



WORSHIP

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (9/12/21) – We will have two separate worship services at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary and 11:00 am in King Hall. Reverend Bill Pardue will be preaching this week, using Micah 3:5-8 as his text.

Watch us online through Vimeo (www.vimeo.com/fpcrome) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/fpcrome/videos), these links can also be found on our homepage at www.fpcrome.org.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (9/19/21) – We will have two separate worship services at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary and 11:00 am in King Hall.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GATHERING GUIDELINES –

- Each one of us is free to wear a mask out of our desire to take precautions, or because we have vulnerabilities, or we are not vaccinated, or any other reason. Therefore, we will see folks wearing masks and not wearing masks on our campus, in worship, or in Bible studies. Parents will decide whether their children will wear masks or not. Teachers will decide, based on their own comfort level, whether or not to wear masks.
- As we seek to serve you well, we will continue to make masks and hand sanitizer available throughout our campus.
- We will continue to serve only individually packaged snacks and food for any gathering on our campus—large or small.

See available options for Corporate Worship on the homepage of fpcrome.org.

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!

PRAY FOR AFGHANISTAN

The Mission Ministry Team asks for prayer for the Afghan refugees as they leave everything they have known, for the unknown. Also pray for the FPC mission team as they seek the mind of God for wisdom as they discern the best way to support refugees. This was written by one of our Afghan friends, "To my friends and family who live in the US, please see what you can do in your local communities (and churches) to welcome the thousands of Afghan heroes who helped the US mission and who are being flown out of Afghanistan. Step in to help and lend a hand at the shovel. Pray for and show love to the displaced refugees as they arrive. Love is tangible, it is an act." Please contact Natalie Pettegrew at nataliep@fpcrome.org for tangible ways to help.

INFORMATION/LITERATURE RACKS

Please see our information racks for more detailed information from various ministries. The racks are located inside the office entrance of the Education Building and in the atrium of the Christian Life Center, or you may visit www.fpcrome.org.

STUDENT MINISTRIES – PRAY FOR ME

The Student Ministries will be relaunching the Pray For Me Campaign (PFMC) for the fourth year on Sunday September 26th! The PFMC is an effort to connect the students (7th-12th grade) in our church with older adults through prayer. Prayer Champions commit to praying for their student for one year using the Pray For Me prayer guide which you can purchase from the Student Ministry's staff for \$10. If you would like to sign up as a student or as a Prayer Champion, you may do so at the Welcome Center in the Education building, the atrium of the Christian Life Center, or by visiting the student events page on the church website. *Prayer teams will be pre-assigned and the King Hall will be sanitized at the conclusion of the service in preparation for the launch.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS AND PROGRAM RESUME SEPTEMBER 15 – Meal from 5:15–6:00: Pick O Deli will cater our meal for adults and children, which will include Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, and Cheesecake. **Reservations for the MEAL ONLY are required and due no later than 3pm on Monday, September 13.** The home page of our website (www.fpcrome.org) provides easy access to make your reservations. You may also email your reservation by that same deadline to info@fpcrome.org, or call the church office at 706-291-6033. **Additionally, we will not be offering 'to go' meals at this time. We apologize for any inconvenience.**

Program from 6:15 – 7:15

- Christianity Explored (Doctor Jonathan Schwartz) – CLC Fellowship Hall
- Life on Mission (Missions Ministry Team) – CLC 204/205
- Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners & Saints (Pastor Ken Chivers and Rob Davis) – CLC Room 203
- Elders Discipleship Small Group (Reverend Bill Pardue) – Begins September 29 thru November 3
- Nursery 8 weeks - 1 year old – Education Bldg. 1st floor
- Bible Zone 2/3 Year olds (Simply Loved) – Education Bldg. Room 207
- Bible Zone 4/Kinders (Simply Loved) – Education Bldg. Room 206
- Grades 1-3 Summit (I Will Build My church) – Education Bldg. God's Garden
- Grades 4-5 Girls Small Group (I Will Build My Church) – Education Bldg. Room 205
- Grades 4-5 Boys Small Group (I Will Build My Church) – Education Bldg. Room 202
- Grade 6 Communicants – Hardy Classroom
- Choir Practice 6:15-7:30 – Sanctuary
- Jr. High 6:00 – The Crossing
- Sr. High - On Wednesday evening there is no senior-high-specific programming. Our hope is to grow student leadership by providing opportunities for senior high students to serve in the junior high or children's ministry on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in one of these areas of service, please contact one of the student ministry's staff. Those who are unable to serve are encouraged to participate in one of the adult discipleship offerings.

