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# The Lord's Day

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“As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you.”

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

“This is the true engine for bringing down all haughtiness — this the sword for putting an end to all pride, when we are taught that we are utterly nothing, and can do nothing, except through the grace of God alone.”

— John Calvin

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### Call to Worship

*Isaiah 45:22-25*

**Worship Leader:** Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth. For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in righteousness a Word that shall not be revoked:

**All: ‘Before Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.’**

**Worship Leader:** They will say of me, ‘In the Lord alone are righteousness and strength.’ All who have raged against Him will come to Him and be put to shame.

**All: But in the Lord all the descendants of Israel shall be found righteous and shall glory.**

Hymn of Praise #234

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

Bridges/Elvey

### Invocation

#### Call to Confession of Sins

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and we have not acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have conformed to the ways of the world, and we have failed to give honor to Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and by your Spirit empower us to live as your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who rules over all things. In his name we pray. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*James 4:6*

But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

### Songs of Renewal

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#### *Agnus Dei*

Michael W. Smith ©1990 Sony/ATV Milene Music CCLI#626713

Alleluia, alleluia,  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia.

Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb;  
Worthy is the Lamb.  
You are holy. Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

Repeat

#### *Forever*

Chris Tomlin ©2001 worshiptogether.com songs CCLI Song #3148428

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; His love endures forever  
He is good, He is above all things; His love endures forever  
Sing praise, Sing praise

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; His love endures forever  
For the life that has been reborn; His love endures forever  
Sing praise, Sing praise, Sing praise Sing praise

*Chorus*  
*Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong*  
*Forever God is with us, forever (forever)*  
*(repeat)*

From the rising to the setting sun; His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God we'll carry on; His love endures forever  
Sing praise, Sing praise, Sing praise, Sing praise

*Chorus*

## **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 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**

*"Artist in Residence"*

Pastor Rick Searle  
Philippians 2:1-13

## **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** #76

*"O for a Thousand Tongues"*

Wesley/Glazer

## **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 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup> If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,  
<sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

<sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without complaining or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe <sup>16</sup> as you hold out the word of life--in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.

# 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>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>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.

**Smith Group** –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.

**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**

### **Congregational Meeting**

There will be a brief congregational meeting today, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of electing a fourth trustee for Faith Presbyterian Church. Currently, Jimmy Miller, Jack Totherow and Shannon Robertson serve as Trustees.

### **Elders and Deacons**

There is a Joint Stated Meeting this Tuesday, April 24, at 6:30 pm in the yellow room.

**The Smith Group...**meets this evening at 6:00 pm at the Smith home.

### **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

Frances Long, Anne Jones' mother, recovering from a stroke

Sheila Totherow, recovering from a bout of colitis

The continued disaster recovery in Jacksonville

Daniel & Courtney Hightower, as they minister to JSU students while their home is being repaired

This week's families: Shannon & Lisa Robertson, Forney & Joni Russ, Bonnie Schroeder

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

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

Pregnancies: Katie Weaver, Alicia Probst, Elizabeth Weaver Kirk

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

Andrea Callahan

Church Ministry: Youth

Church Leaders & Staff: Chad McLeod, Kelsey McWilliams

Young Adults: Sam Smith, Thomas Walker, Sydney Warneke

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: Lynda Doss (Ara Bain's niece), 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, 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)

Brad Taylor (International World Reach) is leaving today for Honduras to teach New Testament Survey on back to back weeks to two different groups of students.

Please pray for:

1. God's strength and endurance as Brad teaches in the high heat during the day, that God would give him energy and strength in teaching, and that the students would be alert and engaged.
2. For God's protection during the two weeks, that He will protect Brad from kidnapping or other dangers.
3. For all the details of the trip, teaching and classes – that all will go well.
4. Especially pray for God's Spirit to powerfully use the teaching of His Word and Gospel to transform the hearts and lives of the students.

## This Week's Schedule

Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
6:00 pm Smith Group

Mon: 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Tue: 9:30 am Ladies Discipleship  
6:30 pm Joint Stated Meeting

Wed: 8:00 am FPC/FCS Calendar mtg  
10:00 am Ladies Bible Study  
6:15 pm Searle Group

## Children's Ministry

This Week	Next Week
<b>Infant Worship:</b> Leigh Anne Hill Beth Wilson	<b>Infant Worship:</b> Claire Stover Kathryn Searle
<b>2-3 Year Worship:</b> Ara Bain	<b>2-3 Year Worship:</b> Kris Herndon
<b>4 Yrs-1st grade:</b> Amy Minish	<b>4 Yrs-1st grade:</b> Hellon McWilliams
<b>2nd-5th grade:</b> Shannon Robertson Eddie Herndon	<b>2nd-5th grade:</b> Shannon Robertson Jay Dial

## Deacon:

This Week: Justin Williams  
Next Week: Brad Weaver

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Leo & Phyllis Berthiaume (A)-22<sup>nd</sup>,  
Forney Russ-24<sup>th</sup>, Camille Carroll-24<sup>th</sup>,  
Rick Searle-25<sup>th</sup>, Lucy McWilliams-25<sup>th</sup>,  
Anne Jones-25<sup>th</sup>,  
Boyce & Donna Callahan (A)-27<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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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*  
Alicia Williams *Hospitality*