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The Lord's Day

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Whether God come to his children with a rod or a crown, if he come himself with it, it is well. Welcome, welcome, Jesus, what way soever Thou come, if we can get a sight of Thee! And sure I am, it is better to be sick, providing Christ come to the bedside and draw by the curtains, and say, "Courage, I am Thy salvation," than to enjoy health, ... never to be visited of God.

— Samuel Rutherford

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Worship Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Worship Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

Worship Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

All: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!

Worship Leader: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Hymn of Praise #435 *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* Scriven/Converse

Invocation

Call to Confession of Sins ✠

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you: hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess to you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward others. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and by your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Songs of Renewal

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Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

Anne Steele & Kevin Twit © 1998 Kevin Twit Music

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight that I might love Thee more,
Oh that I might love Thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in Thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines my bleeding, dying Lord,
Oh my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, when e'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise
Thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
My fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, oh come with blissful ray
Break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
Won't you chase my fears away?

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of Thy love
But the full glories of Thy face are only known above,
They are only known above.

The Sands of Time are Sinking

Ann Cousin; Based on Samuel Rutherford's Letters

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for, the fair, sweet morn awakes.
Dark, dark had been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand.
And glory, glory, dwelleth, in Emmanuel's land.

The King there in His beauty, without a veil is seen.
It were a well spent journey, though sev'n deaths lay between.
The Lamb with His fair army, doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth, in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ He is the Fountain, the deep sweet well of love.
The streams of earth I've tasted, more deep I'll drink above.
There to an ocean fullness, His mercy doth expand.
And glory, glory, dwelleth, in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bride-groom's face.
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of Grace.
Not at the crown He giveth, but on His pierced hands.
The Lamb is all the glory, of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner, into His house of wine.
I stand upon His merit, I know no other stand.
Not even where glory dwelleth, in Emmanuel's land.

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

"Certainty in Christ"

Pastor Grant Carroll
Philippians 1:18b-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 #185

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Watts/Mason

Benediction

✠ Worship Notes

We ***confess our sins corporately*** because the people with whom we live in community are all sinners, every last one of them—and so are we. We must not settle for putting forward the appearance that we are all moral and doing well, nor may we get angry and mean, railing against each other for being bad. Confessing our sins together keeps us from marginalizing those things that nurture true Christian love and community: listening friendships, compassionate understanding, and, most of all, assurance that our sins are fully pardoned in Christ. Eugene Peterson reminds us, ‘It is the forgiveness of sin that frees men and women to love, and in that freedom, commands them to love.’

Philippians 1:18b-26

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ 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. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ 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.

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 Fellowship</i> | <i>Faith</i> | <i>Jay Dial</i> | <i>256-613-1153</i> | <i>Sunday, 6:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Ping</i> | <i>Ping Home</i> | <i>Jack Thotterow</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>2nd & 4th 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>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

Smith Group –Our goal is to fellowship around the table and spend some time praying for one another. We meet on the 2nd and 4th 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.

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 1st and 3rd 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

School Board Members

There is a School Board meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30 pm in the board room.

Commons Small Group

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

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).



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).

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Garry Burleigh, being evaluated for cataracts on Wednesday

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

This week's families: Jon Mattox, Allen & Natalie McDonald, Chad & Chrissy McLeod

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

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

Pregnancies: Ginny Searle, Katie Weaver

Homes to sell: Chip & Anne Jones, Andrea Callahan, Grant & Camille Carroll (Mississippi house)

Church Ministry: School Board

Church Leaders & Staff: Rick Searle, Grant Carroll

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, 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 Ping Small Group

Mon: 10:30 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm School Board meeting

Tue: 9:30 am Ladies Discipleship

Wed: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
5:30 pm Commons Group
6:15 pm Searle Group

Children's Ministry

| This Week | Next Week |
|--|---|
| Infant Worship: Lisa Robertson Chrissy McLeod | Infant Worship: Beth Wilson Kathryn Searle |
| 2-3 Year Worship: Leigh Anne Hill | 2-3 Year Worship: Kris Herndon |
| 4 Yrs-1st grade: Hellon McWilliams | 4 Yrs-1st grade: Alice & Jay Walker |
| 2nd-5th grade: Chad McLeod Brian Totherow | 2nd-5th grade: Rick Searle Jay Dial |

Deacon:

This Week: Brian Totherow
Next Week: Kelsey McWilliams

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rick & Kathryn Searle (A)-20th,
Allen McDonald-23rd,
Eliska Mattox-24th,
Phil & Nell Stumbo (A)-24th

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.
- 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*