

SERMON NOTES FOR 01.18.26

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THE HEART OF LEADERSHIP

LENT TO THE LORD
1 SAMUEL 1:21-28

11:00 AM WORSHIP | JANUARY 18, 2026

CONNECT WITH US

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We would love to get to know you better. Scan the QR code on the right to fill out our brief Digital Connect Card and let us know if you have any questions about FPCOS or would just like to learn more about our ministries and how you can get plugged in. We look forward to connecting with you!



SCAN TO CONNECT

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

TIME OF PREPARATION

Gentle Child Jesus
J.S. Bach / Stephen Prager, organist

***PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY** Hymn #575 (stanza 4)

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again!
Gladly forever adore him!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Romans 11:33-36

ELDER: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

PEOPLE: For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?

ELDER: Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

PEOPLE: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

***O WORSHIP THE KING** Hymn #2 (stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5 only)

CALL TO CONFESSION Romans 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

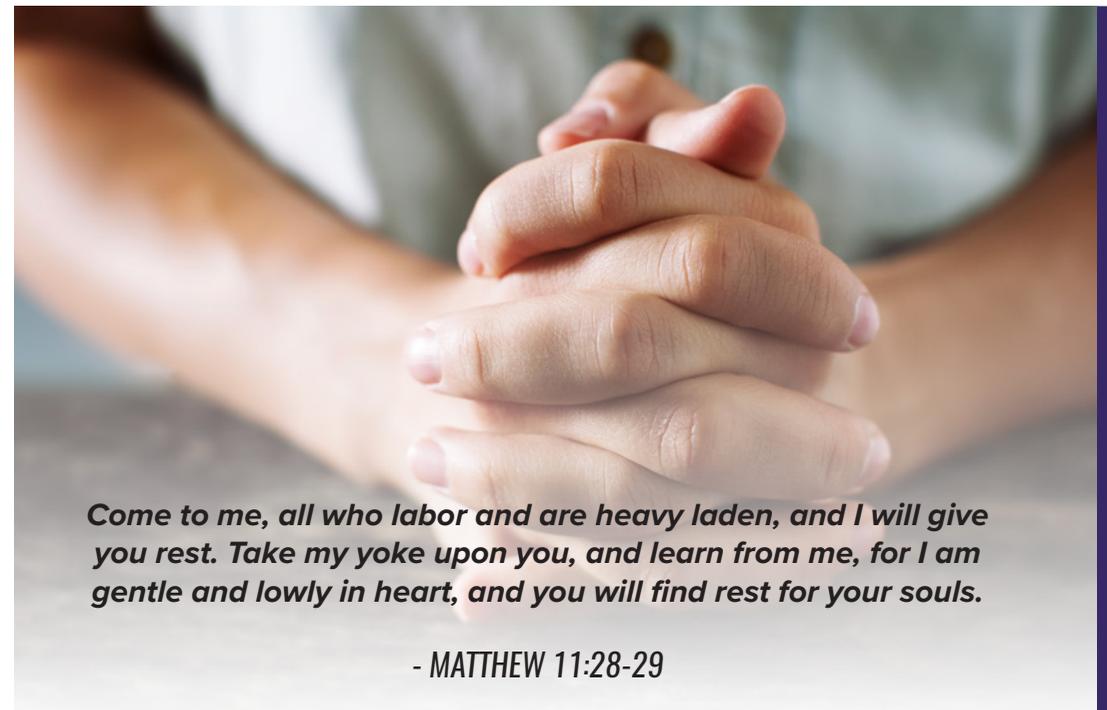
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, only the righteous and pure in heart can stand before you. We confess that we have fallen short of your glory. Yet by grace you have poured out your just wrath on Jesus for our sake, in order that we might be forgiven. In this we place our faith and hope and trust... *(Continue in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Take some time to greet those around you in the peace and joy of the grace of God.

CHILDREN'S LESSON



Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

- MATTHEW 11:28-29

ILLNESS

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| Frank Allison | Corbin Altse | Van & Ellen Arnold |
| Jenn Jones Braumeister | Trudy Brundage | Joe Dawkins |
| Wendy Duggan | Liesje Franken | Charles Gaines |
| Margaret Gambrell | Ross Grimm | Cheryl Hammond |
| Joey Kelley | Senneca Lewis | Nanette Lockhart |
| Belinda Lott | Vicki McKay | Mary Meyer |
| Mark Necaise | Tommy Neff | Susan Panek |
| Byron Patton | David Paul | Janice Pepper |
| Brent Ramsey | Marvin Reddish | Richard Saffle |
| Bob Turner | Priscilla Underwood | Tom Walton |
| Rick Webster | Chris Williamson | Helen Winger |

SHUT-INS/NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

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| Nancy Alford | Trudy Brundage | Sandra Cain |
| Ginny Canaga | Bea Colburn | Jim & Mayla Comeaux |
| Pat Finnegan | Craig Gardner | Hendrikje Gast |
| Ted & Sherry Gilbert | Cheryl Gray | John Luna |
| Mary Nesbitt | Dorothy Norris | Chris Waldron |
| Betty Walker | | |

SUNDAYS STARTING FEBRUARY 1 REGISTER NOW FOR CHURCH LIFE CLASS



Interested in joining the church? **CHURCH LIFE CLASS** is the place to start! This class is designed for those who are interested in learning more about FPCOS. Church Life Class covers the biblical foundations of the church, church history, theology, sacraments of baptism and The Lord's Supper, and membership.