Cost: Adults \$7.00 – Students and Children \$3.00 (Note: Family Max \$25.00)

Wednesday Night Family Gathering - Beloved church Family! Wednesday Night Family Gathering small group ministries start this **Wednesday, September 15 at 5:30**, in the **King Hall** with dinner and then small group ministry offerings from 6:15 - 7:15 pm. On Wednesday nights we gather around the family table where we care through sharing and prayer. We share God's story in the context of own lives with love and authenticity and grow together as disciples in the context a small groups. Small Group Offerings Include the following:

Life on Mission facilitated by Brand and Ashley Evans – This is a Missions Small Group; the purpose is to create space for ongoing discussions around missions and have a place for missionaries visiting our church to share their stories. The remaining classes the study will be mini-lesson in missions.

Christianity Explored led by Pastor Jonathan – is a 7-week journey through the Gospel of Mark, focusing on the identity, mission, and call of Jesus (who he is, what he achieved, and how he calls us to respond). Although primarily intended as a great introduction to Christianity for non-believers, this course also serves as a powerful reminder to mature Christians of why the gospel truly is the greatest news ever! The intended outcome is to strengthen us in our faith, equip us to communicate the gospel more effectively, and experience the course firsthand so that we might be encouraged to think about and invite our non-believing friends the next time we offer the course. The format is a 15-minute video followed by discussion. We'd love for you to join us on the journey.

Gentle & Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners & Saints led by Pastor Ken Chivers and Rob Davis –

"For sinners who cannot seem to get our of their own way." Brad Gray

Christians can easily feel that Jesus is perpetually disappointed and frustrated, maybe even close to giving up on them. They know what Christ has done for them—but who is he? How does he feel about his people amid all their sins and failures? In Matthew 11, Jesus describes himself as "gentle and lowly in heart," longing for his people to find rest in him. Participants in this small group will receive a free copy of the book.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES

Sunday Morning Studies continue from 10:10-10:40 am

Hardy 1 Study: Winsome Witness to the Wonder of Jesus: Reformed Theology; what it is and why it matters.

"In recent years we have seen a resurgence in interest and acceptance in what is called 'Reformed Theology' or 'Calvinism.'" There are several reasons for this: 1) It is Biblical. 2) It glorifies God. 3) It stands in stark contrast to the emptiness and man-centered theology that is often found in modern evangelicalism. 4) It answers man's questions about his ultimate purpose and relationship to God.

What we believe matters. It shapes everything from our understanding of God and salvation to our worldview." Kenneth Studdard. "The foundation of true holiness and true Christian worship is the doctrine of the gospel, what we are to believe. So when Christian doctrine is neglected, forsaken, or corrupted, true holiness and worship will also be neglected, forsaken, and corrupted". –John Owen

As Presbyterians this is what we believe. Our beliefs are based on the Bible and its interpretation through the Westminster Standards. Do you know what you believe? Can you defend your beliefs? Can you articulate them? As our culture becomes increasingly pagan, materialistic, and hedonistic it is important to know what you believe and to live a life that reflects that belief. Peter in his epistle 1 Peter 3:13-17 reminded his fellow believers that suffering may come, but to be sure that it was in spite of their behavior and beliefs. It was also important that they could state and defend the "hope that was in you."

Fellowship Hall Study: The Book of Micah. The Incomparable God: A story of forgiveness and fidelity.

