

SERMON NOTES FOR 01.18.26

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THE HEART OF LEADERSHIP

LENT TO THE LORD
1 SAMUEL 1:21-28

8:30 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

***HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION**

VERSE 1

How firm a foundation
You saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith
In His excellent word
What more can He say
Than to you He has said
To you who for refuge
To Jesus have fled

VERSE 2

Fear not, I am with you
O be not dismayed
For I am your God
And will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you
And cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous
Omnipotent hand

VERSE 3

When through the deep waters
I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow
Shall not overflow
For I will be with you
Your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you
Your deepest distress

VERSE 4

When through fiery trials
Your pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient
Shall be your supply
The flames shall not hurt you
I only design
Your dross to consume
And your gold to refine

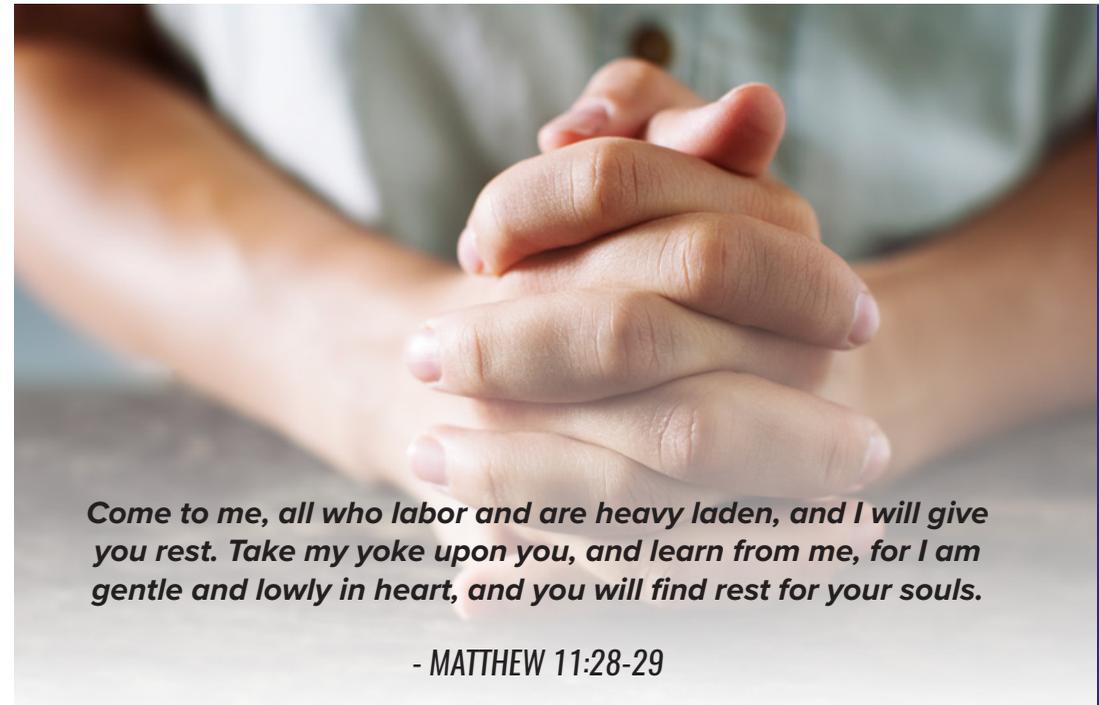
VERSE 5

The soul that on Jesus
Has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not
Desert to his foes
That soul, though all hell
Should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never,
No never forsake

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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.

***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.

***I STAND AMAZED**

VERSE 1

I stand amazed in the presence
 Of Jesus the Nazarene
 And wonder how He could love me
 A sinner condemned unclean

CHORUS

How marvelous, how wonderful
 And my song shall ever be
 How marvelous, how wonderful
 Is my Savior's love for me

VERSE 2

He took my sins and my sorrows
 He made them His very own
 He bore the burden to Calvary
 And suffered and died alone

CHORUS

VERSE 3

When with the ransomed in glory
 His face I at last shall see
 'Twill be my joy thru the ages
 To sing of His love for me

CHORUS

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***JESUS YOU ALONE**

VERSE 1

Who is the great King of glory
Seated on high in the heavens
Oh Jesus You alone
You are the Lord God Almighty
Strong in compassion and mercy
Oh Jesus You alone

PRE-CHORUS

If I searched the world
For a love that could fill my heart
Nothing compares to the wonder of
Who You are

CHORUS 1

“Holy.” All the earth singing, “Holy.”
All the angels cry, “Holy.”
Jesus You alone
Jesus You alone

VERSE 2

You set the stars in the heavens
You set the world into motion
Oh Jesus You alone
You breathed Your life in creation
You walked among Your created
Oh Jesus You alone

PRE-CHORUS

CHORUS 2

“Holy.” All the earth singing, “Holy.”
All the angels cry, “Holy.”
Jesus You alone
“Worthy.” All creation sings, “Worthy.”
All the heavens exalt Thee
Jesus You alone
Jesus You alone

VERSE 3

You shed Your blood for salvation
You broke the curse for our freedom
Oh Jesus You alone
You rose from death with the morning
You’ll come again in Your glory
Oh Jesus You alone
Oh Jesus You alone

CHORUS 2

CHORUS 3

“Holy.” I can’t help but sing, “Holy.”
How my heart cries out, “Holy.”
Jesus You alone
“Worthy.” I lift my voice and sing,
“Worthy.”
I bow my life to exalt Thee
Jesus You alone
Jesus You alone

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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.

**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!

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.

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**

CHILDREN’S LESSON

OFFERING

*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**.*



NOW BUT NOT YET

VERSE 1

You’re the God of the breakthrough
 And the God of not yet
 The same God who parts the sea
 Leads me into the wilderness
 You’re the healer of every wound
 Yet were wounded Yourself
 So I’ll trust You I’ll trust You I’ll trust You
 In the now but not yet

VERSE 2

You’re the God of our victory
 And the God of our defeat
 The same God who makes a way
 Draws in close as He comforts me
 You’re the King over everything
 Yet a servant unto death
 So I’ll trust You I’ll trust You I’ll trust You
 In the now but not yet

VERSE 3

You’re the God of my future
 You’re the God of my past
 The same God who formed me then
 Is still forming me inside out
 You’re the Potter and I’m the clay
 Until I breathe my last
 I’ll trust You I’ll trust You I’ll trust You
 I’ll trust You I’ll trust You I’ll trust You
 I’ll trust You I’ll trust You I’ll trust You
 In the now but not yet

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:21-28

SERMON

Lent to the Lord

Rev. Scott Castleman

PSALM 34 (TASTE AND SEE)*VERSE 1**

I sought the Lord and He answered me
 And delivered me from every fear
 Those who look on Him are radiant
 They'll never be ashamed
 They'll never be ashamed

VERSE 2

This poor man cried
 And the Lord heard me
 And saved me from my enemies
 The Son of God surrounds His saints
 He will deliver them
 He will deliver them

CHORUS

Magnify the Lord with me
 Come exalt His name together
 Glorify the Lord with me
 Come exalt His name forever

VERSE 3

O taste and see that the Lord is good
 O blessed is he who hides in Him
 O fear the Lord O all you saints
 He'll give you everything
 He'll give you everything

CHORUS**BRIDGE (4X)**

Let us bless the Lord
 Every day and night
 Never ending praise
 May our incense rise

CHORUS (2X)

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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 FAITHThe 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.**