

The Lord's Day

January 21, 2018

“What people revere, they resemble, either for ruin or for restoration.”

— Greg Beale, *We Become What We Worship*

Call to Worship

from Psalm 36:5-9

Worship Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice is deeper than the sea.

Worship Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Worship Leader: We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give us drink from the river of your delights.

All: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Hymn of Praise

Give Praise to God

James Montgomery Boice

Give praise to God who reigns above, for perfect knowledge, wisdom, love;
His judgments are divine, devout, His path beyond all tracing out.

Come, lift your voice to heaven's high throne, and glory give to God alone!

No one can counsel God all-wise, or truths unveil to His sharp eyes;
He marks our paths behind, before; He is our steadfast Counselor.

Come, lift your voice to heaven's high throne, and glory give to God alone!

Nothing exists that God might need, for all things good from Him proceed.
We praise Him as our Lord, and yet, we never place God in our debt.

Come, lift your voice to heaven's high throne, and glory give to God alone!

Creation, life, salvation too, and all things else, both good and true,
Come from and through our God always, and fill our hearts with grateful praise.

Come, lift your voice to heaven's high throne, and glory give to God alone!
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Invocation

Call to Confession of Sins

from 1 John 4:18-19

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:9

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

Songs of Renewal

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Behold Our God

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Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice; all creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on His throne;

Come, let us adore Him.

Behold our King, nothing can compare;

Come, let us adore Him.

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave; Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

Chorus

Men: You will reign forever!
Women: Let Your glory fill the earth!

Chorus

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name - I'm fixed upon it - Name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; bring Thy promises to pass.
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me, till I'm home with Thee at last.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

Worship Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. In fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

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

"The Glorious Word"

Pastor Rick Searle
John 1:1-18

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 #494

"Like a River Glorious"

Havergal/Mountain

Benediction

John 1:1-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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

<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>		
Pastor's Office	A Study of John 1-10	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

- A study of John 1-10

Who is Jesus? "I'm spiritual but not religious"—is that enough? How is Jesus the Light of the World? Why are Jesus' words of eternal life confusing—or even offensive—to many people?

In A Study of John 1–10, students have the opportunity to listen to the greatest Teacher of all—Jesus, God himself in the flesh—when he walked this earth. In this eyewitness account written by “the disciple whom Jesus loved,” we find Jesus using everyday items and events to teach deep spiritual truths, and everyone must either believe or reject 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

2017 Giving Statements

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

College Age and Twenty Somethings

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

School Board Members...There is a School Board meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30 pm.

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 next Sunday, January 28th. The class will meet for three weeks, during the Sunday School hour. The class will meet in the Lower Building, room L12.

Directory Updates

Ann Gilliland: 3 Windsor Circle, Anniston, AL 36207

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

The family and friends of Rusty Parker, a student of Leigh Anne Hill, who was tragically killed along with other members of his family last week

Libby Mallory Fenn, recovering from gallbladder surgery

Rick Searle, recovering from knee surgery

Kelsey McWilliams, recovering from back surgery

Eliska Mattox, recovering from hairline fractures of her tibia

This week's families: Jack & Deby Buchanan, Garry & Dorothy Burleigh, Bruce & Jennifer Bush

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: Children's

Church Leaders & Staff: Shannon Robertson, Tim Smith

Young Adults: Sara Kathryn Searle, Chloe Smith, Julianne Smith

Those struggling with health issues: Rosie Ping, Gene Wilson, Fred Medley, Gladys Snow, Jesse Floeck, Rosemary Cooley, Kevin Miller, Rob Bailey, Paul Hayden, Louis Feazell, Colleen Taylor

Those who are battling cancer: Chris Mixon (Courtney Hightower's grandmother), 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
12:15 pm Lunch at the Smith's
5:30 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm Ping Small Group

Mon: 8:00 am FPC/FCS Calendar mtg
10:30 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm FCS School Board mtg

Tue: 9:30 am Ladies Discipleship

Wed: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
6:15 pm Searle Small Group

Children's Ministry

This Week	Next Week
Infant Worship: Suzan Freeman Alicia Williams	Infant Worship: Jean Miller Kathryn Searle
2-3 Year Worship: Lisa Robertson	2-3 Year Worship: Ara Bain
4 Yrs-1st grade: Camille Carroll Claire Stover	4 Yrs-1st grade: Amy Minish
2nd-5th grade: Grant Carroll Eddie Herndon	2nd-5th grade: Shannon Robertson Jay Dial

Deacon:

This Week: Brad Weaver
Next Week: Brian Totherow

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Chip Jones-21st,
Mary Mallory-25th,
Meghan Lampton-26th

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 Totherow, Jay Walker

Deacons

Chad McLeod, Kelsey McWilliams,
Charlie Ping, Chris Probst,
Joe Searle, Brian Totherow,
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*