The study of the Book of Micah will commence by taking a few steps back to Micah 1:1-7, which was launched on Sunday, August 8. Each week the group gathered will revisit the essentials in message preached and discuss together not only the many practical applications of the message, but the facilitator will be leading discussions around how individuals, couples, families, and small groups might press the truths of Micah into their own hearts and into the hearts of folks in their life communities throughout the week. The tools for this class will be the Bible, discussion, and the resources which are available on the church's website (the sermon which has been annotated to be easily scannable and a digital version of the PDD for that sermon).

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.*

COMMUNITY KITCHEN – Dear FPC folks, our church will be hosting the Community Kitchen this week, September 13-September 17. In order for us to serve our community partner more efficiently, we will be seeking volunteers earlier each month. Please contact the church office to determine which days volunteers are needed. Thank you for your continued dedication and service to this worthy cause!



We have the opportunity to provide meals each day for healthcare providers at Redmond Regional Medical Center and Floyd Medical Center. Cost of one meal is \$10. Donations of any amount are appreciated. You may give online at fpcrome.org and select the "Caring for the Caregiver" fund. You may also drop a check off at church—please note "caregiver" in the memo line. Thank you Lord for giving us the opportunity and resources so that we can be used by You to share love, hope and encouragement to others!

MAST FAMILY MEAL TRAIN – The Missions Ministry Team would like to invite you to support and encourage our missionary family by providing meals. As we seek to love the Mast family well during this challenging season of their lives, a meal train has been created. To participate, the link is <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/q67m5l>.

MEN OF THE CHURCH

The Men of the Church will be hosting a Speaker & Steak Night Event on Monday, October 4 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Doors open at 5:45 pm. All men are invited to attend and bring a friend for a night of fellowship and encouragement. Our speaker will be former Army tank officer, Dr. Richard Phillips, now Senior Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC, and author of numerous books including *The Masculine Mandate*. Advanced copies of *The Masculine Mandate* are available for \$10, please see Pastor Jonathan if interested. To be sure we staff and service the event appropriately, please reserve your seats online through our FPC website, or by calling the church office by Thursday, September 30. Pay now for \$15 online, or pay later at the door for \$20.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDIES

LIVING HOPE IN A HARD WORLD (1 & 2 PETER) TAUGHT BY JOAN BROCK – Mondays at 9:15 am in Hardy Classroom begins September 13 for 10 weeks. Childcare will be provided for children 8 weeks through 5 years. Please email Mrs. Nell at nellm@fpcrome.org.

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE TAUGHT BY MARY HOLCOMB – 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall begins September 13, this is a year long study.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S EVENTS

AN EVENING OF HOPE – A worship event Sunday, September 26, with speaker Mandy Williams in King Hall at 6:30 pm. Contact the church office to register for the event. Nursery is provided for children 8 weeks through 5 years. Please contact Mrs. Nell at nellm@fpcrome.org to make nursery reservations.

PIPS

BIBLE HISTORY MUSEUM – Our PIPS team has planned a trip to the Bible History Museum in LaGrange for September 28. The church van will leave the parking lot at 8:00 am or you can drive down and meet us there. We have a tour guide scheduled for 10:30 am. After the tour we'll drive home and stop at a restaurant for lunch. The cost of the tour is \$25. Tickets will be purchased ahead so please let the church office know if you plan to attend by September 23. Masking is optional. Please contact Martin Foster if you have any questions.

PIPS THURSDAY LUNCH – I'm really excited about the program for our September 23 Pips lunch. Our speaker will be Devon Smyth, the director of both of our Davies Homeless shelters in Rome. She is also the daughter in law of Woody and Ellissia Smyth. The program will begin at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall followed by a delicious boxed lunch catered by Duffy's Deli. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Please sign up with the church office and join us for great food, fun and fellowship!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministries for children 2-year-olds-6th grade, Wednesday Night Programs(Communicants Class-Summit, Bible Zone and Small Groups) kick off this Wednesday September 8 and Sunday School kick off this Sunday, September 12. We are pumped!!! Come meet your new teachers and learn about Jesus. Parents if you have any question about Children's Ministry, please contact Mrs. Andrea.