



## BENEDICTION

### \*Response

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

### Postlude

“God of Grace” by Paul Manz



## 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 [fpcbr.org/connect](http://fpcbr.org/connect).

**Prayer Requests.** We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@fpcbr.org](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org), through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Workers Needed!** FPC is hosting its seventh(!) Habitat for Humanity build. Remaining build dates are Oct. 14-16 and Oct. 28-30. Please register online ([fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org)) to volunteer as a worker or help with food.

**Calling All Artists Meeting Today!** We are inviting you to create works to be displayed as a part of our Advent celebration. Join us immediately after worship in the Reception Room for a brief informational meeting.

**30s/40s Ladies Social This Wednesday.** Ladies, join us for a night of fun, fellowship & food! Women's Ministry is having a social for women in their 30s/40s this Wednesday, October 13 from 6.30-8.30 pm at the home of Melissa Hall Fabré, 5700 Sandalwood Drive, 70806. Feel free to bring a friend or 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. RSVP to [jaime@fpcbr.org](mailto:jaime@fpcbr.org). Please bring an appetizer (sweet or savory!) and/or something to drink.

**Couples' Workshop.** Lost some of that loving feeling? Looking to get more connected? Join Dee and Pete Adams for a Created for Connection couples' workshop this Friday & Saturday at First Presbyterian Church. More information and registration at [c4cbr.com](http://c4cbr.com).

**Women's Stay-Treat, October 23.** What was the role of the high priest under the Old Covenant and what did this priestly work accomplish? Join Women's Ministry for a stay-treat on the significance of the priesthood of Christ. One day only: 8.30 am – 1 pm. Register at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org). Contact Jaime if you require childcare ([jaime@fpcbr.org](mailto:jaime@fpcbr.org)).

**Blood Drive, October 24.** Helping others just feels good. We will have the LifeShare blood mobile on campus in the Convention Street parking lot on Sunday, October 24 from 8 am until 1 pm. Please stop by anytime to donate blood. You do not have to register in advance. Save a life! Donate blood!

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**Annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans in Three Weeks.** Wear your plaids, your kilts and your tweeds as we celebrate the Scottish roots of our Presbyterian faith on Reformation Sunday, October 31 with the bagpipers on North Blvd. starting at 10 am. We'll also have our fall congregational meeting to vote on the slate of new elders and deacons. All are invited to enjoy brunch after worship (love offering will be taken). Registration not required. Activities and games will be offered for the children. Contact Jaci Gaspard to have your clan's tartan represented at the Kirkin' service (620.0221).

**Weekly Houma/Thibodaux Hurricane Relief Trips.** Whitney Alexander is coordinating relief trips each Wednesday for several weeks. Those interested in joining him, should meet in the Target parking lot on Siegen Lane at 6.30 am. Wear sturdy closed-toed shoes and bring work gloves. You'll return at the end of the day. Contact Whitney if you have questions (225.810.2607).

**Hurricane Ida Relief Donations.** Disaster relief donations are being taken online ([fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org)) or by check (please specify "hurricane relief" in the memo line).

**Youth Group and Bible Studies.** High school youth group meets tonight from 6-7.30 pm at Noah Pourciau's home (7335 Sevenoaks Ave.). Middle school youth group meets tonight from 5-7 pm in the gym. Contact Jessica for more information or to join a Bible study ([jessica@fpcbr.org](mailto:jessica@fpcbr.org)).

**Prayer Keychains:** The women of Esther's House in Medellin, Colombia made keychains with four beads to remind us to pray for the four ministries our Building Up campaign will support. Feel free to take some as you exit today.

**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 [fpcbr.org](http://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](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org) if you have online giving questions.

**Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers are given in loving memory with thanksgiving for Jonathan David Pugsley honoring his birth date of October 17 by his parents and sister, Cathy, David and Catherine Pugsley.

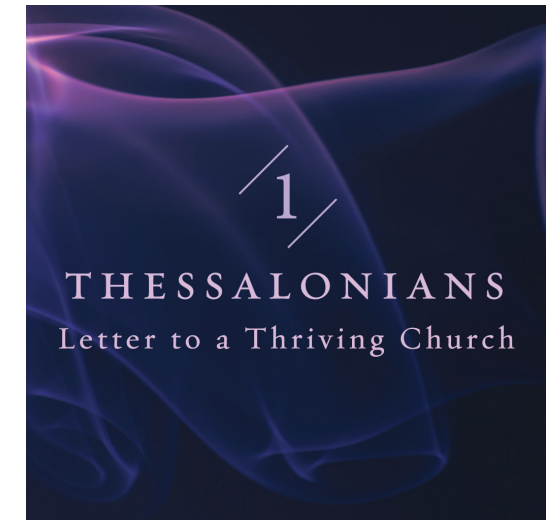
**Scripture for Next Week:** I Thessalonians 3: 8-13

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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## ORDER of WORSHIP

October 10, AD 2021  
11 am



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

### Prelude

Prelude in G by Felix Mendelssohn  
Steve Gustafson, organ

### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

Based on 1 Thessalonians 5

You are all children of the light.  
**We are not of the darkness.**

As children of the day, let us put on the breastplate of faith and love.  
**Filled with the hope of salvation, let us praise God.**

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**He died for us so that whether we live or die, we might always be with him.**

Let us now lift our voices in worship and open our arms in fellowship,  
**Let us encourage one another and build one another up in Christ.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

No. 10 “O Worship the King”

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### \*Blessing God

### Scriptural Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

From The Worship Sourcebook, 2nd ed.

**Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us: how often have we tried to hide from your presence, how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand! Lord, have mercy upon us. Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself in the face of Jesus Christ: how often we have forgotten you, how seldom have we really loved and followed you! Christ, have mercy upon us. Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we ignored your promptings, how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts! Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

\*Standing

### Assurance of Pardon

### \*Response

PLAINFIELD

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

### \*Greeting and Announcements

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

### Minute for Mission

Ben Cunningham, Church of the Resurrection

### Offertory

“Psalm 61: From the End of the Earth” by Alan Hovhaness

Hear my cry, O God. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee.  
When my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.  
For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.  
I will trust in the cover of thy wings. Alleluia.

*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. 52 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (vs. 1-4, 6)

ST. ANNE

### Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

1 Thessalonians 2: 17-3: 7

But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy.

Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, and we sent Timothy, our brother and God’s coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know. For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.

But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith.

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  
“I Just Had to Know”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Time of Reflection

### \*Hymn of Response

“O Church Arise (Arise! Shine!)”

### 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.**