



WORSHIP

TODAY'S PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE (3/28/21): We will have two separate worship services at 9:00 am (Classic in the Sanctuary) and 11:00 am (Convergent in King Hall). Reverend Bill Pardue will be preaching this week, using Colossians 3:1-4 as his text. We are grateful to have our precious children greeting us this morning for Palm Sunday!

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. You can also download the provided sermon guides for children and middle schoolers.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE (4/4/21): We will have two separate worship services at 9:00 am (Classic in the Sanctuary) and 11:00 am (Convergent in King Hall).

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!

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

EASTER LILIES – We invite you to place your order for an Easter Lily to be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in honor or in memory of a loved one. You may purchase a lily through your ShelbyNext Membership account or fpcrome.org (link on the front page or under "Give"). Choose fund "Easter Lily". The cost of the lily is \$10.00. March 29 is the deadline for placing your order.

Today, March 28, Begins Holy Week. We will not have our usual Wednesday Night Family Gathering. We will be observing Maundy Thursday on April 1 in King Hall at 7:00 pm.

For this Maundy Thursday service we remember the Last Supper, Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, and His death on the cross. The name, Maundy Thursday, comes from the new mandate or commandment Jesus gave during the Last Supper when He said, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: just as I loved you, you also are to love one another." (John 13:34)

This is a solemn service as we remember Jesus' atoning sacrifice of His life for sinners like us.

MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA

**Maundy Thursday
Communion Service**

**April 1st at 7 p.m.
King Hall**

**Come worship and remember
the passion of Christ**

SEVEN LAST WORDS

This service of Communion and Tenebrae features the Chancel Choir and guest instrumentalists of Michael John Trotta's setting of the Seven Last Words of Christ; and will include a message by Rev. Ken Chivers. You do not want to miss this unique opportunity to reflect upon Christ's sacrifice.

Childcare will be provided age 8 weeks through 3 years.

NEW RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

Having been elected by the congregation, taken part in a period of officer training, and approved by the Session, the following new officers were ordained and/or installed during the combined worship service on March 21, 2021.

Deacons Ordained and Installed:

Brian Bojo
Andy Gates
Greg Glover

Deacons Installed:

Justin Bruce
Patrick Cash
Joey Beard
Harris York

Ruling Elders Ordained and Installed:

Ryland Scott

Ruling Elders Installed:

Mike Garrett
Tommy Manning
Jonathan Whitley

As we begin a new officer year, we would like to thank the following officers who rotated off of the active service as of March 21: Ruling Elders – Bill Brewster, Charlie Williams, Frank Brown, John Pittman, and Paul Brock; Deacons – Roger Sartorato, Charles Stevens, Doug Holstein and Rodger Duncan.

SHELBYNEXT MEMBERSHIP APP

X Has your contact information changed recently? You may update your contact information on your ShelbyNext Membership app. If you need help with the ShelbyNext app, please email Tracy at tracyd@fpcrome.org or call the church office at (706) 291-6033.

SERVING AND 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/>.

Do you know someone who is a non-believer? The Evangelism Ministry Team would love to pray for them. You may email your specific requests to Pastor Jonathan Schwartz at jonathans@fpcrome.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is one of FPC's supported ministries. In addition to church support, one of the ways you can get involved individually is to participate in the upcoming "Hammer It Home for Habitat" 5K and Health Walk. This fun fundraiser event takes place on Saturday, May 1, at 9:00 a.m. at the Rome Braves Stadium (Eastside Parking Lot). You can run or walk, either alone or with a group of individuals. To register or for more information go to habitatcoosavalley.org, or else contact our own Jennifer Beard. Also, please see the fliers regarding information and registration for the event that are available at the Welcome Center in the Education Building and the table at the entrance to King Hall.

MEN OF THE CHURCH

DEAR MEN OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN – Last week I sent out an email blast inviting you to a small group opportunity starting the week after Easter. A few of you have contacted me already. If you did receive that email, please pray about whether this is something that would empower and encourage you. If you did not receive it, let me know and I will be sure to send it to you again with the details. Glad to be in this band of brothers with you! As always, you may text or call me at (423) 596-8316 (cell) or by email at jonathans@fpcrome.org. - Pastor Jonathan

"SPEAKING OF JESUS" EVANGELISM CLASS

To those of you who participated in the "Speaking of Jesus" evangelism class, you should have already received an email with a link to the last lecture which Pastor Jonathan recorded for you.

If there are others in the church who did not participate in the class but would like to watch the last video, it is now available on our church website. Just click on "Ministries," then "Adults," then "Wednesday Nights" and you should find it there. Please see Pastor Jonathan if you would like any more information about the class or if you have any inquiries related to the Evangelism Ministry at FPC.

MOPS – MOMS OF PRESCHOOLERS

New mom? Have kids age 5 and under? Looking for a mom group who can support you, encourage you and champion you through the journey of motherhood? As a FPC supported ministry, Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) exists to help moms navigate all areas of motherhood but also encourages moms as women through a gospel focused, loving environment. Our next meeting is on April 6 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall and we are excited to welcome Kelley Streiff (daughter of Jeff and Donna Chadwick) as our speaker. We are not offering childcare at this time but hope you will consider joining us or mention our group to someone you know who might be interested in an evening of refreshment and encouragement. Contact Vickie Goodrich at 770-546-0717 if you have any questions.

PRAY FOR ME CAMPAIGN



TIP OF THE MONTH – Dear prayer champions, by now you may already have worked your way through the *Pray for Me* Prayer Guide. So what do you do now? Start over at the beginning and keep going! Continue to be diligent and persevering in prayers for your student. This may also be a good time to reconnect with your student. Find out from them (or their parents), what their current prayer requests are. Also, even though your main assignment is to pray for them, you might also find out if they have any spring activities coming up (sports, musical performances, etc.), that you could not only pray about but even attend if you are able! Mostly, we just want to encourage you to keep going with your prayers, trusting that our Lord is both willing and able to answer them. And may the Lord richly bless you in return!

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

WOMEN'S WALKING GROUP – Ladies, come join us on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:15 pm in the church parking lot (weather permitting). Please wear a mask until we begin walking and can walk while maintaining distance.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

BIBLE STUDY TIME ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR ALL AGES CONTINUES – For adults, we will have one Bible study offering. See details below from Director of Adult Discipleship, Rob Davis.

We will also have programs for Students, Children and Nursery. We are still in need of volunteers for our Children's Ministry and our 4 and 5 year old nurseries.

The Sunday Morning Bible Study time will be from 10:10 am until 10:45 am. Please be in prayer for our ministry leaders and volunteers. To help prepare our volunteers, and limited room capacities, we are asking that reservations be made each week for our Nursery and Children's Sunday School age groups. To make reservations, visit the homepage of fpcrome.org.

DELIGHTING IN THE TRINITY – Question 5 of the Westminster Shorter Catechism asks the question, "Are there more Gods than one?" The answer to the question is, "There is but one only, the living and true God." The next question in the catechism is, "How many persons are there in the Godhead?" The answer is, "There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory." How can God be three persons, yet one God? The doctrine of the Trinity is foundational to the Christian faith and yet the word "Trinity" is not mentioned in the Bible. We endeavor together as Christians not just assent to the doctrine but to actually be moved by a glorious and rich understanding of our trinitarian God. On Sunday, March 7, from 10:10 to 10:45 through Sunday, May 28, come to King Hall for this great Adult Sunday School opportunity to grow in what it means to Delight in the Trinity.