

The Lord's Day

January 8, 2012

Reflection

The Mission of Faith Presbyterian Church is...to promote a passion for the Glory of God, and the joy that comes from knowing Him through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-4

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

Congregation: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

Minister: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Congregation: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

Hymn of Praise # 8

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Neander

Invocation

(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.

Call to Confession of sins

James 4:8-10

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, in a world of created changeable things,
Christ and his Word alone remain unshaken.

O to forsake all creatures,
to rest as a stone on him the foundation,
to abide in him, be borne up by him!

For all my mercies come through Christ,
who has designed, purchased, promised, effected them.

How sweet it is to be near him, the Lamb,
filled with holy affections!

When I sin against you, I cross your will, love, and life
and have no comforter and no creature to go to.

My sin is not so much this or that particular evil,
but my continual separation, disunion, distance from you,
and having a loose spirit towards you.

But you have given me Jesus, your Son,
as Mediator between yourself and my soul,
for only he can span the chasm breached by sin,
and satisfy divine justice.

May I always lay hold upon this Mediator,
as a realized object of faith,
and alone worthy by his love to bridge the gulf.

Let me know that he is dear to me by his Word.

Form my heart according to the Word,
according to the image of your Son.

So shall Christ the Word, and his Word,
be my strength and comfort. Amen.

Adapted from Valley of Vision "Christ the Word"

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 12:2

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Songs of Renewal

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend,
God in the flesh come from heaven, You rescue the souls of men.
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus

*You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace, our needy souls hunger for.
Oh, our needy souls hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit and giver of life,
Who with the Father and Son is, worshiped and glorified.
Oh, is worshiped and glorified.

Chorus

Almighty infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness You find us bowing before Your throne.
Oh, we're bowing before Your throne.

Chorus x 2

Before the Throne

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is love who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of my guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of Grace.
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and My God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Deacons

Steve Knotts
Tim Smith

Elder

Vince Mattox

Ordination Questions for Candidates:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder (or deacon, as the case may be) in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Question for Church Members

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as a ruling elder and as deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

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

Announcements

(children age 4 through 1st grades may be dismissed for children's church)

Sermon

"Christ's Cross, Our Glory"

Pastor Erik McDaniel

1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-23; Isaiah 53:3-12;

Philippians 2:5-11; Galatians 6:14

Meditation & Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Doxology

Benediction

1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-23

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

Isaiah 53:3-12

³ He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Galatians 6:14

¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Notes:

The Daily Office

January 9 – January 15, 2012

3rd Week after Advent

The spiritual discipline of **Bible reading** and study is no mere box to be checked off in a “daily Christian to do” list. We must not read God’s Word mindlessly. Rather, as we read the text we should expect the Holy Spirit to teach us things about God, to show us how we have fallen short of His glory, and at the same time reassure us of how Christ fills that need in the gospel. As we learn to converse with the Holy Spirit about the glory of Christ in His Gospel, we will worship God and be better prepared to serve The Lord in our church and culture. So, we must ask God to engage our mind, will and emotions, in order for us to see the glory of God in Christ and to motivate us to take part in God’s mission of being a blessing to the world. To do these things here are some questions to ask yourself as you listen to God speaking to you through His Word:

In the area of **doctrine**:

- What is God calling me to believe about Him?
- How should I praise God as a result of this teaching? (What should I rejoice in?)

In the area of **character**:

- How does Christ fulfill what God requires of me?
- What is God showing me about my heart in this passage?
- What sins do I need to confess? How do I need to change?

In the area of **community**:

- Who does God have to help me grow as a Christian?
- How can I help the community? Build the church?

In the area of **culture**:

- Am I part of what God is doing in His Kingdom?

Similarly, the spiritual discipline of **prayer** cannot be viewed simply as a daily entry on a “self-righteousness” ledger. Prayer is sweet communion with the Living God. The Holy Spirit applies His Word to our present circumstances and propels us to honor Christ in them. In response to God’s gracious speech to us in the gospel, we speak words of adoration and recommit our hearts to Him.

As you use this devotional format, our hope is that you will keep these things in mind and expect to encounter God as He lovingly encounters and speaks to you as His child.

OPENING PRAISE

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

Psalm 51:15

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,
for in you I trust.

Make me know the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.

