



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 fpcbr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be emailed (prayer@fpcbr.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 fpcbr.org.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday. The session calls for a congregational meeting to be held during 9 and 11 am worship Sunday, January 17 to vote on electing Darin Travis as Associate Pastor for Discipleship, Men's Ministry and Young Adults.

Glorious Christmas Offering. You contributed over \$62,800 to our Christmas offering for city ministry. The Christian Outreach Center and Gardere Community Christian School send their heartfelt thanks for your contributions.

Daniel's Apocalyptic Literature. This Women's Ministry study of Daniel's Apocalyptic Visions kicks off January 13-14 and concludes March 3-4. Join us via ZOOM on Wednesdays at 6.30 pm (link online) or in the Sanctuary Thursdays at 9.30 am.

Join In! Sunday School provides great opportunity for connection and growth in Christ in 2021! The 7.45 service class will dive into the book of Romans and Ryan Dickerson's class is studying the life of Christ through the Pauline epistles. Both classes provide rich spiritual "meat" to chew on! Jeff Swarner's class is having guest teacher, Barat Travis, lead us in how to get the most out of our personal Bible study using inductive studying principles. Are you desiring a spiritually rich 2021? Join us.

Men's Ministry January Social Night. Gathering in large groups may not be the wisest move given current virus transmissions but there are still ways to facilitate community that are relatively safe. The week of January 17 – 23, we encourage you to clear your schedule for a night of fellowship and connection. Pick a night that week and gather some friends from the church in a way that works for you (back porch, socially spaced indoors, or on ZOOM). Don't let busyness or COVID isolation rob you of camaraderie. Email or text Darin if you're gathering a group or you'd like help connecting to a group (313.574.1205 or darin@fpcbr.org).

Gerrit's New Article on Desiring God (desiringgod.org). "Into the Waters with Us: Five Reasons Jesus Was Baptized." Copies are available at the Connection Center.

Two Baptisms Today. Congratulations to the Cruice family. At the 9 am service, Peyton and Olivia Cruice were baptized.

Couples' Workshop, February 5 & 6. Baton Rouge Christian Counseling Center is offering a couples' workshop Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6 at The Chapel on Siegen. Please visit brchristiancounseling.com for more information.

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.

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).

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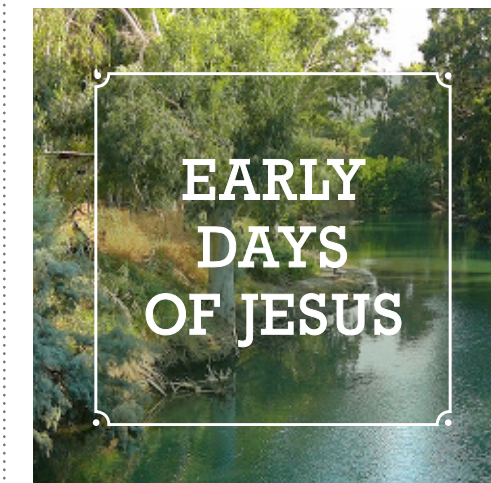
Why Do We Mask? At First, we insist on masks at our gatherings. Is it inconvenient? Yes! Is their effectiveness debatable? Yes! But . . . 1) It's the law, 2) We respect the medical minds in our own congregation and 3) *We love one another.* We have members who are at risk, fellow worshipers who, for 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.

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.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of our Lord and Savior and in loving memory of Dana Baker Othmer by Hans, Devan and Jacob Othmer.*

Scripture for Next Week: Luke 5: 1-11

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ORDER of WORSHIP

January 10, AD 2021
11 am



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GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“If Only You Will Let God Guide You” arranged by Craig Phillips

Rachel Kollmeyer, violin

Steve Gustafson, organ

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 97

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. **Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. **Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD. For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.**

O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light shines on the righteous, and joy on the upright in heart. **Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

*Hymn of Praise

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

The perfection and magnitude of your holiness sets us so very far apart from you, O Lord of Hosts. Glimpses of your glorious presence cause us to shrink back in fear. We are sinful. We are unworthy. For those thoughts, words and actions that have revealed our uncleanness we ask forgiveness. Have mercy on us. Touch us with purifying fire and make us worthy through your own decisive, redemptive action. Through your Son, who alone is worthy, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Standing

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

From Psalm 28: 6-7

**Praise to the LORD, for he has heard
The plea for mercy which I made.
He is my strength, he is my shield;
I trust in him who sends me aid.**

OLD 100TH NO. 20

*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

“Sanctus” from *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré
Arranged by John Rutter

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God, of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory, O Lord.
Hosanna in excelsis! Amen.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“His Mercy Is More”

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Isaiah 6: 1-10

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’
Make the heart of this people dull,
and their ears heavy,
and blind their eyes;
lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”

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

“The Train of His Robe”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“The God of Abraham Praise”

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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

“Allegro” by Antonio Vivaldi