** – It is time once again to place your order for an Easter Lily to be placed in honor or in memory of a loved one. You may fill out one of the yellow cards located in the pew rack in the Sanctuary or call the church office. The cost of the lily is \$10.00. Sunday, April 14 is the deadline for placing your order.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** – Community Church Ministry is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at Graham Homes, near 6th Street on April 6 at 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help hide eggs and serve hot dogs. Please consider helping one of our local ministries either by serving or collecting individual wrapped candies. There will be a box in the atrium for the candy. Contact Amy Edwards for more information at 706-594-0878.

**THE ANNUAL KAREMY JACOBS EASTER EGG HUNT** – The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 11:30 am at Taylor's Farm/OTR (495 Minshew Road – directions will be at the church Welcome Center). All ages are welcome to enjoy a hot fog lunch, crafts, and egg hunt. Hope to see you there for a fun and special day as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week!

**FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP! PIPS MONTHLY LUNCHEON THIS THURSDAY** – Our PIPS luncheon will be this Thursday, March 28 at 11:30 am and will feature Donna Chadwick sharing with us the work being done by Haven Health Clinic. The Clinic is in need of diapers (newborn, 3, 4, and 5), baby wipes, shampoo, body wash, bottles, pacifiers, baby toys and baby clothes (sizes 0 – 12 months). We are asking PIPS to bring donations to the luncheon. Our meal will be catered by Provino's for just \$5.00 per person. Please make your reservation with the church office and join us for great food, fun, and fellowship!

### 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:** A call to wisdom. If you are a child of God you have a call to wisdom on your life.  
Wisdom needs to be in the heart, not just in the head.

Proverbs 3:1 – "My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart."

**Ask:** Can you think of a time that you did not listen to your father's instruction or your mother's teaching?

What happened? Do you have a favorite verse from Proverbs?

Why is listening to and obeying those verses a beautiful and happy thing to do?

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING WEDNESDAY MARCH 27** – Meal from 5:30–6:15: Pirkle’s will cater our meal which will include Smoked Chopped Pork, BBQ Baked Beans, Creamy Coleslaw, Chips & Texas Toast. Children’s menu will be Pizza & Dessert. 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, March 25. 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

- Confronting Our Respectable Sins (Tony Pemerton & Kenneth Studdard) – Fellowship Hall
- Our Magnificent and Majestic God: Themes in Exodus (Phyllis Pemerton) – CLC 203
- Grandparents Are a Family Blessing...It’s In the Book (John Graham) – CLC 204
- 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)*

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING STUDIES FOR ADULTS CONTINUE THIS WEEK:**

- ***“CONFRONTING OUR RESPECTABLE SINS” BASED ON THE BOOK “RESPECTABLE SINS” BY JERRY BRIDGES - LED BY TONY PEMERTON AND KENNETH STUDDARD*** – Have you ever found yourself so caught up and concerned with the rampant sinfulness of our culture that you forget about the subtle sins in your own heart? The Christian journey is a life of godliness, but too often we overlook or minimize sins that are corrosive or destructive to ourselves and those around us. These sins are overshadowed by the more flashy, headline-grabbing sins of our culture. In this 5-week study, through instruction and interactive discussion, we will take aim at the sins many Christians consciously or unconsciously consider “acceptable” behavior, seeking to address them through the hope and profound mercy of the gospel. (Fellowship Hall)
- ***WOMEN’S STUDY: “OUR MAGNIFICENT AND MAJESTIC GOD: THEMES IN EXODUS” - LED BY PHYLLIS PEMERTON*** – Exodus is a massive book of the Bible...forty chapters...recounting a monumental event in salvation history! So how can we hope to study it in only five weeks? We will begin with the summary text of Exodus 6:6-8. Here we find four great theological truths that some scholars say richly embody “the most basic themes of the Bible” (Stuart). In this passage, God describes what He will do for His people and how He will relate to them. So we will survey the book of Exodus by looking at the themes of salvation, knowledge of God, covenant relationship, and land. (CLC #203)
- ***“GRANDPARENTS ARE A FAMILY BLESSING... IT’S IN THE BOOK” - LED BY JOHN GRAHAM*** – Come and be equipped to understand Biblical Grandparenting in the world today and then to apply the Word in the spiritual lives of your family. (CLC #204)

**CLASSIC SERVICE GREETERS** – First impressions can be lasting. Greeters this morning at the main sanctuary doors are Martin and Nancy Foster welcoming those who enter in for the first time or those who attend regularly. Their warm handshakes and cheerful smiles may be just what folks need to really feel welcome here today. You, too, can be a cheerful greeter in April, May or June by calling Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 and tell her which Sundays you can be a blessing while blessing others.

