

The Lord's Day

January 14, 2018

There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations — these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit — immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously — no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption ... Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses.

— C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human.

— Henri J.M. Nouwen

Call to Worship

Psalm 27

Worship Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

Worship Leader: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

All: To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Worship Leader: My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”

All: Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Hymn of Praise #43

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Chisholm/Runyan

Invocation

(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.

Call to Confession of Sins

1 John 1:5-7

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Worship Leader: Holy Lord, we are guilty — of pride and unbelief, of failure to trust in Your Word, of neglect to seek You in our daily lives.

All: Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For we lay them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advocate.

Worship Leader: Go on, now, Lord, to subdue our weaknesses and selfishness, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but now rule over us in liberty and power.

All: We praise and thank You for Your wisdom and love, for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in You. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Songs of Renewal

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How Great Is Our God

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The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Chorus

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see how great,
How great is our God*

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Name above all names...Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God
Name above all names...Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God

Chorus

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Samuel Stennett and Christopher Miner

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On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
All o'er those wide, extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

Chorus

Men: I am bound, *Ladies:* I am bound,
Men: I am bound, *Ladies:* I am bound,
All: I am bound for the Promised Land.

Men: I am bound, *Ladies:* I am bound,
Men: I am bound, *Ladies:* I am bound,
All: I am bound for the Promised Land.

No chilling winds, nor poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore;
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed;
Where shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest.

Chorus 2xs

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

(Children age 4 through 1st grade may be dismissed for children's church)

Sermon

“King of Joy and Justice”

Pastor Rick Searle
Luke 12:32-48

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Deacons

Chad McLeod
Chris Probst
Brian Totherow
Brad Weaver
Justin Williams

Elders

Shannon Robertson
Tim Smith
Jay Walker

Ordination Questions for Candidates:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder (or deacon, as the case may be) in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?

5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Question for Church Members

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders and deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

Pronouncement of Ordination and Installation

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

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 Hymn #277

"The Church's One Foundation"

Stone/Wesley

Benediction

Luke 12:32-48

³² “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

³⁵ “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

⁴¹ Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?” ⁴² And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? ⁴³ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁴ Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁵ But if that servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, ⁴⁶ the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. ⁴⁷ And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. ⁴⁸ But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

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>

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Room	Topic	Teacher
<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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Upper Children's Church this Morning

Children in grades 2-5 will stay in the worship service this morning.

2017 Giving Statements

Giving statements for 2017 are on the table in the rear of the sanctuary for you to pick up.

Smith/Robertson Small Group

Bring your own dinner and join us this Wednesday at 5:30 in The Commons for a time of fellowship, followed by prayer.

College Age and Twenty Somethings

Tim and Cristie Smith are inviting college age and twenty somethings to join them for lunch at their home, after worship, next Sunday, January 21. 406 Laurel Springs Road, Anniston, 36207.

Church-wide Fellowship Lunch

We will have a Church Wide Soup and Sandwich lunch following the worship service on Sunday, January 28. There is a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary, near the church office door, for crock pot soup and sandwiches.

A "Communication Note" from Rick

I will be using the app "Group Me" in order to enhance our communication during the upcoming year. This app "groups" you so that you can keep up with details of the particular ministries you are involved with. For example, small groups can easily keep up with meeting times and dates, what we are studying (passages of Scripture or chapters of a book), and food we are eating (what to bring for supper or a snack); music we need to think about for Sunday (musicians), general communication about goals and tasks (elders and deacons); and SHORT/BRIEF words of encouragement to remind you about God's grace.

I will text you an invitation of the particular group you are involved with. If you don't text, you can participate on line with your computer.

Thanks for helping us open the "lines of communication" which will help us to be rooted in the Gospel and to grow in Grace.

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 the Lower Building, room L12.

WE REJOICE WITH

Derek and Laura Dougherty on the birth of their daughter, Skye Noelle, on January 3rd.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The family and friends of Andy Picton, who passed away suddenly last Monday

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

Eliska Mattox, recovering from hairline fractures of her tibia

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

This week's families: Alan & Ara Bain, Leo & Phyllis Berthiaume, Bill & Dottie Brazelton

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, Katie Weaver

Homes to sell: Chip & Anne Jones, Andrea Callahan

Church Ministry: Worship Team

Church Leaders & Staff: Jimmy Miller, Phil Stumbo

Young Adults: Bernie Gilliland, Hannah Herndon, Rachel Hill

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

Floek, Rosemary Cooley, Kevin Miller, Rob Bailey, Paul Hayden, Louis Fezell, 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: Tina McLeod, Annie Bell, Ann

Gilliland, Laurie Shaffer (Kris Herndon's sister), Gladys Snow, Dottie Brazelton, Clifford Herndon

Missionaries: Katherine Long (Bulgaria, MTW); Derek & Laura Dougherty (Peru, MTW);

Brad & Colleen Taylor (International World Reach); Anees Zaka (Church Without Walls);

Kristen Flaniken (Wycliffe Bible Translators); Daniel & Courtney Hightower (JSU, RUF);

Wayne and Ann Curles (Burma, Church Resource Ministries)

This Week's Schedule

Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
5:30 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm Ping Small Group

Mon: 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Tue: 9:30 am Ladies Discipleship

Wed: 8:00 am FPC/FCS Calendar mtg
10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
5:30 pm S/R Small Group
6:15 pm Searle Small Group

Children's Ministry

This Week	Next Week
Infant Worship: Leigh Anne Hill Susan Weaver	Infant Worship: Suzan Freeman Alicia Williams
2-3 Year Worship: Chrissy McLeod	2-3 Year Worship: Lisa Robertson
4 Yrs-1st grade: Katie Weaver	4 Yrs-1st grade: Camille Carroll Claire Stover
2nd-5th grade: stay in service	2nd-5th grade: Grant Carroll Eddie Herndon

Deacon:

This Week: Charlie Ping
Next Week: TBD

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Alan & Kimberley Nitchman (A)-14th
Leigh Anne Hill-17th
Micah Callahan-19th

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

Elders

Rick Searle *Senior Pastor*
Grant Carroll *Associate Pastor*
Peck Mallory, Vince Mattox,
Jimmy Miller, Shannon Robertson,
Tim Smith, Phil Stumbo,
Jack Thorough, Jay Walker

Deacons

Chad McLeod, Kelsey McWilliams,
Charlie Ping, Chris Probst,
Joe Searle, Brian Thorough,
Brad Weaver, Justin Williams

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*