



## 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](http://fpabr.org/connect).

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

**Mentors Make a Difference.** All children face challenges and sometimes need a little support to build resilience and hope. Research shows that by helping a child feel loved and valued, the child can better learn, grow and succeed. A Kids Hope USA 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. We'd love to have you as a mentor! Contact Annette Lamond ([annette@fpabr.org](mailto:annette@fpabr.org)) to find out more.

**A Joyful Return!: Children's Choirs Resume This Fall.** JAM and Joyful Noise children's choirs return August 29. 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." Rehearsals are Sundays, 4-6.30 pm. For more information, please contact Lauren Honea ([lauren@fpabr.org](mailto:lauren@fpabr.org)).

**Women's Fall Study: Esther.** The book of Esther tells how an exiled Jewish girl became the queen of Persia and, with the help of her cousin Mordecai, rescued God's people from those that sought to destroy them. There were no signs and wonders, no special revelations, no miracles. This teaches us that God's plan is often achieved through his divine providence working through ordinary events. Women's Ministry begins its fall study the first week in September (Wednesdays @ 6.30 pm via Zoom and Thursdays @ 9.30 am in FPC Room 202). Visit [fpabr.org/womensministry](http://fpabr.org/womensministry) for details.

**Small Groups Forming Now.** 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](mailto:kelly@fpabr.org)) to join or lead a group.

**Women's Circles Resume in September!** Join us as we study Melissa Kruger's *The Envy of Eve: Finding Contentment in A Covetous World* and discover how to replace covetousness with contentment. In turn, we are drawn toward true joy in a life of gratitude and service that more fully honors and glorifies our Heavenly Father. Circles kick off in September with multiple meeting options. Visit [fpabr.org/womensministry](http://fpabr.org/womensministry) or contact Jaime Carnaggio ([jaime@fpabr.org](mailto:jaime@fpabr.org)) for more information.

**Single 10.30 am Service Labor Day Sunday, September 5.** No Sunday school.

**Men's Faith & Football September 12.** 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 in the gym. \$10 per person. Please register by September 8 at [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org).

**Buchanan Elementary School Supplies** are being collected at the Connection Center.

**The Governor Has Instituted an Indoor Mask Mandate.** Romans 13: "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities." It's not fun, but it's what's called for! We'll be masking during worship, Sunday school and indoor gatherings. We expect to bear this inconvenience cheerfully, resting in the guidance of the law and praying that the pandemic abates. Masks are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

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**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!

**Kingdom Kids SS Teachers Needed!** We are looking for Sunday School teachers grades 1-5. 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@fpabr.org](mailto:kendra@fpabr.org) or 713.829.0828).

**Nursery Helpers Needed.** The So Loved ministry is looking for helpers for the nursery on Sunday Mornings. Volunteers typically serve for one hour, one Sunday per month. If you feel led to help minister to the precious children in our church, please sign up online at [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org). You may contact Karah Guillory ([karah@fpabr.org](mailto:karah@fpabr.org) or 225.278.8753) if you have questions.

**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. Press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

**Give Online.** Visit [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org) or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail. Email [prayer@fpabr.org](mailto:prayer@fpabr.org) if you have online giving questions.

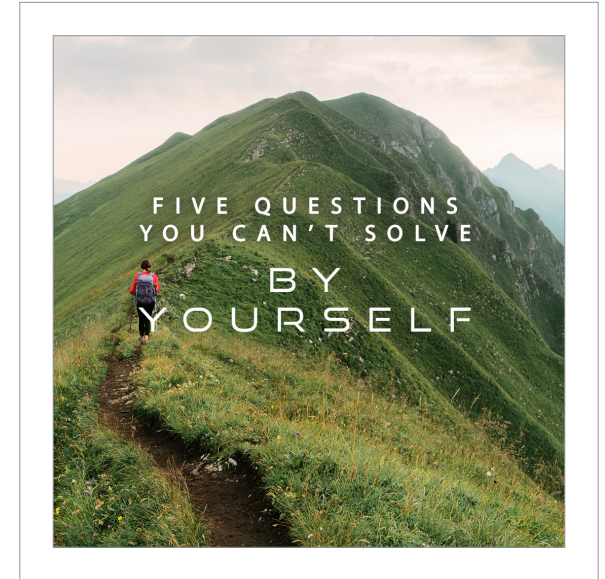
**Assistance for the Hard of Hearing.** We are pleased to offer headphones to assist the hard of hearing during our Sanctuary services. Headsets and packs are available to check out at the Connection Center.

**Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers:** *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Annslee Laura Phillips by Lauren Teague Phillips and N. LaRon Phillips.*

**Scripture for Next Week:** Acts 3: 19-20; Revelation 1: 4-8

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Barry Phillips

### Prelude

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” arranged by James Curnow  
Blake Hanna, flugelhorn  
Steve Gustafson, piano

### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

From 1 Peter 2

We come to you, O living stone, chosen and precious. We come to you as living stones.  
**Make us into a spiritual house where we might offer acceptable sacrifices to our God.**

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken, saying “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone.”  
**The ones who trust in him will never be put to shame.**

Because we trust in him, the Lord has made us a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and his special possession.  
**Let us declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light!**

### \*Hymn of Praise

No. 64 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

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### \*Blessing God

### Scriptural Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

“Me, Myself and I” . . . How focused and intentional we are in chasing our own desires and having our own way! We treat our bodies as temples. But those temples are filled with false gods and idols. Blessed Holy Spirit, bring us again to the truth that we are not our own, that we have been purchased at great cost. We would be clean. We would be made into houses of holiness and prayer. We would live for him who died for us and bring him glory in every thought and deed. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

\*Standing

### \*Response

**Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.  
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### \*Greeting and Announcements

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

### Offertory

“Prayer of St. Francis” by Gerald Custer

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
And where there is sadness, joy.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in pardonning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



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

### \*Response Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### \*Hymn of Preparation

No. 455 “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

BEACH SPRING

### Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination  
2 Corinthians 5: 15

. . . and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

1 Corinthians 6: 19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Colossians 3: 17, 23

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

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  
Questions You Can’t Solve by Yourself, Part 4: “What Is My Purpose?”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Time of Reflection

### \*Hymn of Response

No. 276 “Christ Is Make the Sure Foundation”

REGENT SQUARE

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer



## BENEDICTION

### \*Response

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

### Postlude

Allegro from Concerto in D Major by Georg Philipp Telemann  
Blake Hanna, piccolo trumpet