

The Lord's Day

January 7, 2018

Joy and thanksgiving expressed in prayer and praise according to the Word of God are the heart of the Church's worship.

— John Calvin

It's not out of a compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are. The delight is incomplete until it is expressed. In the same way, we delight to praise God because our praise of him not merely expresses, but it completes our enjoyment.

— C.S. Lewis

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-5, 20-22

Worship Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

All: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Worship Leader: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

All: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

Worship Leader: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

All: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Hymn of Praise #64

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Draper/Williams

Invocation

Call to Confession

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways. In wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and turn our hearts toward You so we may live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Songs of Renewal

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In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast of anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father! Glory be to the Son!
Glory be to the Holy Spirit!
Now and forever, world without end.

Confession of Faith

The Apostle's 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 catholic¹ Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

¹ That is, the Christian Church made up of believers throughout history

Pastoral Prayer *(followed by the Lord's Prayer)*

Our Father, who 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.

Announcements

(Children age 4 through 5th grade may be dismissed for children's church)

Sermon

"Knowing Our Purpose"

Rev. Daniel Hightower
Genesis 1:26-2:3

The Lord's Supper

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

Closing #175

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!"

Bliss

Benediction

Genesis 1:26-2:3

[26] Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

[27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

[28] And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” [29] And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. [30] And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. [31] And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

[1] Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. [2] And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. [3] So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. (ESV)

WELCOME TO FAITH

Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church. We're glad you are worshipping with us today. Below you will find information regarding small groups, Sunday School, children's and youth ministries, service and prayer opportunities, and what we believe. If you have any questions about our church or Christianity or specific needs we can pray for, please contact the church office at (256) 238-8721 or email us at sfreeman@faithchristian.info.

SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups are the building blocks of FPC. Sunday mornings we meet with the triune-God in a unique way, but it is in the context of small groups that community is built and nourished.

<i>Group</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Meeting Time</i>
<i>Youth Group</i>	<i>Faith</i>	<i>Jay Dial</i>	<i>256-613-1153</i>	<i>Sunday, 5:30 pm</i>
<i>Ping's</i>	<i>Ping Home</i>	<i>Jack Totherow</i>	<i>256-452-3661</i>	<i>Sunday, 6:00 pm</i>
<i>Ladies Bible Study</i>	<i>Faith</i>	<i>Alice Walker</i>	<i>256-225-1349</i>	<i>Wednesday, 10:00 am</i>
<i>Smith/Robertson</i>	<i>Faith</i>	<i>Grant Carroll</i>	<i>601-421-1277</i>	<i>1st & 3rd Wed., 5:30 pm</i>
<i>Searle</i>	<i>Searle Home</i>	<i>Rick Searle</i>	<i>256-239-5264</i>	<i>Wednesday, 6:15 pm</i>

Small Group Descriptions

Check the chart for dates, locations and times.

Ping Group – An active, fun group with great discussion (based on years of acquired knowledge) and a feast of food

Searle Group – A blended group that starts with a “family style pot-luck dinner around the table” followed by a book study

Smith/Robertson Group - For people in their 20s-40s who want to grow in their relationship to God through Christ and in their relationships to brothers and sisters in Christ. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 5:30 pm to 7 pm, starting September 6th in The Commons for dinner, fellowship and prayer (BYOD - Bring your own dinner.) Group members will alternate providing child care during prayer time. We will also meet every week during Sunday School in the school board room. This quarter, we're studying Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Ladies Bible Study - A small group of women who meet faithfully throughout the year for study, prayer and encouragement

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Starts Sunday, January 14

<u>Room</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<u>Children:</u>		
0-2 yrs (Nursery)	Jesus Story Book Bible	Susan Weaver, Suzan Freeman Kathryn Searle
3-4 yrs (Yellow Rm)	Teaching Little Ones: Learning About God	Katie Weaver & Mary Mallory
K5-2nd grade (L-2)	Investigating God's Word: Genesis 25-50, Job, Matthew	Kris Herndon & Beth Wilson
3rd- 5th grade (L-9)	Investigating God's Word: Genesis 25-50, Job, Exodus	Eliska Mattox & Sue Pruitt
<u>Youth:</u>		
Rick's Office	Knowing the God Who Is	Jay Dial
<u>Adults:</u>		
L14	Psalms	Rick/Jack/Vince
Board Room	Galatians: Jesus + Nothing	Grant Carroll
L12	Inquirer's Class (starts Jan 28)	Rick Searle

