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The Lord's Day

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Suffering is the friction which polishes our graces. Without it we would be all the poorer as reflectors of the image of his Son.

— Sinclair Ferguson

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-6, 11-13

Worship Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Worship Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

Worship Leader: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.

All: He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Hymn of Praise #196

"There Is a Fountain"

Cowper/Mason

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.

Corporate 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 as one people, 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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By Thy Mercy

James Cummins & Greg Thompson
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Jesus Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore Thee, friend of helpless sinners hear.

From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hard'ning pow'r of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within.

*By Thy mercy, O deliver us good Lord;
By Thy mercy, O deliver us good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.

When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

*By Thy mercy, O deliver us good Lord;
By Thy mercy, O deliver us good Lord, good Lord.*

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.

In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls on Thee relying, find Thee still our Rock and Stay.

*By Thy mercy, O deliver us good Lord;
By Thy mercy, O deliver us good Lord, good Lord.*

*By Thy mercy, O deliver us good Lord;
By Thy mercy, O deliver us good Lord, good Lord.*

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Charles Wesley & Kevin Twit, © 1996 Kevin Twit Music

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Refrain

Arise (echo), arise (echo), arise, arise my soul arise.

Arise (echo), arise (echo), arise, arise my soul arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race, His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Refrain

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”

Refrain

My God is reconciled; His pard’ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
and “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

Refrain

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!

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.

¹That 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

"Standing Together"

Pastor Grant Carroll
Philippians 1:27-30

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.

Benediction**✠ Worship Notes**

Saying the **Apostles’ Creed** can strengthen not only our faith, but also the faith of those around us. We call our fellow believers to deeper faith in God and remind them that they are not alone in confessing the living and true God. Moreover, we declare our faith to those around us who may not know God—that we believe in the Triune God, in the forgiveness of sins, the fellowship of the Church, and in the resurrection.

Philippians 1:27-30

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Sunday School and Youth Group will not meet next Sunday, April 1.

The Church Office will be closed on Friday.



Faith Cup

Faith Christian School FADS is hosting their 4th Annual Golf Tournament. It will be a two man scramble at Silver Lakes on Saturday, April 14. Reservation forms are available on the counter in the church office

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

Lynda Doss, Ara Bain's niece, recovering from brain surgery, diagnosed with cancer, and will follow with chemotherapy or radiation (to be determined)

Mike Pruitt, recovering from oral surgery

This week's families: Kelsey & Hellon McWilliams, Jimmy & Jean Miller, Jonathan Mills

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: Faith Christian School

Church Leaders & Staff: Peck Mallory, Vince Mattox

Young Adults: Sam Smith, Claire Stover, Stone Sullivan

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: Karen Troppman, 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

Wed: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

Fri: Church Office Closed

Sat: 3:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt

Children's Ministry

This Week	Next Week
Infant Worship: Beth Wilson Kathryn Searle	Infant Worship: Alicia Williams Claire Stover
2-3 Year Worship: Kris Herndon	2-3 Year Worship: Suzan Freeman
4 Yrs-1st grade: Alice & Jay Walker	4 Yrs-1st grade: Sue Pruitt Sheila Totherow
2nd-5th grade: Rick Searle Jay Dial	2nd-5th grade: stay in service

Deacon:

This Week: Kelsey McWilliams
Next Week: Chad McLeod

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Katie Weaver-25th,
Mike & Sue Pruitt (A)-25th,
Katie Dunnagan-27th,
Vince Mattox-29th

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*
Alicia Williams *Hospitality*