



## BENEDICTION

### \*Hymn of Response

Psalm 28

OLD HUNDREDTH

### \*Response

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

*Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given today in loving memory with thanksgiving for Van Andrew Wilson on his birthday weekend by his parents Claire and Steve Wilson.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 22: 1-21*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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.

**Next Sunday: Two Worship Services.** And Sunday School! It's time at last to re-gather the congregation! 9 am Contemporary and 11 am Classic Reformed return! Sunday school for children, confirmation, youth and some adult classes also begin. Please be patient as we work through our safety procedures. Masking and distancing will continue, but hey, we're used to it now!

**"A Night of Social Distan-SING."** We want to sing for you! You'll tap your toes to familiar songs. You'll hear a new stunning setting of the "Serenity Prayer" by local composer Jerrell R. Gray. With the music of Sondheim, Bernstein, Verdi and others we'll comment on these challenging times. We'll ask some important questions. We'll laugh a bit and reassure you with the hopefulness that beautiful music can rouse. Join us via livestream Thursday, September 17 at 7 pm.

**Countering Cancel Culture Workshop, September 20.** On Sunday evening, September 20 at 5 pm, Gerrit will host a workshop entitled Countering Cancel Culture. He'll take up the ideas we began considering in the message that contrasted the Christian and Marxist worldview. You can join Gerrit either live in the Sanctuary or via livestream.

**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 minute sessions. This may be the mission outlet you're looking for! Contact Annette Lamond ([annette@fpcbr.org](mailto:annette@fpcbr.org)) for information.

**Women's Circles Starting Soon!** Join us as we explore how knowing who we are in Christ changes every aspect of our lives. Circles kick off in September and there are multiple options (in-person and virtual). Visit [fpcbr.org/womensministry](http://fpcbr.org/womensministry) or contact Jaime Carnaggio ([jaimc@fpcbr.org](mailto:jaimc@fpcbr.org)) for more information.

**Women's Fall Studies Have Begun.** Isaiah or Daniel: what's your preference? Both studies are offered through Women's Ministry this season. Be sure to visit [fpcbr.org/womensministry](http://fpcbr.org/womensministry) for details on meeting days and time. Options are available for in-person and Zoom.

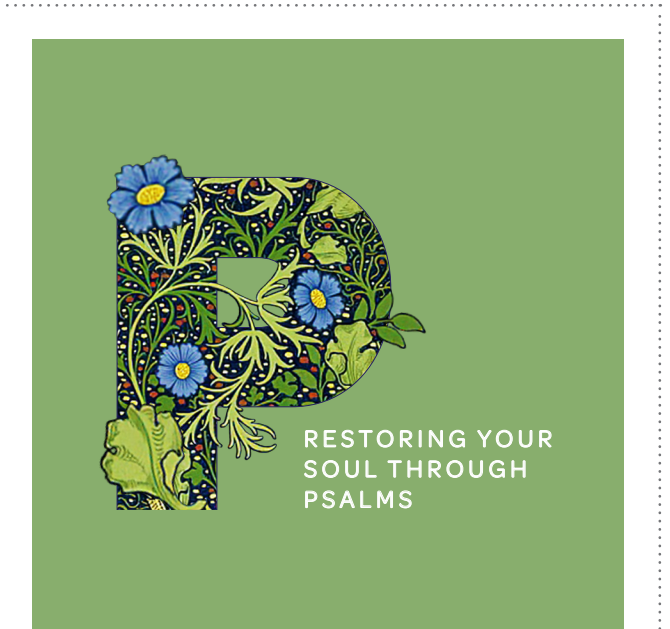
**Sign Up for Sunday Nursery!** Nursery care for infants through kindergarten is available for those who sign up! Visit [fpcbr.org/soloved](http://fpcbr.org/soloved) to make a reservation. Visit [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) for Children's Ministry COVID policies and procedures.

**Part Time Job Opening at Caring to Love Ministries.** CTL is looking for a part time person to help coordinate their annual banquet on November 12. Please call (273.1124) if interested.

**Did You Get One?** This month's issue of fpcNEWS is now available at the Connection Center. Pick up one before you leave today. Don't miss out on the most up-to-date news and events.



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## ORDER of WORSHIP

September 6, AD 2020

10.30 am



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Jim Solomon

### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 28

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

**Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.**

Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;**

My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**The LORD is the strength of his people;**

He is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

**Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

### \*Song of Praise

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

### \*Blessing God

### \*Song of Praise

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

### Scriptural Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

From Psalm 28

**O Lord we would lift up our hands toward your most holy sanctuary, but first we must confess that the works of our hands have been wicked. We have pretended to care while evil has been in our hearts. We have not loved our neighbors. We have disregarded the work of your hands. Have mercy upon us. Do not count us among the workers of evil. Hear our pleas and be our Rock. Without you we sink down into the pit. With you there is help and salvation. Without you we build that which is fit for destruction. With you we find refuge and a blessed heritage. Forgive us, we pray, and receive our prayer through your son, our Lord, Jesus the anointed one. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

\*Standing

### Assurance of Pardon

### Greeting and Announcements

### Presentation of the Offering

### \*Offertory

“By Our Love”



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### Time with God’s Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Psalm 28

To you, O LORD, I call;  
my rock, be not deaf to me,  
lest, if you be silent to me,  
I become like those who go down to the pit.  
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,  
when I cry to you for help,  
when I lift up my hands  
toward your most holy sanctuary.

Do not drag me off with the wicked,  
with the workers of evil,  
who speak peace with their neighbors  
while evil is in their hearts.  
Give to them according to their work  
and according to the evil of their deeds;  
give to them according to the work of their hands;  
render them their due reward.  
Because they do not regard the works of the LORD  
or the work of his hands,  
he will tear them down and build them up no more.

Blessed be the LORD!  
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.  
The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults,  
and with my song I give thanks to him.

The LORD is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.  
Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!  
Be their shepherd and carry them 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

Rev. Dr. Brian Sleeth

“Desperately Crying Out to God”

*We welcome the Rev. Dr. Brian Sleeth to our pulpit this morning. Brian is the Executive Director of one of our key city ministry partners: the Christian Outreach Center. He has a passion for helping others toward the personal responsibility and economic self-sufficiency that arise from spiritual reliance on Christ. Brian created a successful Jobs for Life network in our city, oversees the Purple Cow thrift stores and is pioneering Hand-Up LA, a cooperative ministry for people re-entering the work force after incarceration. He has been married to Stacey for 30 years and they have four children, aged 13 to 21. And he’s a huge classic rock fan!*



## LORD’S SUPPER

### We Are Welcomed to the Table

### We Give Thanks for Jesus’ Mighty Acts

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### We Hear the Words Jesus Said At Supper

### We Commune With Jesus

*\*\* This morning we will come forward to receive communion. Beginning with the back rows, ushers will direct worshipers to come down the far left outside aisle. You may partake of the bread from the table then drop the cup in the trash can. Please proceed to the next table to partake of the wine dropping the cup in the trash can before returning to your seat using the right outside aisle.*

### \*Song of Response

“Jesus Messiah”

### 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.**