



## 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 [fpcbr.org/connect](http://fpcbr.org/connect).

**Prayer Requests.** We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@fpcbr.org](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org), through Facebook Live and the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Fiesta Lunch Today.** We love congregational lunches! What a great opportunity to fellowship with members of the church you don't normally see. Join us in the gym following worship for fajitas and tacos. A love offering will be taken at the door.

**Last Sunday for Officer Suggestions.** 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. Today is the last Sunday suggestion cards are available in the pew racks.

**Worship Next Sunday.** First Presbyterian Church will continue just one 10.30 worship service in the Sanctuary through August 1. There will be no Sunday school. We resume the normal three service schedule on August 8.

**VBS Parents:** We have special information packets for parents whose children are registered for VBS. Be sure to stop by the Connection Center this morning for your packet. We're excited and can't wait to hang out with your kids for VBS 2021!

**Last Day to Register for VBS 2021.** We are taking the children on a wilderness adventure joining Moses as he and the Israelites escape Egypt! VBS begins tomorrow. Register today online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) as a volunteer or student (1st-5th grades). Please contact Kendra Bremer ([kendra@fpcbr.org](mailto:kendra@fpcbr.org) or 713.829.0828) with any questions.

**Stay-Treat: The Deeper Challenge in Cancel Culture.** The First Presbyterian "Stay-Treat" August 20-21 will feature three dynamic presentations by an expert in Critical Theory. Dr. Neil Shenvi brings the rigor of his background in theoretical chemistry along with his unique ability to present complex issues clearly. Read more about Neil at [shenviapologetics.com](http://shenviapologetics.com). Please plan to join us. And bring a car load! We can't afford not to understand what's going on in our current cultural conversations. Registration now online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org). Price increases after August 10.

**Come Back to Sunday School!** Beginning August 8, we invite you to join one of our four adult Sunday school options: Ryan Dickerson teaching on the gospel of Mark, Jeff Swarner teaching on church history, Barry Phillips teaching on the gospel of John and Kevin McCarter teaching on Romans. Sunday school is a fantastic avenue for connecting with old friends and making some new ones.

**Kingdom Kids SS Teachers Needed!** We are looking for Sunday School teachers grades 1-5. We are starting a brand new, exciting curriculum on August 8. Please come join our team and share the love of Jesus with our children. Please contact Kendra Bremer if you are interested in teaching ([kendra@fpcbr.org](mailto:kendra@fpcbr.org) or 713.829.0828).

**"Rest: Genesis to Revelation" Final Women's Study This Wednesday.** We meet in Dunham Chapel at 6.15 pm for fellowship. The study begins at 6.30 pm. Those unable to attend in person are welcome to watch via ZOOM (link online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org)). Contact Jaime Carnaggio if you require childcare ([jaimc@fpcbr.org](mailto:jaimc@fpcbr.org) or 225.326.5151).

**Twice a Week: Hurricane Relief Day Trips.** Whitney Alexander leads a group of relief workers each Wednesday and Saturday. Everyone is welcome. Meet him in the church parking lot at 6.30 am. Bring work gloves!

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**Calling All Rising 6th Graders!** Confirmation starts in August but we need to be sure your rising 6th grader is included. Please contact Jessica Saffell ([jessica@fpcbr.org](mailto:jessica@fpcbr.org) or 225.921.2175) if you have a student who will be participating in the 2021-2022 Confirmation class. Important Confirmation Dates: Parents' meeting Sunday, August 8 at 10.10 am; Confirmation Lock-In August 13; First day of class Sunday, August 15.

**Need a Pastor After Hours?** Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

**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.

**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.

*Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Hebrews 11: 6*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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## GATHERING TO PRAISE

*Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson*

### Prelude

#### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

*From Psalm 95*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

**The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

#### \*Song of Praise

“Jesus the Mighty One”

#### \*Blessing God

#### \*Song of Praise

“Blessed Assurance”

### Scriptural Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

#### Silent Confession

*\*Standing*

### Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Song of Preparation

“Goodness of God”

#### \*Greeting and Announcements

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



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### Time with God’s Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*Acts 10: 9-16 (NKJV)*

The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. And a voice came to him, “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.”

But Peter said, “Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean.”

And a voice spoke to him again the second time, “What God has cleansed you must not call common.” This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

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

Albert White

“Revelation Brings Integration”

*We welcome to our pulpit this morning Apostle Albert White of Abounding Love Ministries.*



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### Time of Reflection

#### Offertory

“Build Your Church”

*Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.*

#### 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

#### \*Response

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

#### Postlude