



## 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](http://fpcbr.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@fpcbr.org](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.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.** Yep. We're having it. VBS 2020 will be a to-go treasure hunt with a different location each day. It kicks off during 10.30 am worship Sunday, July 19 in the Sanctuary. Save the dates: Sunday, July 19–Wednesday, July 22. No registration needed and it's free! Further information online at [fpcbr.org/vbs](http://fpcbr.org/vbs).

**10.30 am Worship Each Sunday in July.** First Presbyterian Church will have just one 10.30 worship service in the Sanctuary each Sunday in July. Service will continue to be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook Live.

**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@fpcbr.org](mailto:kendra@fpcbr.org) or 713.829.0828 for more information.

**Foundation Board Meeting, Wednesday, July 15.** All are welcome to attend the online ZOOM meeting at 12 pm, July 15. Please contact Jaci Gaspard to receive the meeting link. Further information about the Foundation is available by visiting [fpcbr.org/foundation](http://fpcbr.org/foundation).

**Women's Covenant Study.** What is a covenant and what does it represent? How do the covenants of the Old Testament apply to us today? Join Women's Ministry each Wednesday in July at 6.30 pm for this 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@fpcbr.org](mailto:jaime@fpcbr.org)).

**Give Online.** Visit [fpcbr.org](http://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](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org) if you have online giving questions.

**MDO Teacher Needed.** Mother's Day Out is looking for a co-teacher for the three-year-old class beginning in August. If you know of an individual with a passion for loving and teaching children, please contact Whitney Weiner ([mdo@fpcbr.org](mailto:mdo@fpcbr.org)).

**Did You Get One?** This month's issue of fpcNEWS is now available at the Connection Center as well as other spots throughout the church. Pick one up before you leave today. Don't miss out on the most up-to-date news and events. Contact Laura Shaw to be added to the newsletter email list ([laura@fpcbr.org](mailto:laura@fpcbr.org)).

**Staying in Touch with You.** If you've moved, changed your email address or have a new phone number, we'd like to know about it. Help us keep our membership database updated. Please call Laura Shaw with your changes, 225.387.0617.

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**Photos 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 small groups, worship services and events. If you have any questions, contact Katie Robinson or Jay High.

**Sign Up for the Weekly Prayer Needs Email.** Each Friday, an email is sent to all who wish to pray for church members who are sick, those who are mourning, friends in need of prayer as well as praise reports. Please contact Laura if you would like to receive the email ([laura@fpcbr.org](mailto:laura@fpcbr.org) or 620.0222).

**Sanctuary Flowers:** *Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Cade Cardenas and Brennan Butler by Eugenie and Harry Burglass.*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*



## ORDER of WORSHIP

July 5, AD 2020

10.30 am



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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander

### Prelude

“Prelude in Classic Style” by Gordon Young  
Steve Gustafson, organ

### Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

*From Psalm 47*

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
**For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.  
**He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.  
**Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!  
**God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.  
**For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

### †\*Hymn of Praise

“God of Our Fathers”

NATIONAL HYMN

### \*Blessing God

### Greeting and Announcements

## Presentation of the Offering

### Offertory

“An Anitphonal Hymn” by Austin C. Lovelace and Fred Pratt Green

Sing, sing, you who are the family of God.  
Sing, sing, sing!  
We will glory in his creation. Alleluia!

Sing, sing, you who are his redeemed people.  
Sing, sing, sing!  
We will thank him for his salvation. Alleluia!

Sing, sing, you who are servants of God.  
Sing, sing, sing!  
May he bless the work of our hands. Alleluia!

Sing, sing, sing, you who are Christ’s witnesses.  
Sing, sing, sing, sing!  
May his kingdom come in all lands. Alleluia!

### \*Dedication of the Offering



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### \*Hymn of Preparation

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture

*Jeremiah 29: 10-13*

“For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”

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 ..... George Gillam

“God Has a Plan”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*Hymn of Response

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
And born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Pastoral Prayer and 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 and Response

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

### Postlude

“Toccata in Seven” by John Rutter

*Welcome George Gillam! George is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is licensed to preach by the United Methodist Church. George currently works as the Operations Manager at UpLIFTD. Thanks to a grant from our Session, George also works part time in urban ministry under the auspices of First Presbyterian Church and Whitney Alexander. His experience as a prisoner in Angola for 25 years give him a unique effectiveness with youth. Welcome George.*

\* Standing † Latecomers may be seated.