

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 28, 2024 || 11 O'Clock

*CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

PRELUDE Ciacona in E minor | D. Buxtehude

CHIMES

INTROIT The mercy of the Lord is everlasting | I. Quinn

***CALL TO WORSHIP | RESPONSIVE**

L: Come and worship, all you who love and serve our God!

P: Who answers us when we call and never abandons those in need.

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!

***HYMN** Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim | #165 vv. 1, 2, 4

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION | UNISON**

Almighty God, guide us from indulging our sinful nature and to consider how often we have provoked judgment. May this habit of confession bring to the surface our need for pardon and true repentance. As we submit ourselves again for mercy, may we come to do so with all our hearts. According to Your infinite goodness, forgive.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON | RESPONSIVE** Romans 6:4

L: Since we were buried with Christ in the waters of baptism,

A: We also are raised to new life with Him.

***GLORIA PATRI | ALL SINGING** Hymnal, inside cover

***THE APOSTLES' CREED | UNISON** Hymnal, inside cover

SCRIPTURE Hosea 2:14-23

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** Take My Life, and Let It Be | #585 vv. 1, 2,

(Children first grade and under dismissed)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH & OFFERING

OFFERTORY O come, ye servants of the Lord | C. Tye

***DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANTHEM The Lord is my strength | S. Coleridge-Taylor

SERMON SERIES A Place at the Table: Life Together in an Age of Self

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:1-4, 11-17; & 3:6-8

SERMON The Necessity of Confession | Dr. Tim Filston

***HYMN** Jesus Shall Reign | #441 vv. 1-3, 5

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Alleluia! The Lord is risen | I. Quinn

VOLUNTARY Nun danket alle Gott | S. Karg-Elert
(Now thank we all our God)

SERVING TODAY

PREACHING Dr. Tim Filston

LITURGIST Rev. Tyler Wilson

USHER CAPTAIN Ivan Crocker

NURSERY is available to children
4 years and under during worship.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MONDAY - FRIDAY, APRIL 29 - MAY 3

8:30 am Preschool

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

5:15 pm Women of the Word | Quinton Home

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8:00 am Men's Bible Study | SMB

3:30 pm JAM (K-5th Grade) | EDW

5:30 pm Middle School Students Small Groups | SMB

7:00 pm High School Students Small Groups | VL

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:00 am Men's Bible Study | EDW

9:00 am Women of the Word | EDW

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:30 am Early Risers Sunday School | AE

9:00 am Arise Worship | FH

9:30 am Choir Practice | CR

10:00 am Adult and Student Sunday School: Cinco de Mayo Brunch | FH

10:00 am Children's Sunday School | EB

11:00 am Traditional Worship | S

S: Sanctuary EDW: Edwards Building AE: Adult Education
EB: Education Building VL: various locations FH: Fellowship Hall
SMB: Student Ministry Building CR: Choir Room FC: Friendship Courtyard

CHURCH NEWS

common
threads
The Stories That Tie Us Together

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH | 10AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for some Cinco de Mayo themed food, fellowship, a time of shared experiences from members both old and new and an update on where we are in the strategic planning process.



START the PARTY
Celebrate the Good News

FPC VBS
June 17-20
8:30AM - 12PM
Rising Pre-K - 6th Grade
Registration Open
fpcthomasville.com/eventslist
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
contact amandapfisher@gmail.com



**FPC Preschool
Spring Program**
Friday, May 10th at 10 am
Church Fellowship Hall
Refreshments following | Outside

SERMON NOTES

The Necessity of Confession Ephesians 2:1-4, 11-17; & 3:6-8

How do we create a fellowship that inspires the next generation.

The dirt of humanity can be a seedbed of fellowship when we dig out these three rocks.

The rock of pretense.

2:11-12 "...formerly called uncircumcised...by those who called themselves the circumcised."

The rock of pride.

3:6 "The mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel."

The rock of vanity.

3:8 "To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given."

Fast facts: Ephesians 2 & 3 Unity in Diversity

The city of Ephesus was a melting pot of cultures, religions, and ethnicities, which would have presented challenges for building a unified Christian community. Paul introduces the theme of reconciliation, breaking down barriers between Jews and Gentiles through Christ's sacrifice, emphasizing the inclusive audience of the gospel message. The "mystery" of Christ, previously hidden but now revealed, emphasizes the inclusion of Gentiles in God's plan of salvation.



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