



LORD'S SUPPER

Time 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.

Communing in Christ
Prayer of Thanks

*** This morning we will come forward to receive communion. Ushers will direct worshipers from the back pews: outer sections first, center section next and the balcony last. You may partake of the bread and wine after returning to your seat.*

*Communion Hymn of Response

"Yet Not I but through Christ in Me"



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

Aria by G. F. Handel



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 fpibr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be emailed (prayer@fpibr.org), sent through Facebook Live or by using the church app.

Contemplative Prayer Hour Tomorrow. Monday at 10 am, Katie and Ryan Forsthoff will lead a quiet hour featuring guided silent prayer based on the reading of Scripture, as well as a brief reflection on the Sunday sermon. This prayer hour takes place every other Monday. All are welcome. More information at fpibr.org.

Beat the Traffic and Come to Worship Early! The Louisiana Marathon passes near First Presbyterian Sunday, March 7! Give yourself a few extra minutes for parking and arrive early.

In Christ Alone: Discovering Where You Truly Live is our theme for Lent this year. Officers hand delivered guides to members last week. If we missed you, or you want more, extra copies are available in the back of the church. Visit fpibr.org to sign up to receive the daily readings via email.

Home Groups Forming. We hope to have hundreds of us meeting in small home groups this year fellowshiping, studying and praying through the Scriptures about our union with Christ. Contact Kelly Wood (kelly@fpibr.org) to get connected. Groups begin meeting this week!

SIAC Seminary Grants. The Session Income Allocation Committee is accepting applications through March 15 for financial grants for individuals interested in pursuing full time Christian ministry. Please contact Jaci if you have questions (jaci@fpibr.org or 620.0221).

High School Seniors Sunday School Class. Calling all high school seniors. Please join Gerrit Dawson as he leads a Sunday school class just for you. Meets each Sunday at 10.10 in Gerrit's office beginning February 28.

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! Also, relief items continue to be collected in the gym. Immediately needed items: contractor bags, buckets and cleaning supplies (Fabuloso and bleach).

Why Do We Mask? At First, we insist on masks at our gatherings. Is it inconvenient? Yes! Is their effectiveness debatable? Yes! But . . . 1) It's the law, 2) We respect the medical minds in our own congregation and 3) *We love one another.* We have members who are at risk, fellow worshipers who, for safety concerns, would not come if we wore no masks. Scripture (1 Cor. 8) clearly calls on those who have more freedom to inconvenience themselves for those who have less. So, please, wear a mask inside and do it for love's sake.

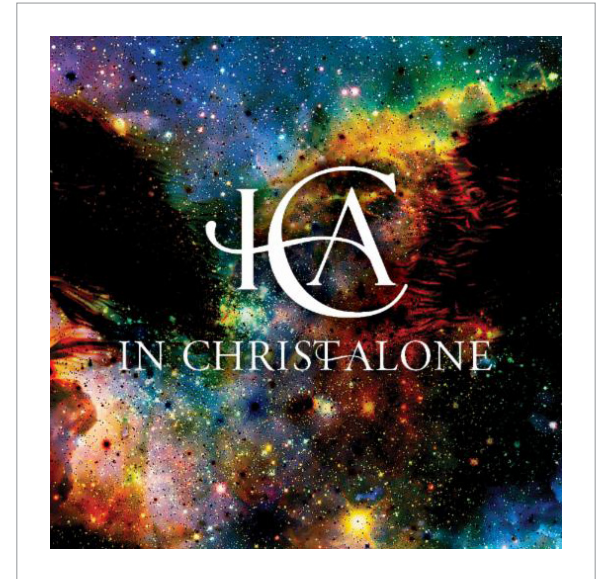
Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Interested in donating Sanctuary flowers? Contact Kathy Mullins: 603.4735.

Scripture for Next Week: 2 Corinthians 1: 20-22; 1 Corinthians 1: 30.

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.
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ORDER of WORSHIP

February 21, AD 2021

11 am

First Sunday of Lent



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

Hornpipe from Water Music by G. F. Handel

Borislava Iltcheva, violin

Aaron Farrell, violin

Grant Bedillion, viola

Joy Bedillion, cello

*Welcome and Call to Worship

Based on Philippians 3

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

I count everything as loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

My whole desire is that I may gain Christ and be found in him,

Not having a righteousness of my own but that which comes through faith in Christ.

That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

That I may above all share in his resurrection from the dead. To this end, I open my heart and voice to worship Jesus.

*Hymn of Praise

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

DARWALL

*Blessing God

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

How often I have left you, dear Jesus,

To seek some “good” I think I need.

I have feared that you want to withhold life from me.

So, I do not consecrate my desires.

I do not compare them to your Word.

Now the experiences I demanded

Have left me bored.

The relationships I manipulated

Have left me empty.

The revenge I craved

Tastes bitter, not sweet.

The offence I took at the least slight

Led to no satisfaction.

Truly, apart from you I have no good.

It’s all empty and angry without you.

Oh, do not leave me to myself!

Would you receive me back into your arms?

Let me taste your goodness again.

Restore me to life in you that I might

Be made well and rejoice.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response Doxology

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!

Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach th’eternal throne, and claim the crown, thru Christ my own.

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Please place your offering in the baskets as you exit worship today.

Anthem

“Since By Man Came Death” from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel

Since by man came death,

By man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“The Solid Rock”

SOLID ROCK

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Acts 26: 9-18

“I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

“In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’”

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119: 103, 105).

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“Found *in* Him”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Communion Hymn

“Before the Throne of God Above”