



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

III. *Allegro* from Concerto No. 3 in Bb Major by Tomaso Albinoni



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.

Today Is Dedication Sunday. We dedicate our commitments to the Building Up campaign and estimates of giving toward the 2022 church operating budget to God's work through First Presbyterian Church. You may place your pledge cards (available in the pews) in the plate as you come forward this morning. Dedications may also be emailed to Carol Pruitt (carol@fpibr.org) or use the online form at fpibr.org.

"Table for Five . . . Thousand" Children's Musical Tonight. Join the Joyful Noise Children's Choir at 5 pm in the Sanctuary for a short musical exploring the miracle of the loaves and fishes. The children will delight you with witty banter, soothe you by singing the Scriptures back to you, and finally feed you as we all re-enact the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000!

Angels Are Here! Please stop by the Reception Room to receive the name of a child whose parent is incarcerated. You can bless them with Angel Tree gifts on behalf of their parent this Christmas.

Live Nativity Open Casting Call. O come, let us adore him at Live Nativity! Live Nativity is back this year for one night only and we are looking for actors of all ages! It's a great way for families to participate together. There are no speaking roles and only one rehearsal, on December 2. Performance is on December 3. If you're interested, please contact Lauren Honea at lauren@fpibr.org.

Live Nativity in Three Weeks! Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, angels, wise men and shepherds will re-enact Jesus' birth. Join us Sunday, December 3 at 5 and 6 pm in the Terraced Garden. The petting zoo returns this year!

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Christmas with Michael O'Brien and the Foto Sisters. We are thrilled to welcome back to First Presbyterian the Foto Sisters for a Christmas concert at 7 pm Friday, December 3 (same night at Downtown Festival of Lights). They will be joined by 20-year music veteran and Christian singer Michael O'Brien (formerly the lead singer for the Christian band Newsong). Please invite your friends. A love offering will be taken.

Help Fill Terrence's Pantry. We want to help our Habitat for Humanity homeowner, Terrence Carter, fill his new home's pantry. Some ideas are flour, sugar, cereal (Cheerios or Corn Flakes), laundry detergent, fabric sheets, stain remover, dishwashing supplies, paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, cooking oil, salt, pepper, different kinds of seasonings, kitchen towels, mayo, mustard, ketchup, peanut butter, jelly, salad dressing. Items may be brought to the Connection Center or the church office. Thank you for your love for the Carter family.

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.

Assistance for the Hard of Hearing. We are pleased to offer headphones to assist the hard of hearing during our Sanctuary services. Headsets and packs are available to check out at the Connection Center.

ADVENT AT-A-GLANCE:

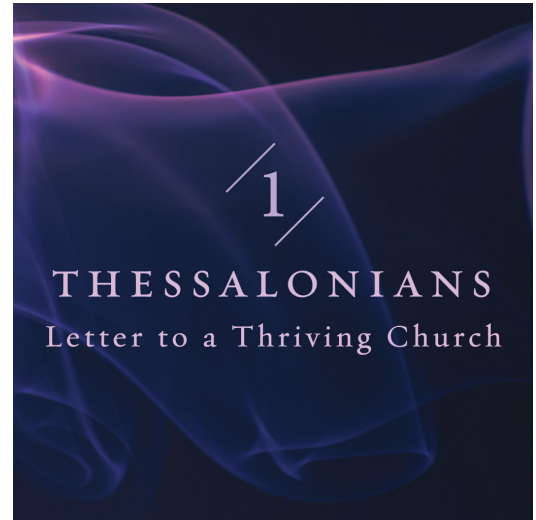
- December 3: Live Nativity at 5 and 6 pm
- December 3: Michael O'Brien and Foto Sisters Christmas Concert at 7 pm
- December 11: Women's Ministry Advent Brunch; 11 am at Amanda Vincent's Home
- December 12: Downtown Pilgrimage, FPC stop at 6.30 pm
- December 19: *ERO CRAS* Cantata at 9 and 11 am worship
- December 24: 11 am, 4 pm and 6 pm worship in the Sanctuary

Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James C. McAdams by Barbara Anne Eaton.*

Scripture for Next Week: *1 Thessalonians 5: 23-28*

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

November 14, AD 2021
Dedication Sunday
11 am



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GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“Give Thanks” arranged by Mark Kellner

Blake Hanna, trumpet
Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin
Andre Moncrieff, violin
Joy Bedillion, cello
Steve Gustafson, organ

Recognition of Veterans

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From 1 Thessalonians 5

Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing! Give thanks in all circumstances!
This is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us.

Do not quench the Spirit! Do not ignore insight from the Lord!
May the God of peace cleanse us and form us entirely in Christ.

May our whole spirit and body be kept blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God who calls us is faithful! He will surely meet us today! May we be filled with his love as we lift our hearts in praise.

*Hymn of Praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Blessing God

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Pastoral Prayer

**Standing*



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 92 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-22

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

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
“A List for Life”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 379 “Take My Life and Let It Be” (vs. 1-2, 4-6)

HENDON

Call for Commitments

Offertory

“Hope for All Nations” by Lee Black, Benji Cowart and Karen Peck-Gooch
Arranged by Cliff Duren

The world is so hungry, but we hold the bread of life.
Surrounded by darkness, but we know the name of the Light.
In a day so divided, we have the love that unites.

Jesus, Jesus, he is hope. Hope for all nations.
Hope for every need. Hope for the life that’s been broken.
He’s always been. Forever he’ll be hope for all nations.

Grace that can mend the marriage that’s too far gone.
The arms that are bringing the prodigal hearts back home.
The truth for the lonely that you are never alone.

The same Great Pow’r that raised him from the dead is living within us.
The Church will rise with Kingdom dreams again. Nothing can stop us!
We are declaring!

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*Prayer of Dedication

From 1 Chronicles 29: 6-20

LEADER: Then the leaders of fathers’ houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officers over the king’s work. They gave for the service of the house of God 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of bronze and 100,000 talents of iron. And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly. Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly.

PEOPLE: “**Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. But who are we that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.**”

LEADER: O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. Then David said to all the assembly, “Bless the LORD your God.”

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**