

Communing in Christ
Prayer of Thanks

*** This morning we will come forward to receive communion. Ushers will direct worshipers from the back pews.*

Communion Meditation

***Hymn for Sending Out**
"It Is Well with My Soul"



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

Brad Larpenner, flute
Braeden Larpenner, bodhrán



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpabr.org, through Facebook Live and the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack and placing in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion.

Hurricane Ida Relief and Donations. Whitney Alexander is forming relief teams to assist with hurricane recovery. Please contact him if you are able to help (225.810.2607). Disaster relief donations are being taken online (fpabr.org) or by check (please specify "hurricane relief" in the memo line).

Men's Faith & Football Next Sunday. Men's Ministry is excited to have former LSU tight end and Super Bowl champion Brian Kinchen as guest speaker at Faith & Football. Brian has tasted the glory this world has to offer but his message of true identity found in Christ is what will genuinely encourage you. Bring your son, neighbor or co-worker Sunday, September 12 at 5.30 pm to feast on delicious barbecue. Location will be in either the gym or terraced garden (weather permitting). \$10 per person. Please register by September 8 at fpabr.org.

Women's Esther Study Begins This Week. The Women's Ministry Esther study begins this week (Wednesdays @ 6.30 pm via Zoom and Thursdays @ 9.30 am in FPC Room 202). Visit fpabr.org/womensministry for details.

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Buchanan Elementary School Opportunities. Sign up at the Connection Center to be a Buchanan Teacher Encourager or a K-1st grade tutor! Supplies are also being collected.

The Death of Gandalf: The Night Tolkien Pierced My Heart is a new article by Gerrit at Desiringgod.org. Hard copies are available at the Connection Center.

No Youth Group Tonight. We will start back next Sunday, September 12.

Children's Choir Resumes Next Sunday! JAM and Joyful Noise children's choir rehearsals are Sundays from 5-6.30 pm. Join us as we learn about the names of Jesus and the promise he brings. We will also present a musical this fall called, "Table for Five . . . Thousand." For more information, please contact Lauren Honea (lauren@fpabr.org).

High School Seniors Sunday School Class Begins Next Sunday, September 12. Meet in Gerrit's office at 10.10 am.

Discover First Dinner, September 26 from 4-7 pm. This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Meagan Greene (meagan@fpabr.org) or 225.454.2504

Habitat for Humanity Build. FPC is hosting our seventh (!) Habitat build. Build dates are Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Oct. 7-9 and Oct. 21-24. Register online (fpabr.org) to volunteer as a worker or help with food.

Small Groups Start the Week of September 12. Groups will come in all shapes and sizes: married or single, coed, men or women, live or virtual, weekly or every other week. Topics will be either 1 Thessalonians or a Ray Vander Laan study. Contact Kelly Wood (kelly@fpabr.org) to join or lead a group.

Kids Hope USA Needs Mentors. A mentor spends one hour a week talking, reading, playing and listening to a child at Gardere Community Christian School. Each mentor receives training, support and prayer. Contact Annette Lamond (annette@fpabr.org) to find out more.

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

Scripture for Next Week: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

September 5, AD 2021
10.30 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Colton Underwood

Prelude

“Sicilienne” by Maria Theresia von Paradis

Rafael Galvan Herrera, violin

Jaime Compton, cello

Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 28

To you, LORD, I call; you are my rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me.
For if you remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit.

Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your most holy place.

Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed ones.
Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

*Hymns of Praise

No. 43 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

“All Must Be Well”

*Blessing God

*Hymn of Praise

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of faith have been on our lips. Melodies of hope have warmed our hearts. We know that there is none like you, most faithful and holy LORD. Your loving-kindness is sure. But the reality of storms and destruction tempts us to despair. The despair paralyzes us. Forgive us, we pray. Christ have mercy and speak peace to the winds and waves of our doubt. Turn our eyes to behold the beauty of our salvation. Spirit of God motivate us as the saved people of God to love as we are loved and serve our neighbors in their time of need. Amen.

**Standing*

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

**Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict’ry won
The Lord is my salvation**

*Greeting and Announcements

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children’s Church.

Minute for Mission

Ms. Charlotte Britten, principal, Buchanan Elementary School

Offertory

“My Help (Cometh from the Lord)” from Psalm 121

By Jackie Gouche Farris

Arranged by Carol Cymbala

I will lift up mine eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the LORD, the Lord which made heaven and earth.
He said he will not suffer thy foot to be moved.
The LORD which keepeth thee, he will not slumber nor sleep.
Oh, the LORD is thy keeper, the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.
No, the sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
He shall preserve thy soul even forevermore.
My help, all of my help, cometh from the LORD.

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

James 2: 14-26

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do

well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

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

Gerrit Dawson

“Showing Our Faith by Our Works”

Time of Reflection



LORD’S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion 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.

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.