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# The Lord's Day

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I see grace growth best in winter.

— Samuel Rutherford

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### Call to Worship

*Psalm 139*

**Worship Leader:** O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.

**All:** You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

**Worship Leader:** You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

**All:** Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.

**Worship Leader:** You hem me in —behind and before; you have laid your hand on me.

**All:** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty to attain.

**Worship Leader:** Where shall I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

**All:** If I go up to the heavens you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

**Worship Leader:** If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

**All:** Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

**Worship Leader:** If I say, “surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,” even the darkness will not be dark to you;

**All:** The night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Hymn of Praise #8

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

Neander

Invocation ☩

## Call to Confession of Sins

*Psalm 139:23*

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

## Corporate Prayer of Confession †

*based on Psalm 139:23*

**All: Our Father in heaven, you created us and you know us inside and out. You are always with us. There is no place we can go that is beyond the reach of your care. Even in dark times, you guide us and hold us.**

**Forgive us for not seeking your strength when we struggle with our sins. Forgive us for grumbling when others mistreat us. Forgive us that we don't believe you hold us fast even in the dark times. Forgive us for not trusting that you have ordered our days for your glory and our good, and for not believing that the darkness is not dark to you.**

**Search us O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in us and lead us in the way everlasting.**

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Songs of Renewal

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### ***Satisfied***

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All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring  
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.

### *Chorus*

***Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings through his blood I now am saved.***

Feeding on the things around me 'till my strength was almost gone.  
Longed my soul for something better only still to hunger on.

*Chorus*

Poor I was and sought for riches something that would satisfy.  
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry.

*Chorus*

Well of water ever springing Bread of Life so rich and free.  
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me.

*Chorus*

**O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

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*(Violin)*

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter fairer be.

*(Violin)*

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossom's red  
Life that shall endless be.

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Doxology**

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him with humbleness!  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

## 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 catholic<sup>1</sup> Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade may be dismissed for children's church)*

## Sermon

*"Secrets of The Christian Life" Part II*

Pastor Rick Searle  
Philippians 1:12-26

## 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 #88

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

Anonymous German Hymn

## Benediction

## ✠ Worship Notes

Worship is dialog with God. He speaks to us through the Bible and we speak back to him in prayer and song. In the Bible we find examples of men and women praying in every conceivable circumstance. There is never a time that we can say, "I don't need to pray." As we come together as the people of God in prayer this morning we will cover in our three prayers the four general topics for prayer: adoration, thanksgiving, confession, and intercession. During these prayers, pray with the pastor as he prays. Then at the end you can give your hearty assent to the things prayed with a joyful, "amen!"

### Philippians 1:12-26

<sup>12</sup> I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

<sup>15</sup> Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup> The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup> as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup> But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

<sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

# 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](mailto: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><b>Group</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>	<i><b>Contact</b></i>	<i><b>Phone Number</b></i>	<i><b>Meeting Time</b></i>
<i>Youth Fellowship</i>	<i>Faith</i>	<i>Jay Dial</i>	<i>256-613-1153</i>	<i>Sunday, 6:00 pm</i>
<i>Ping's</i>	<i>Ping Home</i>	<i>Jack Tothrow</i>	<i>256-452-3661</i>	<i>Sunday, 6:00 pm</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Smith Home</i>	<i>Grant Carroll</i>	<i>601-421-1277</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sun., 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>Commons</i>	<i>Faith</i>	<i>Grant Carroll</i>	<i>601-421-1277</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Smith Group** – Starts this evening! Our goal is to fellowship around the table and spend some time praying for one another. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Youth Fellowship begins at the same time so, if you have youth age children, you can drop them off at the church before heading to the Smiths. Tim & Cristie are providing dinner this evening.

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

**Commons 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, from 5:30 pm to 7 pm, in The Commons for dinner, fellowship and prayer (BYOD - Bring your own dinner.) Group members will alternate providing child care during prayer time.