Sunday School Class Descriptions

- Knowing the God Who Is

How do we know God exists? Is being a Christian worth it? What is God like? Why do we suffer? Even if your students haven't asked these questions out loud, they are wrestling with putting into their own words what they believe. They want to know how to have a relationship with Christ that is authentic and deep. We'll take your students on a journey through Scripture to discover the truth about our awesome God—who he is and our relationship to him, his attributes, his names, and what that says about him.

- Psalms

The Book of Psalms powerfully resonates with the whole spectrum of human emotions and experiences, resounding with heartfelt praise, humble confession, and honest lament. Using the 12-week study guide by Douglas O'Donnell, we'll explain the biblical text with clarity and passion, explore the Bible's ability to transform our emotions and incline our hearts toward worship. Study guides are \$6.

- Galatians: Jesus + Nothing

The book of Galatians is one of the apostle Paul's most impassioned and eloquent letters. It warns Christians of the dangers of both legalism and lawlessness, while calling them to live lives that are shaped by the gospel. In this study, we will walk through the promises, warnings, and gospel declarations found in Galatians. Both accessible and theologically robust, this study will help us find freedom in our identity as God's adopted children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praising God for Our New Leaders

In December we held a congregational meeting in which Shannon Robertson, Tim Smith and Jay Walker were elected to serve as Elders in our church. Chad McLeod, Chris Probst, Brian Totherow, Brad Weaver, and Justin Williams were also elected to be deacons. We rejoice and are thankful to God for our new leaders and look forward to serving the Lord with them as we strive by His grace to reach and equip people with the good news of the Gospel. These men will be ordained and installed into their respective offices during the worship service next **Sunday, January, 14.**

Sunday School

Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday morning, **January 14.**

Save the Date

We will have a Church Wide Soup and Sandwich lunch after the worship service on Sunday, January 28. Beginning next week, there will be a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary for crock pot soup and sandwiches.

The Glory of the Story

Rick is encouraging us again in the year ahead to read through the eBook: *The Glory of the Story: How the Old Testament Prepares the Way for Jesus: 366 Daily Readings*, written by Richard Chester. This devotional is a wonderful resource which helps us to see how the Old Testament points us to Jesus Christ. The eBook can be downloaded from Amazon.

New Member/Inquirer's Class in January

If you are interested in becoming a member of Faith Presbyterian Church or would like to know more about the Presbyterian Church in America, please join us on January 28th. The class will meet for three weeks, during the Sunday School hour. The class will meet in L12.

Directory Updates

Chris and Alicia Probst: 1411 Brierwood Pl. SW, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Alicia has a new phone number as well: 256-913-8101

Kathryn Searle: 256-419-8600

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Libby Mallory Fenn, recovering from gallbladder surgery

Rick Searle, recovering from knee surgery

Kathryn Searle, recovering from a severe ankle sprain

Kelsey McWilliams, recovering from back surgery

Leigh Anne Hill, recovering from knee surgery

Eliska Mattox, recovering from hairline fractures of her tibia

Courtney Hightower's grandmother, who has been diagnosed with early stage lung cancer

Annie Bell, Bonnie Schroeder's mother, recovering from a stroke

This week's families: Ellis & Genelle Whitt, Justin & Alicia Williams, Beth Wilson

Military: Peck Mallory III, Ben Herndon, Jonathan Searle, Jon Mattox, Adam Shelley, Aaron

