



ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Song of Praise**
"Build My Life"

***Benediction and Response**

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

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 fpibr.org/connect. You may also visit the Connection Center to let us know you're here and receive a visitor bag.

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

Officer Suggestions for the 2023 Class. The Officer Nominating Committee nominates Elders and Deacons by receiving suggested names of members from the congregation, prayerfully preparing a slate and presenting the slate at the annual October congregational meeting for election. Please be in prayer about who you might suggest. Suggestion cards are online as well as the church app until July 31.

VBS 2020 Kicks Off Today. VBS 2020 will be a to-go treasure hunt with a different location each day. It kicks off today in the Sanctuary and continues through Wednesday, July 22. No registration needed and it's free! Further information online at fpibr.org/vbs.

Tuesday at Noon: Prayer Service of Louisiana. Gerrit and Jim invite you to join them Tuesday, July 21 at noon for a special Prayer Service of Louisiana in the Sanctuary. As part of the Governor's request for three days of fasting and prayer, we'll join together for this brief service where we will ask God's protection during the recent spike in virus cases. Those who join us in person are reminded to wear a mask. The service will also stream on YouTube and Facebook.

Three Days of Fasting and Prayer. Prayer changes things. Join us as we partner with other Louisiana churches for three days of fasting and prayer July 20-22. Let us use this time to ask God for healing and protection.

Combined Worship in July. First Presbyterian Church continues with it's July combined 10.30 am services. Service will livestream on YT and FB.

Sunday School Teachers Needed. We can't wait to see your children soon! We plan to open up for Sunday school on August 16 for the upcoming school year. 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@fpibr.org or 713.829.0828 for more information.

Women's Covenant Study. Join Women's Ministry each Wednesday in July at 6.30 pm for an in-depth look at God's unbreakable covenants. Join us in the Chapel or on livestream (FB or YT). Contact Jaime if you need childcare (jaime@fpibr.org).

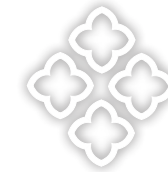
Give Online. Visit fpibr.org or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail. Email prayer@fpibr.org if you have online giving questions.

Sanctuary Flowers: *Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Melissa and Mike Thibodeaux.*

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.



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ORDER of WORSHIP

July 19, AD 2020

10.30 am



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson

Welcome

*Call to Worship

From Psalm 33

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

Sing to him a new song;
Play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
The plans of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
The people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
On those who hope in his steadfast love,

That he may deliver their soul from death
And keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield.

For our heart is glad in him,
Because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
Even as we hope in you.

†*Songs of Praise

“This I Believe”

“King of Kings”

*Prayer of Praise

*Greeting

Introduction to Vacation Bible School

“Lost Is Found”

Announcements and Minute for Mission



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Genesis 37: 1-8

Jacob lived in the land of his father’s sojournings, in the land of Canaan. These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. He said to them, “Hear this dream that I have dreamed: Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf.” His brothers said to him, “Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

Genesis 37: 18-36

They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers listened to him. Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes and returned to his brothers and said, “The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?” Then they took Joseph’s robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, “This we have found; please identify whether it is your son’s robe or not.” And he identified it and said, “It is my son’s robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.” Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days. All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, “No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning.” Thus his father wept for him. Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.

But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children, forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Sermon Alec Flynt

“With All That’s Going On”

We welcome to the pulpit this morning our former associate pastor Dr. Alec Flynt. Arden and Alec and their three children (Caleb, Elizabeth Gray and Lydia) moved to Mobile in 2013 to plant Covenant Presbyterian Church in Mobile, Alabama.

Time of Reflection



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory

“A Mighty Fortress”

Prayer of Confession

Most Holy Father, like Jacob’s sons, we have failed to see and refused to hear your will. More than this, with frustrated and misguided hearts, we have schemed to overthrow and thwart your will. Have mercy on us. Lord Jesus, our great High Priest, you are familiar with our short-sightedness. Have mercy on us. Holy Spirit empower us to lean into the absolute sovereign reign of our most excellent and trustworthy God whose counsel stands forever. Yes! Our souls wait for the Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer