



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the online Connect Card in our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at fpcbr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be emailed (prayer@fpcbr.org), sent through Facebook Live or by using the church app.

Malcolm Guite Teaching on Psalms Tonight at 5 pm! Malcolm Guite is a minister in the Church of England, a renowned poet, a rock musician, and was for many years chaplain at Girton College, Cambridge. His specialty is the intersection between faith and the arts. Tonight at 5 pm he will teach us how to respond personally to a psalm. Join us live on Facebook or YouTube at 5 pm. Like usual, the video will be available on the FPC YouTube channel, Facebook page and our church app after Sunday.

Mission Conference in Two Weeks: August 29 & 30. Participate in person or virtually! All are invited to the 2020 Mission Conference and you don't even have to get out of your pj's to join in! ". . . To the end of the earth" is the theme for this year's conference. Brian Miller of Medellin, Colombia and MacGregor Magruder of South East Asia will be our speakers. Join us in person (social distancing and masks observed) or online (Facebook or YouTube). No registration required.

Restoring Your Soul Through Psalms. Our new sermon series on Psalms 20-34 will be augmented by several interlocking ways to engage. At 5 pm tonight, then continuing August 23, we will livestream Sunday evening seminars on the Psalms, featuring author Malcolm Guite and RTS professor Mark Futato. Consider hosting a "Watch Party" at your house! Each Monday you'll receive a video email introducing the psalm of the week. Get ready for a deepening, unifying fall!

Shepherding Through the Psalms. Connect more intentionally with the Lord and each other by participating in a "Shepherding Through the Psalms" group. These groups are made up of friends spurring one another toward Christ. So consider grabbing some friends to watch the seminars, connect weekly about life, as well as what you're learning, and journey through the Psalms together. Email Kelly Wood to participate (kelly@fpcbr.org).

Sunday Nursery Returns! Nursery care for infants through kindergarten is available for those who sign up! Visit fpcbr.org/soloved to make a reservation.

Online Mentoring! Have a Heart for Kids? Change a life in 30 minutes a week! Through Kids Hope, USA, we can now offer a safe alternative to mentoring on site at Gardere Community Christian School. Mentors can meet via computer with their students in weekly 30 minutes sessions. This may be the mission outlet you're looking for! Contact Annette Lamond (annette@fpcbr.org) for information.

Sunday School Returns September 13! Sunday school for 1st graders through adults resumes September 13. All are welcome.

Sunday School Teachers Needed. We can't wait to see your children soon! We plan to open up for Sunday school on September 13. In order to do that, we are in great need of teachers. Please consider serving in Children's Ministry by teaching in our Kingdom Kids Program (grades 1-5). Our childhood team is hard at work establishing specific procedures for re-opening based on CDC guidelines. Please contact Kendra Bremer at kendra@fpcbr.org or 713.829.0828 for more information.

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Give Online. Visit fpcbr.org or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail. Email prayer@fpcbr.org if you have online giving questions.

First Presbyterian Church and Social Media (Instagram, YouTube and Facebook). Sanctuary services are livestreamed on the web and we frequently post photos of members engaged in fellowship at our small groups, worship services and events. If you have any questions, contact Katie Robinson or Jay High.

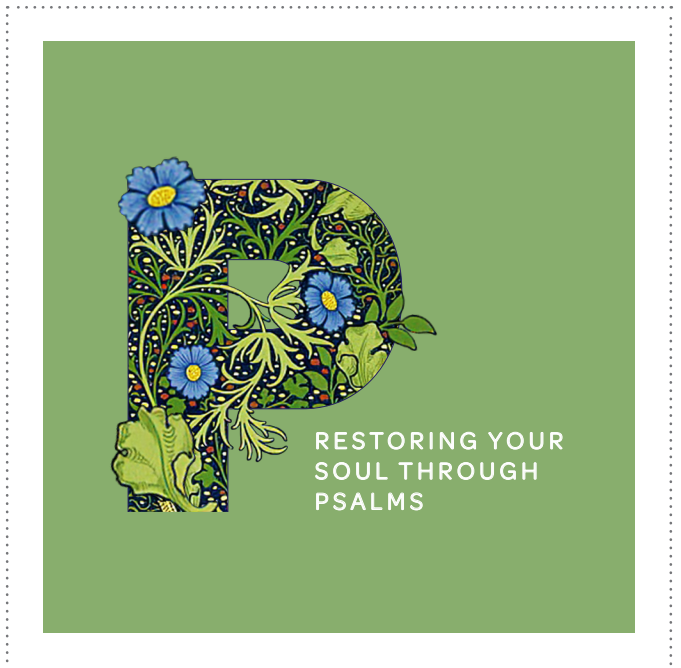
Assistance for the Hard of Hearing. We are pleased to offer headphones to assist the hard of hearing during our Sanctuary services. Headsets and packs are available to check out at the Connection Center.

Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nora Will Diehl and Joan Diehl Smith, grandmother and mother of Cathy Pugsley, by David, Cathy and Catherine Pugsley.*

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 20

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

August 16, AD 2020

10.30 am



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GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Darin Travis

Prelude

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” arranged by Brenda Portman
Shea Tully, oboe
Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From John 10

Jesus said, “I have come that they might have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd.”

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. For us! By him we go in and out and find safe pasture.

Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

The Good Shepherd calls us by name and leads us. He gives us eternal life. By him, we will never perish. No one can snatch us from his hand.

For the Father has given us to the Son, and he is greater than all.

Today, the Son gives us back to his Father, ransomed, freed, restored and forgiven. So we rise to worship the Triune God who calls us home.

***Song of Praise**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“10,000 Reasons”

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Most holy and merciful Father, we, like sheep, have strayed. We have turned—every one of us—to our own way. We have thought too highly of ourselves; deciding we have no need of your correcting rod or guiding staff. We have sinned in thought and in deed. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. We have wandered into barren, dangerous places far from the green pastures you provide. Come and find us, O Great Shepherd, place us on your strong shoulders, and return us safely to the fold. Amen.

**Standing*

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Greeting**

Announcements and Minute for Mission

MacGregor Magruder, Field Life

Presentation of the Offering

***Offertory**

“The LORD Is My Shepherd” from *Psalmfest*
Music by John Rutter

The LORD is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his name’s sake.

Yea’ though I walk thro’ the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:

Thou has anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD, forever.

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

forever.

These sacred writings are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

For all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3: 15-17).

Message

Gerrit Dawson

“You Are with Me”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Hymn of Response**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Pastoral 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 forever. Amen.



BENEDICTION

***Response**

Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!

Postlude

II. *Vivace* from Trio Sonata in E-Flat by Georg Philipp Telemann