Pugh, Quenton Moore, Parker Moore, Tyler Harris, Andrew Smith, Jason Moore

Pregnancies: Ginny Searle, Laura Dougherty, Katie Weaver

Homes to sell: Chip & Anne Jones, Andrea Callahan

Missions: Katherine Long, serving in Bulgaria with MTW

Church Ministry: Faith Christian School

Church Leaders & Staff: Rick Searle, Grant Carroll

Young Adults: Thomas Walker, Sydney Warneke, Sarah Burleigh

Those struggling with health issues: Rosie Ping, Gene Wilson, Fred Medley, Gladys Snow, Jesse

Floek, Rosemary Cooley, Kevin Miller, Rob Bailey, Paul Hayden, Louis Feazell, Colleen Taylor

Those who are battling cancer: Craig Childs, Sr., Anne Yoggy, George Yoggy, Cassie Brock,

Lesley LaPlante, Damion Womack, Janet Sykes, Joanne Corbin

Those being cared for at home or an extended care facility: Ann Gilliland, Laurie Shaffer (Kris

Herndon's sister), Gladys Snow, Dottie Brazelton, Clifford Herndon

This Week's Schedule

Sun: 10:30 am Worship
5:30 pm Youth Group
Tue: 1:30 pm Staff Meeting
Wed: 6:15 pm Searle Small Group

Children's Ministry

This Week	Next Week
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Infant Worship: Deby Buchanan Alicia Williams	Infant Worship: Leigh Anne Hill Susan Weaver
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2-3 Year Worship: Beth Wilson	2-3 Year Worship: Jack Totherow
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4 Yrs-1st grade: Sue Pruitt Sheila Totherow	4 Yrs-1st grade: Katie Weaver
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2nd-5th grade: Chad McLeod Brian Totherow	2nd-5th grade: stay in service
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Deacon:

This Week: Joe Searle
Next Week: Charlie Ping

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dameon Goode-8th,
Jackson Dunnagan-9th,
Beth Robinson-11th,
Bill & Dottie Brazelton (A)-12th

WELCOME CARD

Please detach and place in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary.

Date: _____

Name (s): _____

Child(ren): _____

Email: _____

Phone(s): _____

Address: _____

Please indicate:

- 1st Time Guest
- 2nd Time Guest
- Regular Attendee
- Member

I would like more information about:

- What FPC believes
- Small Groups
- Youth Group
- Children's Ministry
- Joining FPC in Membership
- La Iglesia Casa de Adoracion en Anniston

WHAT WE BELIEVE

- We believe the Bible is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God's truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice
- We believe in the Holy Trinity. There is one God, who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that all are sinners and totally unable to save themselves from God's displeasure, except by His mercy.
- We believe that salvation is by God alone as He sovereignly chooses those He will save. We believe His choice is based on His grace, not on any human individual merit, or foreseen faith.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who through His perfect life and sacrificial death atoned for the sins of all who will trust in Him, alone, for salvation.
- We believe that God is gracious and faithful to His people, not simply as individuals but as families in successive generations according to His Covenant promises.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells God's people and gives them the strength and wisdom to trust Christ and follow Him.
- We believe that Jesus will return, bodily and visibly to judge all mankind and to receive His people to Himself.
- We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The Vision of Faith Presbyterian Church is

To become a fellowship of
believers who are experiencing the
transforming power of the Gospel,
And are Instruments of Change
in the lives of others

Our Mission is

To *reach* people for Christ
And *equip* them to serve

Missionaries

Katherine Long
(Bulgaria, MTW)
Derek and Laura Dougherty
(Peru, MTW)
Brad and Colleen Taylor
(International, World Reach)
Anees Zaka
(Church Without Walls)
Wayne and Ann Curles
(Burma, Church Resource Ministries)
Kristen Flaniken
(Wycliffe Bible Translators)
Daniel & Courtney Hightower
(Jacksonville State, RUF)

Ministry Leadership

Rick Searle *Senior Pastor*
Grant Carroll *Associate Pastor*
Jay Dial (Intern) *Youth Ministry*
Chrissy McLeod *Children's Ministry*
Suzan Freeman *Office Administrator*
Ara Bain *Remembrance*
Jennifer Bush *Hospitality*