

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

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

"Presto" by Johann Joachim Quantz



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 fpabr.org/connect.

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

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

Home Groups. It's not too late to join a Lent home group! We hope to have hundreds of us meeting this year fellowshiping, studying and praying through the Scriptures about our union with Christ. Contact Kelly Wood (kelly@fpabr.org) to get connected.

High School Seniors Sunday School Class Began Today. Calling all high school seniors. Please join Gerrit Dawson as he leads a Sunday school class just for you. Join us next week if you missed today. Meets each Sunday at 10.10 in the library.

Convention Street Parking Lot Closed. As our perimeter fencing project progresses, the Convention Street parking lot is closed for construction all week. It will be completed and open in time for worship next Sunday, March 7.

In Christ Alone: Discovering Where You Truly Live. Visit fpabr.org to sign up to receive the daily readings via email.

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@fpabr.org or 620.0221).

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.

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.

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

Scripture for Next Week: Galatians 4: 4-7; 3: 26-27

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ORDER of WORSHIP

February 28, AD 2021

11 am

Second Sunday of Lent



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Barry Phillips

Prelude

“Arioso” by Johann Joachim Quantz

Rachel Ciraldo, flute

Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Colossians 1

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth.

He is before all things, and in him, all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church, and the firstborn from the dead.

In him, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, by making peace by the blood of his cross.

Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and our God.

*Hymn of Praise

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Christ in me, the hope of glory!

Blessed Holy Spirit, I marvel that you would reside in me.

How can you stand to lodge near my

Selfish thoughts, my resentments, my lusts, my greeds?

Yet you bring Jesus the redeemer to me!

You work his life in me from the inside out.

What a big work you have to do!

And how patiently, gently you undertake it.

This day I invite your guidance,

Your shaping, your desire, your direction

To transform me more and more.

Oh Christ in me, great mystery of our union,

Flow through me that I might do your will

And rejoice at day’s end to give you thanks.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

SAGINA

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

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me” by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson and

Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give

He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus

For my life is wholly bound to his.

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken

For by my side, the Savior he will stay.

I labor on in weakness and rejoicing

For in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me

Through the deepest valley he will lead

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven

The future sure, the price it has been paid

For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon

And he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated

Jesus now and ever is my plea

Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“Our Great Savior” (vs. 1-2, 4-5)

HYDRYDOL

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

2 Corinthians 1: 20-22

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

1 Corinthians 1: 30

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another

In all wisdom, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God (Colossians 3: 16).

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“The Great Yes”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“In Christ Alone”