Psalm 143:8

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION

Great Father in heaven I come to you through your Son, led by the Holy Spirit to confess my sin. I have sinned against you in many actions, and the root of all my sins is unbelief. I have not trusted in the saving work of the Lord Jesus. I have sought my own righteousness and not the finished work of your Son. I have loved the world, worshipping and serving created things rather than you, my Creator. Lord, I cry out to you for mercy. Turn me back to you that I might love you and trust you with an undivided heart. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

*The following chart is a daily lectionary covering the whole Bible in one year. Each day contains readings from **Psalms and Wisdom Literature, Pentateuch and History of Israel, Chronicles and Prophets, and Gospels and Epistles.***

Monday, January 9	Psalm 8; Genesis 8:20-9:19; 1 Chronicles 9; Luke 5:1-6:16
Tuesday, January 10	Psalm 9; Genesis 9:20-10:32; 1 Chronicles 10; Luke 6:17-49
Wednesday, January 11	Psalm 10; Genesis 11; 1 Chronicles 11; Luke 7:1-35
Thursday, January 12	Psalm 11; Genesis 12-13:1; 1 Chronicles 12; Luke 7:36-8:3
Friday, January 13	Psalm 12; Genesis 13:2-18; 1 Chronicles 13; Luke 8:4-21
Saturday, January 14	Psalm 13; Genesis 14; 1 Chronicles 14; Luke 8:22-56
Sunday, January 15	Psalm 14; Genesis 15; 1 Chronicles 15:1-16:3; Luke 9:1-50

INTERCESSIONS

(1) Opening Prayer

O God, Eternal King and Father of all mercies,
whose light divides the day from the night
and turns the shadow of death into the morning:
In you I live and move and have my being:
Guide and govern me by your Holy Spirit,
that in all the cares and occupations of my life I may not forget you,
but may remember that I am ever walking in your sight;
through Jesus Christ, my risen and reigning Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

(2) Specific Prayers

Pray for specific needs:

- *Personal: your personal life*
- *Local: your family, friends, enemies, neighbors; your local church and other local churches; your neighborhood, town/city, state, and nation*
- *Global: the worldwide church, other nations/cultures*

Consider using particular themes and words from the psalms, scripture readings, and other prayers, as well as the rest of the bulletin to guide the content and language of your specific prayers.

(3) Closing Prayer

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written
for my learning and training in righteousness:
Grant me so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that I may embrace and hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given me in our Savior Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Please pray for...

We celebrate with Matthew & Libby Fenn (nee Mallory) on the birth of their son, Sam Harvey Brummel Fenn, on January 4.
This week's families: Rick & Kay Pugh, Shannon & Lisa Robertson, Alan & Beth Robinson, Paige Robinson
Hispanic Ministries
Christian Education Ministries at church, home and school
AL Church Planting Network: Steve & Ann Mayes, Gabriel & Monica Contreras
Engagement: Sarah Walker & Gabe Anderson
Pregnancy: Andrea Callahan, Maggie McDaniel
Military: Jonathan Searle, Adam Shelley, Jon Mattox, Noah Freeman, John Rhodes, David Washington, Aaron Pugh, Rick Hendricks, Jeff Mitchell, Andrew Smith, Joey Haynes
Home for Sale: Bruce & Jennifer Bush
Missionaries: Young & Soon Park serving in Korea
Church Ministry: Children's
Church Leaders & Staff: Roger Sawyer & Jack Totherow
College Students: Meghan McDonald, Jacob Searle, Thomas Walker
Cathy Bain, recovering from surgery
Grace Hudson, diagnosed with juvenile arthritis
Dolores Miller, recovering from hip replacement surgery
Those struggling with their health: Jennifer Bush, Leanne Clark, Kevin Miller, Bernice Whitman, Johnnie Hicks, John Henderson, Doyle McGee, Colleen Taylor
Those who are battling cancer: Barbara Gray, Lawrence Ramsay, Stephanie Camp, Kate Crow, Christy Strickland, Sheila Hunt, Shirley Coker, Joanne Corbin
Those being cared for at home or an extended care facility: Gordon Johnson, Bernard Robinson, Vera Searle, Loretta Edwards, Emily Bowie, Dottie Brazelton, Clifford Herndon

Sunday School ~ Winter Quarter

<u><i>Specific Course</i></u>	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Room</i></u>
<i>The Meaning of Marriage</i>	Peck Mallory	L14
SRHi Boys & Girls	Dameon Goode & Tim Smith	L11
JRHi Boys & Girls	Susan Goode	L12
Children grades 3 rd -5 th	Dr. Roy & Sharon Flannagan	L2
Children grades 1 st & 2 nd	Eliska Mattox & Debbie Buchanan	L3
Children ages 4yr - 5K	Kris Herndon & Lisa Robertson	L4
Children ages 2 - 3	Michelle Miller	Toddler Rm
Infants	Bonnie Schroeder & Suzan Freeman	Nursery

Announcements

Congratulations to Vince Mattox, Steve Knotts and Tim Smith... who are being ordained and installed as officers this morning. Please pray for these men as they serve Christ and His church. (Charlie Ping will be ordained and installed as a deacon later this spring.)

