

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

"Postlude" by William Mathias



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 fpibr.org/connect.

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

Women's 1 Corinthians Study Begins This Week. How can Christians live in the world but not of it? How can we relate to the world without compromising our faith? Join Women's Ministry this week as we kick off the spring study on 1 Corinthians. We begin Wednesday, January 12 at 6.30 pm via ZOOM or Thursday, January 13 at 9.30 am in EB 202. More information at fpibr.org.

MDO and Preschool Registration for 2022-2023 opens for our church members Monday, January 24. Contact Whitney Weiner at mdo@fpibr.org or 225.620.0245 for more information.

Discover First Dinner January 30. Discover First Dinners are an opportunity to learn more about the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church in a smaller setting. Our next dinner is Sunday, January 30. Please contact Jaci Gaspard to RSVP (jaci@fpibr.org).

Sunday School Is Back. Our Sunday school teachers are back for the new year and would love to have you join them. Please visit the Connection Center for a list of classes and locations.

"God in Skin and Time: Jesus As Beloved Son" is a Christmas article by Gerrit published on desiringgod.org. Hard copies are available at the Connection Center.

Lost and Found Clean Out. It's time to clean out the Lost and Found box in the Sanctuary building. Please be sure to check for your lost items by the end of January. Any unclaimed items will be "shared" with the Purple Cow or thrown away.

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

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen and John Waldie, parents of Joann Thurston, and Robert Moore Thurston, father of Scott Thurston, given by Joann and Scott Thurston.

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 107: 1-16

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January 9, AD 2022

11 am



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GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision” arranged by Fred Bock
Steve Gustafson, accompanist

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 1

How blessed is the person who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
Who does not linger along the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers;

Rather, his delight is in the Word of the LORD,
And on God’s law he meditates day and night.

That person is like a like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

**In worship this day, we come to draw from the living water of Christ, even as we
open hearts in song and prayer to his Word, so that he can pour in his Spirit.**

*Hymn of Praise

No. 267 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, how often we have drifted along with the crowd. We have been swept up in the worries and wants of those who take no regard for you. How often we have declined to be distinct because we want to blend in. We have even nursed secret thoughts that your will and your Word are outdated, that we now know better than you what makes for life. Worse, we have chosen the seat of scoffers. We have mocked and derided others from behind screens of safety. We have chosen the easy humor of cynicism. It hollows us out! Forgive our foolishness. You alone are our delight. Call us back to yourself. Apart from you we have no good, but in your presence we have fullness of joy. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Standing

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

SOLID ROCK

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand—
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.**

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Offertory

“I Am the Vine” by Allen Pote

I am the vine, and you are the branches.
He who abides in me, and I in him, he will bear much fruit.
Love one another as I have loved you; this is my commandment,
That you love one another as I love you;
Then you will bear much fruit.

If a man does not abide in me,
He is cast forth as a branch and withers.
But if you abide in me, and my words abide in you,
Ask whatever you will and it shall done for you.

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.**

*Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 334 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

ARISE

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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
“Rooted in Rivers”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 163 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

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