



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.

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

“Rest: Genesis to Revelation” Women’s Study Starts Wednesday. What does it mean to rest in the Lord? Is it a command? An invitation? A gift? All of the above? And what are we resting for? All ladies are invited to attend our four-week study on rest each Wednesday in July (July 7-28). 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). Contact Jaime Carnaggio if you require childcare (jaime@fpcbr.org or 225.326.5151).

Officer Nominations for the 2024 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 available in the pew racks each Sunday in July as well as online at fpcbr.org.

Contemplative Prayer Group, July 19. On Monday, July 19 from 10–11 am, we will have a quiet hour in the Chapel featuring guided silent prayer based on Scripture, as well as a brief reflection on Sunday’s sermon. All are welcome.

Congregational Lunch, July 25. We love congregational lunches! What a great opportunity to fellowship with members of the church you don’t normally see as well as invite a guest. Join us Sunday, July 25 following our combined worship service. A love offering will be taken at the door.

Register for VBS 2021. We are taking the children on a wilderness adventure joining Moses as he and the Israelites escape Egypt! VBS dates are July 26-29, 9 am-12 pm. Both volunteer and camper (1st-5th grades) registrations are available online at fpcbr.org. Please contact Kendra Bremer (kendra@fpcbr.org or 713.829.0828) with any questions.

July and August Worship Schedule. 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.

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!

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

Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to in loving memory of Dr. Jane Alsbrook Miller, aunt of Eugenie Burglass, and Dr. William L. Geary, close family friend, by Eugenie and Harry Burglass.*

Scripture for Next Week: Exodus 19: 2–8a

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

July 4, AD 2021
10.30 am



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GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Jim Solomon

Prelude

“Medley of Patriotism” arranged by Gary Lanier
Blake Hanna, trumpet
Steve Gustafson, organ

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

*Hymn of Praise

No. 573 “God of Our Fathers”

NATIONAL HYMN

*Blessing God

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Offertory

“Let Freedom Ring” by Gloria and Bill Gaither
Arranged by Christopher Phillips
Sherry Kadair, piano

Deep within the heart has always known that there is freedom
Somehow breathed into the very soul of life
The pris’ner, the powerless, the slave have always known it
There’s just something that keeps reaching for the sky.
And even life begins because a baby fights for freedom
And songs we love to sing have freedom’s theme.
Some have walked through fire and flood to find a place for freedom
And some faced hell itself for freedom’s dream.

Let freedom ring wherever minds know what it means to be in chains.
Let freedom ring wherever hearts know pain.
Let freedom echo through the lonely streets where prisons have no key.
We can be free and we can sing: “Let freedom ring!”

God built freedom into ev’ry fiber of Creation
And he meant for us to all be free and whole.
But when my Lord bought freedom through the blood of his redemption
His cross stamped pardon on my very soul.
So now I’ll sing it out with ev’ry breath, I’ll let the whole world hear it
This hallelujah anthem of the free.

Let freedom ring down through the ages from a hill called Calvary
Let freedom ring wherever hearts know pain.
Let freedom echo through the lonely streets where prisons have no key.
We can be free and we can sing: “Let freedom ring!”

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

Matthew 5: 13-16

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

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
“American Privilege, Gospel Imperative”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“This Little Light of Mine”

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You, O Lord, have made us to be sources of healing, preservation and light for the world. But we have stumbled about in the darkness. We have grasped blindly for the trending, tasteless offerings of this age. Have mercy on us. Help us to faithfully serve and worship you both privately and publicly. Make us glow with grace-filled boldness. Make us shine with the audacity of those who know and are known by the LORD I AM. Then those around us, illumined by the truth, will give you glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

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