This spring, instead of one long class on a Saturday, we are splitting Church Life Class into several sessions during the Faith Foundations hour (10:00-10:45 AM) on Sunday mornings. The class will run from February 1 through March 22 in room 305. Space is limited - registration is required to attend (one person per registration). Scan the QR code to sign up!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING WITH THE JCADC?



Interested in volunteering with Good News Global at the Jackson County Adult Detention Center? There will be a mandatory **RECERTIFICATION TRAINING** on **Saturday, January 24** from **9:00 AM-12:00 PM** at Church at the Square (1442 US-90, Gautier). It will be a time to fellowship together over breakfast, learn about upcoming events and receive further training in their jail ministry. Sheriff John Ledbetter will also be there.

If you would like to become a volunteer, you are invited to this training! Please contact Pastor Kory at kory@fpcosms.com or 228-875-5326 if you're interested, so our mission partners can plan accordingly.

OFFERING *Be Thou My Vision* arranged by Hal Hopson / Chancel Choir

Giving our tithe is one way we place our trust in the Lord. You may place your offering in the plate as it comes around, scan the QR code to give online or text GIVE and the amount you would like to give to 833-444-1577.



SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 1:21-28

SERMON *Lent to the Lord* Rev. Scott Castleman

***HAVE THINE OWN WAY LORD** Hymn #737 (stanzas 1, 3, 4)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & 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, for ever. Amen.

***STATEMENT OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

ELDER: Church, what do we as Christians believe?

PEOPLE: 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Here "catholic" means global.*

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM
FAITH FOUNDATIONS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)



FAITH FOUNDATIONS (Sunday School) for kids, youth and adults takes place most Sundays at 10:00 AM.

Children ages 3-K will check in on the first floor of the Education Building. Grades 1-2 and grades 3-4 will meet in room 301 and grades 5-6 will meet in room 302.

Our youth (grades 7-12) will meet in the Harbor House and are going through a 6-week study on The Greatness of God.

Our adult classes are in the following locations:

HYBRID CLASS - Dr. Clay Brown - Room 201

Potatoes...or as we say in the south...Taters! Who are the "Taters" of the Bible? The speck-taters, the imi-taters, the agi-taters, the commen-taters? Which "Tater" are you in your spiritual walk? Dr. Clay Brown will be teaching about the "Tater Family" January and February. The semester will conclude with a study of the "Seven Last Words of Christ."

CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE - Elder Bill Hennessey - Room 202

We will continue together down the path of spiritual growth as we explore Richard J. Foster's *Celebration of Discipline*. Through this book, we will take a three-part journey in learning to apply the inward disciplines, the outward disciplines and corporate disciplines that are central spiritual practices of our Christian faith.

2 KINGS - Pastor Kory - Chapel

Pastor Kory will be continuing his expository class on 2 Kings.

IN HIS IMAGE - Elder Maureen De Jonge and Janet Chapman - Room 309 (women's class)

Elder Maureen De Jonge and Janet Chapman will be teaching a study based on the book *In His Image* by Jen Wilkin. This women's class is designed to study what it means to look like Jesus. The class will focus on 10 attributes of God and reflect on how they should become progressively more evident in our hearts as we follow Jesus.

PRAYER CLASS - Gregg Bray - Room 311

The prayer class will continue its significant mission by praying each week for individual needs, our church vision/family, our nation, and other nations who need the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

MONDAYS STARTING JANUARY 26
GRIEF SHARE - 1:00-3:00 PM



Coping with the loss of someone or something you love is one of life's biggest challenges. We are offering **GRIEF SHARE**, a 14-week program designed to help you cope. **The program begins Monday, January 26 from 1:00-3:00 PM in Room 202.** Contact Lynne Sabin at 601-909-4750 for more information.

MONDAYS STARTING JANUARY 26
WOVEN - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



WOVEN, our Monday night women's Bible study at Joanna Worch's house (219 Washington Ave), will resume on **January 26 from 6:30-7:30 PM.** Childcare can be arranged upon request in advance by calling the church office at 228-875-5326. Join our no-homework Bible study where each session focuses on a different set of verses for us to review and discuss together in both large and small groups. All women are welcome to participate and grow in faith with us!

MONDAY, JANUARY 26
OCEAN SPRINGS CHURCH WOMEN MEETING



OCEAN SPRINGS CHURCH WOMEN will be meeting on **Monday, January 26 from 9:00-11:00 AM** at Macedonia Baptist Church (1700 Dr. Jesse L. Trotter Street). All women of the church are invited to attend. Pastor Kory Duncan will be the guest speaker, and he will be talking about a new service opportunity. We hope to see you there!