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16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20 ESV

THE LORD'S DAY

December 27, 2020



God's People Gather for Worship

"By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity..." *(excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)*

Gathering as God's People

Gathering Song

"Joy to the World"

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, Rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Welcome and Announcements

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you

and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Song

“Come Thou Fount of Every
Blessing”

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing; Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing; Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise His name- I'm fixed upon it, Name of God's redeeming love
Hitherto Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, Bought me with His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it seal; it for Thy courts above
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Song

“All Glory Be to Christ”

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

(chorus)

All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

(chorus)

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ!

(chorus)

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Offering Our Fellowship and Gifts

Passing of the Peace

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Interceding for God's World

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Driven by a Promise"

Mr. Jimmy Latham

Scattering as Christ's Church

Song

"Wonderful Merciful Savior"

Wonderful, Merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend

Who would have thought that a Lamb could

Rescue the souls of men, Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Teacher, spirit we long to embrace

You offer hope when our hearts have

Hopelessly lost the way, Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

(chorus)

You are the one that we praise

You are the one we adore

You give the healing and grace

Our hearts always hunger for

Oh, our hearts always hunger for
Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne, Oh, we're falling before Your throne
(chorus 2 times)

Commissioning and Benediction



Ministry Updates

WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020: A combined worship service will be offered online and onsite at the church at 10:00 am in King Hall. Mr. Jimmy Latham will be preaching both services this week, using Matthew 28:16-20 as his text.

To access the service online directly, go to www.facebook.com/fpcrome or click the button you'll find on our church web page, www.fpcrome.org. You do not need to be a Facebook user to access the service.

To view or download the Order of Worship for Sunday's service, go to the home page of the website, as well, and follow instructions there. Using this Order of Worship, you'll not only be able to follow along in the service, but can participate actively as it includes words to songs and other elements we'll be asked to join in speaking, praying, or singing. You can also download the provided sermon guides for children and middle schoolers.

VISITOR WELCOME – Thank you for worshipping with us today. Whether you are worshipping in-person or viewing our livestream, we want to welcome you into our midst. We would love to have the opportunity to answer any questions you may have about our ministries. Please visit www.fpcrome.org and click on the Connect Form link at the top of the home page. Our Connections team will contact you. We look forward to connecting with you!

MISSIONS EMPHASIS

SAVE THE DATE: Missions Emphasis, Kick off; Wednesday Family Gathering, February 3rd through worship at 9:00 and 11:00 am on Sunday, February 7th. Theme: Gospel Driven Impact Through the Generations. (In preparation for this event, consider reading, [*Through the Gates of Splendor*](#), by Elisabeth Elliot. Limited copies available at the church office.)

WRAPPING UP THE HOLIDAY SEASON

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Friday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

LADIES, HELP US UNDECORATE THE CHURCH on Tuesday, December 29 at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Saunders at 205-914-4034.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS RESUME ON JANUARY 6th. We will be taking reservations for the boxed meal. More information to follow in next week's announcements.

See the announcement below for information about our special 4-week "Christ and Culture Forum" (6:00-7:15 pm) for all adults. Start the new year off well and join us!

CHRIST & CULTURE FORUM: JANUARY 2021 – How do we think rightly in times of chaos?

When: Every Wednesday in January 2021 at 6:00 PM

Where: King Hall + Facebook Live

2020 has arguably thrown us more curveballs and upended our lives than any year in our lifetimes. Between the pandemic, protests, riots, a presidential election, and economic disruption our culture has seemed to feed on this chaos to grow division and strife. Both Christians and unbelievers have found themselves gripped with fear, engulfed in suffering, and contemplating injustice. What should the response of the church be for the year 2021? Join us in the discussion as we search the scriptures to determine how we should think rightly about all these issues and more. More details and speaker line-up can be found on the church website. Please contact John Goodrich (jhgoodr@gmail.com) with questions.

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

JESUS CARE FOR CHILDREN 8 WEEKS-2 YEARS OLD CONTINUES – During the 11:00 am Worship Hour we will have Jesus Care for children 8 weeks through 2 years old. Reservations are required online at fpcrome.org.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES – As we are making our plans to start 2021's programs, we need your help. Are you willing to volunteer for Children's Ministry Sunday School and/or the Wednesday Night program? If so, please contact Mrs. Andrea at the church office.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

2021 COMMITMENT CARDS – Thank you to everyone who has turned in your pledge cards for 2021. We have received 120 cards with a total pledge of \$1,282,836.00. You may place these in the offering baskets or mail/drop them off at the church office. Please contact Lisa at 706-291-6033 if you need a card or have any questions.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES – are now available in the hallway outside of King Hall. Thank you for using them! They help with processing your contribution. If you can't locate your envelopes, please contact Lisa at 706-291-6033 ext. 112 and she will be glad to help you!

2020 CONTRIBUTIONS – The final day to bring your 2020 contributions to the church office will be Thursday, December 31 at 2:00 pm. Mailed contributions must be postmarked by December 31 in order to be included on your 2020 statement. If you have any questions regarding your 2019 contributions, please call Lisa at 706-291-6033 ext. 112.

CARING FOR OTHERS

PRAYER REQUESTS – If you would like to be kept informed of the church's prayer needs, email Tracy at tracyd@fpcrome.org to receive updated prayer requests. If you would like to submit a Prayer Request for you or someone you know that is in need, you may do so on our website at <http://www.fpcrome.org/resources/personal-prayer-requests/>.

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH & WISDOM: GUIDELINES FOR GATHERING – Check these out on our website.