



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

March 31, 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

Call to Worship

Psalm 40:5-10

Hymn No. 153

"Worthy of Worship"
JUDSON

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

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"How Great Thou Art"

arr. Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir

Dr. Aaron Rice, director

Mr. Kyle Coleman, accompanist

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Esther 5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Who Will We Choose to Be?"

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

Sharing the Sacrament

Hymn of Communion

"The Power of the Cross"

OH, TO SEE THE DAWN

The Power of the Cross

Getty & Townend

"Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

CHORUS:

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
Quakes as its maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

FINAL CHORUS:

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross."

Invitation to the Table

Call to Confession

... when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;

⁶with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

⁷Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God.’”^[a]

⁸First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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. 682

“Guide Me, O Thou Great
Jehovah”
CWM RHONDDA

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



Ministry Opportunities

TODAY'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 was preached on March 24 at the Convergent Service*)

The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated at both services today.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (4/7/19):

Combined in the King Hall (10:30 am):
Rev. Jeff Chadwick preaching

On April 7 our new Elders and Deacons will be Ordained/Installed in our worship service in King Hall.

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.

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!

EASTER EGG HUNT THIS SATURDAY – *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.

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.

CAMP 456 FRIDAY MAY 24–SUNDAY MAY 26 – REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!! Our speaker, Dr. Jonathan Schwartz will be talking about Inside and Out- Deuteronomy 6:5. Rising 4th, 5th, 6th graders, you don't want to miss it! This adventure camp is designed especially for you. We will 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 or 706-291-6033 for more details and go to <http://www.fpcrome.org/camp-456/> to register.

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 is a call away from foolishness.

Proverbs 4:27 – "Do not swerve to the right or to the left; keep your foot from evil."

Ask: What does it mean not to look to the left or the right?

How can we keep our feet from evil? How do little compromises lead to big compromises?

Can you think of a time that you did not guard your heart?

How could you have guarded your heart? Do you listen carefully to instruction when it is given to you?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING WEDNESDAY APRIL 3 – Meal from 5:30–6:15: Provino's will cater our meal which will include Lasagna, Roll and Salad. Children's menu will be Chick-Fil-A Sandwich and Chips. The home page of our website (www.fpcrome.org) provides easy access to make your reservations, which are due by NOON on Monday, April 1. 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

- 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 (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 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 – If you entered the Sanctuary through the main doors this morning, you were greeted by Charles and Marie Carlisle. Their warm handshakes and pleasant smiles welcomed all who came to worship. Greeters are needed for April, May and June. Call Betty Carver at 706-512-4455 and volunteer 15 minutes of your time on Sunday morning. You will be blessed while being a blessing.

PRAYER REQUESTS – If you have a prayer request, the Prayer Team meets every Thursday to pray for this church body. Please let us know through the church website or by email (anitasmith716@comcast.net) if we may pray for you. Be assured that all requests will be held in confidence.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – All the men are invited to breakfast every Thursday at 6:55 am in Hardy Classroom #1. We're always done by 8:00 am. Please join us for great food, fellowship and prayer.

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!

INTERESTED IN HEARING MORE ABOUT FAMILY RETREAT WITH JONI AND FRIENDS? INFORMATIONAL MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY, 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.

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 again! If you are interested in volunteering, sign up at the VBS tables outside of the Sanctuary or in the Atrium outside of King Hall. 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!

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.

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.

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.