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The Lord's Day

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

The New Testament writers speak as if Christ's achievement in rising from the dead was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe. He is the 'first fruits,' the 'pioneer of life,' He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so.

— C. S. Lewis

The first faith question that every person is asking is not: "Is Jesus God?" but "Can God be trusted?" or "Is God for us?" The resurrection is saying, "Yes, God can be trusted, God is turning our crucifixions into life."

— Richard Rohr, *The Good News According to Luke*

Call to Worship ☩

Matthew 28:1-10

Worship Leader: After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women,

All: "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

Worship Leader: So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them.

All: "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

Worship Leader: Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name,

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Invocation

Call to Confession of Sins

Matthew 16:24-25

Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

Corporate Prayer of Confession

All: Our Gracious Father, You sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Foolishly, however, we have, time and time again, chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us. In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with you whose love is better than life and whom to know is life itself. In so doing, we have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have diminished their lives. In so doing, we have damaged and despoiled ourselves who had been created to reflect your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake. And grant that your resurrection power might course through our entire being that we might walk in the ways of love and justice to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Nehemiah 8:10b

“...do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Songs of Renewal

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He Will Hold Me Fast

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When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path.
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

Chorus

*He will hold me fast ... He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so ... He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, His Promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

Chorus

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last.

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

Offertory

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 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 1st grade may be dismissed for children's church)

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

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand!

Benediction

✠ Worship Notes

Biblical worship is always a response to God's gracious revelation of himself to his people. He takes the initiative to come to us in grace and seek us before we ever respond to him. Therefore, our worship services begin with a scriptural "call to worship." The content comes from the Bible and is pronounced by the minister. In the call to worship we are reminded that God always takes the initiative. He always comes toward us first in grace. The worship we offer is a response to his gracious call.

Philippians 3:7-11; 20-21

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

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.

| Group | Location | Contact | Phone Number | Meeting Time |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|
| <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 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>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> |

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> | | |
| 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 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upper Children's Church (grades 2-5)... will stay in the worship service this morning.

Youth Group... will not meet this evening.

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.

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

Mike Pruitt, recovering from oral surgery

This week's families: Amy Minish, Joe Mike Montgomery, Charlie Neal

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: Discipleship

Church Leaders & Staff: Jimmy Miller, Shannon Robertson

Young Adults: Thomas Walker, Sydney Warneke, Sarah Burleigh

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)

RUF (JSU) prayer request:

As you give thanks to God that there was no loss of life, remember that there are a large number of students and residents who lost many of their possessions if not everything.

Pray as they mourn their loss, long for hope, look for resources, and restart their lives.

Cleaning up the wreckage is a hard and dangerous job. Pray for volunteers and professionals as they are away from family, working long days, and entering into dangerous situations.

Pray for the faculty and administrators of JSU as they scramble to finish up this semester, care for students, and look ahead to the summer and fall.

Pray for the Hightowers as they process the abrupt and difficult end to their first year of RUF at Jacksonville State. Pray also as their home will be in disarray for the foreseeable future. Pray lastly that they will know how best to care for JSU students.

This Week's Schedule

Sun: 10:30 am Worship
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 Commons Group
6:15 pm Searle Group

Children's Ministry

| This Week | Next Week |
|---|--|
| Infant Worship: Alicia Williams Claire Stover | Infant Worship: Chrissy McLeod Deby Buchanan |
| 2-3 Year Worship: Kris Herndon | 2-3 Year Worship: Jack Totherow |
| 4 Yrs-1st grade: Sue Pruitt Sheila Totherow | 4 Yrs-1st grade: Katie Weaver |
| 2nd-5th grade: Stay in service | 2nd-5th grade: Grant Carroll Jay Dial |

Deacon:

This Week: Chad McLeod
Next Week: Joe Searle

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jean Miller-2nd,
Sonny & Susan Weaver (A)-3rd,
Kay Pugh-4th,
Sam Smith-4th,
William Folsom-7th,
Tony Canevaro-7th

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*