**SAVE THE DATE - "Finding Joy in the Midst of Loss and Suffering"** - Ladies, please join us for a casual coffee and conversation event on **Saturday, April 27** from 10:00am-12noon at The Crossing. Our guest, Stacey Booth, a close friend of several members of our church, lost her husband to a long battle with a rare type of cancer 15 months ago and will share her candid perspective on what it looks like to grieve the loss of a spouse while clinging to the hope and truth of the gospel. She and her two young kids continue to wrestle with earthly grief, while also holding tightly to the hope of an eternal glory with God and reunion with their husband and dad. Come and allow God to connect Stacey's story of hope to your own story!

**FATHER/CHILD FISHING TRIP** – The Father/Child fishing trip will be held again this year at the Morgan Farm (1464 Bells Ferry Road), sponsored by Walter Matthews and Toby Morgan. The date is Saturday, April 27 from sunrise to sunset with a hotdog lunch and drinks provided. Bring your fishing gear and bait. The cabin will be open and has several restrooms. Please notify the church office if you are coming so that enough food and drinks are available.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** – All men are invited every Thursday morning for a wonderful breakfast and fellowship in Hardy Classroom #1 at 6:55-8:00 am.

**INTERESTED IN HEARING MORE ABOUT FAMILY RETREAT WITH JONI AND FRIENDS? INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON APRIL 3** – To learn more about this Short Term Mission (STM) opportunity, you're invited to an informational meeting on April 3 in the Van Dyke Room at 7:30-8:00 pm.

The Joni and Friends Retreat:

When? June 30 to July 5

Where? Camp McDowell in Nauvoo, Alabama

What? Family Retreat offers a haven for families, both unbelieving and believing, affected by special needs. At Family Retreat, families are cared for, encouraged, and rejuvenated in a Christ centered, fully accessible camp environment. After one and half days of training, volunteers are assigned a job for the week. Each job is strategic in playing a role that will cultivate meaningful connections for families who understand the challenges of life with disability. Though the week is full of excitement, it does not go without challenges. Life with a disability does not take a break. Yet, while at Family Retreat, the body of Christ walks hand in hand through these challenges.

Who? Individuals/Families of ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! Short Term Missionaries (STMs) volunteer to serve families affected by disability with Christ-like encouragement and friendship. This is a unique service opportunity that will stretch both your hands and heart. As an STM, you'll receive on-site training – no prior experience required! Interested? Have Questions? Contact Morgan Walker, [morganwalker0526@gmail.com](mailto:morganwalker0526@gmail.com).

**CAMP 456 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** – Dr. Jonathan Schwartz will be our speaker talking about Inside and Out- Deuteronomy 6:5. Students, rising 4th, 5th, 6th graders, you don't want to miss it! This adventure camp is designed especially for you. We will get together and explore and experience the adventure of having a relationship with Christ. There will be games, events, small groups and worship customized just for elementary age. The cost for this trip is \$120.00, with scholarships available. Please contact Mrs. Andrea at [andreas@fpcrome.org](mailto:andreas@fpcrome.org) or 706-291-6033 for more details and go to <http://www.fpcrome.org/camp-456/> to register.

**JOIN US FOR ROAR! LIFE IS WILD, GOD IS GOOD! VBS 2019 JUNE 24-28 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** – We are so happy that last year's directors will be our directors for this year too! Please contact Mrs. Joan Brock at 706-346-4253 or Mrs. Natalie Babington at 706-266-7740 for information on how you can get involved and be a part of God's Team during VBS 2019!

**MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAM** – The spiritual gifts you use at FPC to support our church Body are the very same gifts God may be calling you to use here for our extended Body – our missionary families. In Philippians 4:10-20, missionary Paul thanks the church for how they were concerned for him, shared in his trouble, and supported him financially. To learn more about serving on or beside the Missions Ministry Team, please contact Natalie Pettegrew at [nataliep@fpcrome.org](mailto:nataliep@fpcrome.org).

## 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: Book of Ruth (meets in CLC room 203)

**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](http://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

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 Family Resource Center - Rome, GA  
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