**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	<i>A Loving Life</i> by Paul Miller	Grant Carroll

### 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.

#### *- A Loving Life*

How do you love with no love in return? How do you love when no one notices or cares? In *A Loving Life*, Paul Miller looks to the book of Ruth for the help we need to embrace relationship, endure rejection, cultivate community and reach out to even the most unlovable around us. Books are just \$7.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Opportunity to Serve

We are looking for someone to oversee our hospitality ministry. This person would organize meals and other help for families in need during a time of illness or life changing event, such as the birth of a baby or death of a family member. This is a way to serve from home. If you are interested, please contact Suzan Freeman (256-453-5425).

### Church Work Day

The students of **RUF at JSU** have asked if they can spend part of their spring break helping Faith improve and maintain our church's grounds and facilities. We plan to, not only host, but serve with RUF on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3pm. We ask that you sign up for a morning shift (9am-noon), an afternoon shift (noon-3pm), or to stay all day, if you are able. We ask that volunteers bring the following supplies/tools, if you have them: work gloves, pruning shears, rakes, paint brushes, rags, buckets/pails, and Philips-head screw drivers. There will be no child care. **Lunch will be provided!** We are so grateful for RUF's desire to serve the church. Let's join together to welcome these students and demonstrate what it looks like for the Body of Christ to serve one another.



### Faith Christian School Yard Sale

Faith Christian School is having a yard sale on Saturday, March 17, from 7:00 am – 1:00 pm. Get a jump on your spring cleaning by clearing out the clutter you have accumulated. The school is accepting donations this week between 2:00 and 5:00 in the Main Gym.

### Camp Logos Save the Date

We are planning a different format for Camp Logos this year that will allow working parents to be more involved. Mark your calendars for **Friday-Sunday, June 8-10**. Chrissy McLeod is looking for help with crafts, snacks, games, and picture taking. If you can help, please let Chrissy know (256-770-5485).

### Thank You

Rosie Ping would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers and the outpouring of love and support she has received.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Neal & Sandy Hegeman's daughter, Melinda, who is recovering from being struck by a car while out walking

Karen Troppman, a friend of Faith, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer

This week's families: Peck & Mary Mallory, Vince & Eliska Mattox, Andrew Mattox

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, Grant & Camille Carroll (Mississippi house)

Church Ministry: Youth

Church Leaders & Staff: Suzan Freeman, Jay Dial

Young Adults: Bernie Gilliland, Hannah Herndon, Rachel Hill

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, 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  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
6:00 pm Smith Group  
6:00 pm Ping Small Group

Mon: 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Tue: 8:00 am FPC/FCS Calendar mtg  
9:30 am Ladies Discipleship

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

Sat: 7am-1pm FCS Yard Sale  
9am-3pm Church Workday

## Children's Ministry

This Week	Next Week
<b>Infant Worship:</b> Ara Bain Suzan Freeman	<b>Infant Worship:</b> Lisa Robertson Chrissy McLeod
<b>2-3 Year Worship:</b> Susan Weaver	<b>2-3 Year Worship:</b> Leigh Anne Hill
<b>4 Yrs-1<sup>st</sup> grade:</b> Katie Weaver	<b>4 Yrs-1<sup>st</sup> grade:</b> Hellon McWilliams
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> Shannon Robertson Jay Dial	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> Chad McLeod Brian Totherow

### Deacon:

This Week: Brad Weaver  
Next Week: Brian Totherow

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lisa Robertson-12<sup>th</sup>, Nell Stumbo-13<sup>th</sup>,  
Amy Minish-14<sup>th</sup>, Julianne Smith-15<sup>th</sup>,  
Jennifer Bush-15<sup>th</sup>,  
Alan & Ara Bain (A)-17<sup>th</sup>

## 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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- We believe that salvation is by God alone, by grace alone, and through faith in Christ alone, not based upon any human merit.
- 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*