Winter Quarter Sunday School... This morning we will begin a study of marriage based on the book *The Meaning of Marriage: Facing the Complexities of Commitment with the wisdom of God* by pastor Timothy Keller. You can order the book through our website (fpchome.org) from Amazon, or purchase it at the local Christian bookstore.

The Ladies Bible Study... will resume January 18, 9:00 am at Deby Buchanan's home.

GOTE... Our monthly GOTE (Go Ot To Eat) will be on Sunday, January 15th immediately following Sunday School at Arbys! All Youth Groupers and their Families should come and enjoy the fellowship!

Super Bowl Fun... The Youth Group Super Bowl party will be at the Goode's this year and will feature Super Bowl Commercial Bingo (variation on previous SB Bingo) and International Food Tasting. Each family should bring a shareable dish from a different country (i.e. Pizza from Italy, 7-Layer dip from Mexico etc.) Let Dameon know what you will be bringing. Drinks will be provided! Game time is at 5:30 CST, so plan accordingly and see you there!

Poinsettias... that were placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season may be taken home.

Men's Retreat at Shocco Springs... February 10th and 11th (Friday evening and Saturday morning). Please put these dates on your calendar for a great time of fellowship. The cost will be \$75; this includes overnight lodging, supper on Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning. Glenn Waddell, president of Birmingham Theological Seminary, will be teaching about conflict resolution.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... A lot of our membership "stays in the loop" by visiting our church's website and Facebook page. Beginning this week, we plan to use both the pastor's blog and our Facebook page in order to draw your mind toward the teaching you will be hearing during worship. Pastor Searle will post questions and/or comments about the passages we will be studying together. The goal is for us to interact with, meditate on, and pray God's Word, so that we will enjoy the presence of Christ. The Pastor's blog can be found on the home page at fpchome.org under "Quick Links." If you prefer Facebook, click on the Facebook icon at the bottom of the page.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jon Mattox (8th) Dameon Goode (8th) Maryellyn Fenn (8th)
Beth Robinson (11th) Bill & Dottie Brazelton (A-12th)

This Week's Schedule

Sunday:	9:30 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Ping Small Group
Monday:	7:15 pm	Searle Small Group
Wednesday:	12:45 pm	FPC/FCS Staff Meeting
	5:30 pm	McDaniel Small Group
Friday:	5:00 pm	FCS Homecoming

Children's Ministry

This Week: Infant Worship: Zack & Amanda Jones
 2-3 Year Worship: David & Michelle Miller
 4 Yrs-1st grade: Heather & Adam Shelley

Next Week: Infant Worship: Suzan Freeman & Sara Kathryn Searle
 2-3 Year Worship: Kathryn Searle & Alan Robinson
 4 Yrs-1st grade: Debbie Hinton & Sarah Burleigh

Deacon:	This Week: John Dsvis	Next Week: Trey Hudson
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Small Groups

Group	Location	Contact	Phone Number	Meeting Time
<i>Ping's</i>	<i>Various Homes</i>	<i>Charlie/Rosie Ping</i>	<i>256-835-1011</i>	<i>Sunday 6:00 pm</i>
<i>Women's Bible Study</i>	<i>Buchanan Home</i>	<i>Eliska Mattox</i>	<i>256-488-9176</i>	<i>Wednesday 9:00 am</i>
<i>McDaniel's</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Erik/Maggie McDaniel</i>	<i>256-403-3969</i>	<i>Wednesday 5:30 pm</i>
<i>Searle's</i>	<i>Searle Home</i>	<i>Rick Searle</i>	<i>256-238-8721</i>	<i>Monday 6:15 pm</i>

Ruling Elders

Jimmy Miller Boyce Callahan Alan Robinson Phil Stumbo
Roy Flannagan Roger Sawyer Peck Mallory Jack Totherow

Teaching Elders

Rick Searle (Pastor) Erik McDaniel (Assistant Pastor)
Steve Mayes (Assistant Pastor of Church Planting)

Deacons

Vince Mattox Trey Hudson John Davis
David Miller Shannon Robertson

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, except by His mercy.
- We believe that salvation is by God alone as He sovereignly chooses those He will save. We believe His choice is based on His grace, not on any human individual merit, or foreseen faith.
- 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 Mission of Faith Presbyterian Church is...

To promote a passion for the Glory of God,
And the joy that comes from knowing Him through the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Our Vision 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