



## 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](http://fpabr.org/connect).

**Prayer Requests.** We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@fpabr.org](mailto:prayer@fpabr.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 come forward to receive communion.

**Contemplative Prayer Hour Tomorrow.** Every other Monday at 10 am, we have a quiet hour featuring guided silent prayer based on Scripture, as well as a brief reflection on Sunday's sermon. All are welcome.

**Time Change!** Daylight Saving Time starts next Sunday, March 14. Set your clock FORWARD one hour the night before so you'll arrive here on time.

**Women's Ministry Galatians Study.** Beginning March 17-18, 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 [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org).

**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](mailto:jaci@fpabr.org) or 620.0221).

**Palm Sunday in Three 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.

**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.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Jeanne and Marlin Drake, Jr. of Shreveport, by Lauren Drake Phillips.*

**Scripture for Next Week:** John 6: 47-51

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## Choral Communion Meditation

"Of God I Am in Christ"  
Text by Gerrit Dawson  
Music by Christopher Phillips

Of God, I am in Christ. I sing all day!  
Of God, I am in Christ.  
Of God, I am in You, Christ Jesus.  
Out of the Father's pleasure, out of the Spirit's pow'r.

Of God, I am in Christ. I sing all day!  
Of God, I am in Christ.  
Oh priceless gift of faith, Oh merciful Savior  
Let us be joined to you and all you've done for us.

Of God, I am in Christ. I sing all day!  
Of God, I am in Christ.  
I can't be snatched away. I cannot lose him.  
For I did not make this. No, you are making me:

Of God, I am in Christ. I sing all day!  
Of God, I am in Christ.

## Instrumental Communion Meditation

"Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul" by Sigfrid Karg-Elert



## BENEDICTION

### \*Response

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

### Postlude

"Jubilate" by Roy Douglas



## ORDER of WORSHIP

March 7, AD 2021

11 am

Third Sunday of Lent



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

### Prelude

“God of Grace” arranged by Paul Manz  
Steve Gustafson, organ

### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

*From Galatians 4*

When the fullness of time had come,  
**God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born of law,**

To redeem those who were under the law,  
**So that we might receive the adoption as sons.**

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of *his* Son into our hearts,  
**Crying, “Abba, Father!” Whom today, as beloved children, we worship and adore.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

“God, Our Father, We Adore Thee”

BEECHER

### \*Blessing God

### Scriptural Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus, I live everyday breathing the air  
Of this world and its concerns.  
We live for ourselves. We live for now.  
It’s hard to remember you,  
To believe that all that you are and did  
Is now the truest part of me, for I am in you.  
So help me Holy Spirit,  
To lay hold of Christ Jesus  
With all my mind, heart and strength.  
Give me energy to propel into him,  
To immerse my life in his,  
That I might be filled with the joy of our union,  
And bring glory to the Father  
Through sharing in the mission of the Son  
To this world that needs you so.**

### 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.*



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### \*Hymn of Preparation

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

### Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Galatians 4: 4-7*

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

*Galatians 3: 26-27*

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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).**

### Message

Gerrit Dawson

“Baptized into Christ”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Time of Reflection

### \*Hymn of Response

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”



## LORD’S SUPPER

### 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. You may place your prayer card in the baskets up front. 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.*