



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 sent to prayer@fpcbr.org, through Facebook Live and the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack and placing in the offering basket as you exit worship today.

Open Pews! There's room to spread out now that all pews are open. We hope this makes it easier to maintain social distance while still being able to sit with those in your "circle." We love this move toward normalcy, even as, for a while longer, we continue to mask and limit the total number in each worship venue. And enjoy those cushions!

SIAC Seminary Grant Applications Due Tomorrow. 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@fpcbr.org or 620.0221).

Women's Ministry Galatians Study Begins This Week. Women's Ministry will kick off an 8-week study in the book of Galatians which gives us a picture of grace that is both good and glorious. There are two options to participate (Wednesdays @ 6.30 pm via Zoom, Thursdays @ 9.30 am in Sanctuary). The Zoom link is available at fpcbr.org.

Focused Fellowship Gathering: Women's Ministry is restarting its fun, fellowship decade gatherings, starting with a Spring Sushi Social for women in their 30s/40s. Tuesday, March 23 at 7 pm at the home of Heather Kirkpatrick (4318 Broussard Street). Bring someone you know who may be interested in connecting with others, even if they aren't in this specific age range. Truly, anyone is welcome. This is an opportunity to gather together outside the church walls for food, fellowship and fun.

Palm Sunday in Two Weeks! On March 28 at 10 am, we'll gather in our Convention St. parking lot for an outdoor service with palms and a children's procession. Stay after worship for an egg hunt and balloon artist for children in the garden areas and light snacks for the rest of us. The service will be livestreamed.

Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows, April 1 at 7 pm. We observe the Thursday before Easter, as a sacred day, remembering that Jesus initiated the sacrament of communion on that night and washed his disciples' feet, giving them the commandment to treat each other the same way. This service in the Sanctuary is suitable for children elementary school aged. Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger.

Holy Saturday: The King Sleeps, April 3 at 11 am. Jesus plunged farther, died deeper and was crushed finer than we can imagine on Holy Saturday. Join us at 11 am in the Sanctuary for this Holy Saturday service.

Easter Sunday, April 4. We'll have our sunrise service in the terraced garden at 6.30 am with a light breakfast immediately following. At 9 am and 11 am, a festive service will occur simultaneously in the Sanctuary and the terraced garden! Sunday school as usual. No tickets or reservations. We eagerly look forward to the sweet joy of keeping Holy Week and Easter with you!

Baptisms Today. Georgia Ann Klingman was baptized at the 9 am service.

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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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: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Samuel Eugene Field III, given by Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Eugene Field, Jr.*

Scripture for Next Week: *Ephesians 2: 13-22*

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ORDER of WORSHIP

March 14, AD 2021

11 am

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

- I. *Allegretto* from Sonata for Clarinet and Piano by Camille Saint-Saëns
Victor Drescher, clarinet
Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

Adapted from Romans 6

Do you realize that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Yes! We were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his,
We shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

If we have died with Christ, we believe we will also live with him.
For Christ being raised will never die again. So, too, we are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

In this new life, we worship God with joy and thanks.

*Hymn of Praise

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

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*Blessing God

Baptism

David Michael Breard
Parents are Caroline and Luke Breard
Sponsoring Elder is Darin Travis

Benjamin Joseph Phillips
Sponsoring Elder is Darin Travis

William Bond Price
Parents are Anna and Hooper Price
Siblings are Gentry and Maerin
Sponsoring Elder is Richard Setliff

*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.**

*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

“Marvelous Things” (Traditional gospel song)

He has done marvelous things. Praise the Lord!



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“Amazing Grace”

AMAZING GRACE

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

John 14: 8-11, 18-20

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.”

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.”

John 17: 20-23

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”

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
“Living in Christ”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

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

- I. *Allegro deciso* from Five Bagatelles by Gerald Finzi