

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. 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 then drop the cup in the trash can before returning to your seat.*

Communion Offering

"Assurance" arranged by John Ness Beck
"There Is a Redeemer" arranged by Anna Laura Page



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

"The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" by G. F. Handel

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kay Curry, beloved mother and grandmother, given by Ryan, Mary, David, Luke and Mary Claire Dickerson.

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 27: 7-14

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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.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be emailed (prayer@fpabr.org), sent through Facebook Live or by using the church app.

Prayer for Our Nation Tonight. Jim Solomon invites you to a series of prayer meetings the Sundays leading up to the November 3 elections. This in-person event takes place at 5 pm in the Sanctuary through November 1.

Annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans Next Sunday. We celebrate our Presbyterian Scottish heritage on Reformation Sunday at 10 am. Join us outside in the Convention St. parking lot so we can seat more people (masks not required while seated). Those interested in staying in the air conditioning may watch the livestream in the Sanctuary. In case of bad weather, we'll worship in the Sanctuary with overflow in the gym. Parking is available in both the Old Governor's Mansion lot and 7th Street public lot. Contact Jaci Gaspard (620.0221) to request your clan's tartan be represented. Childcare available for birth through Kindergarten. No adult or children's Sunday school. Confirmation class will meet at 9.15 am.

Congregational Meeting in Three Weeks. The session has called a congregational meeting during our 9 and 11 am services on November 8 for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons.

Discover First in Two Weeks. Our next Discover First Meeting is Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 3.30 - 5.15 pm. This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Meagan Greene (meagan@fpabr.org or 225.454.2504)

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.

Housing the Homeless. The Christian Outreach Center is collecting gently used items for the homeless who have recently been moved to apartments during the pandemic. Apartment living necessities may be donated at Drusilla Lane Park, October 23-31, 9 am - 6 pm. Items needed: towels, dishes, glasses, utensils, shower curtains, blankets and cookware. Tax deductible monetary donations may also be made by visiting christianoutreachcenterbr.com/housing-the-homeless.

Be a Buchanan Encourager. Buchanan Elementary has 20 teachers who need an encourager. See Laura Shaw after worship outside on North Blvd. for details. Don't forget: masks, disinfecting wipes, gently used belts (black, brown or blue) and gently used coats/sweaters are being collected for the students. Donate at the Connection Center or back of the Sanctuary.

Hurricane Relief Opportunities. FPC is collecting relief items as well as making weekly trips to assist. Meet in the church parking lot at 6.30 am Wednesdays and Saturdays. Visit fpabr.org for details or contact Whitney Alexander (whitney@fpabr.org or 225.810.2607). Bring work gloves.



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ORDER of WORSHIP

October 18, AD 2020
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Jim Solomon

Prelude

“Salut d’Amour” by Edward Elgar
Randy Manning, violin
Anna Herrera, cello
Steve Gustafson, organ

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Exodus, 2 Samuel 7, 2 Chronicles, Matthew 21 and 1 Peter 2

Great I AM, you met with the children of Israel at the tabernacle as Moses led them toward the promised land.

In the holiest place, between the cherubim, you allowed your glory to rest. But none dared enter except the high priest, and he would enter only on the day of atonement.

Later, King David desired to build the Temple in Jerusalem that your glory might dwell in the finest house of cedar. You set apart David’s son, Solomon, for the building of the Temple. **You were pleased and your glory filled the Temple with such magnificent thickness that the priests could not enter.**

Then, at the appointed time, you sent your Son, Jesus the Anointed One, who is the full expression of your glory to be the living cornerstone of the truest temple. Thus the words were fulfilled: “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

Because of Jesus, we too are living stones being built into a spiritual house. We trust in the LORD and will never be put to shame. This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

*Hymn of Praise

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (vs. 1-3, 6)

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*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you offer to us the security of a fortress and the confidence of sure footing. But we have trusted in flimsy and precarious footholds. You would be our light. But we have scurried away from such illumination and hidden in the darkness. Our focus is distracted by the rumbling and rumors of the enemy. Have mercy on us. Holy Spirit, work in us that longing to set our singular and unwavering gaze upon the beauty of the Lord. In the presence of the Lord there is safety. There we would present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ we plead. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Standing

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

**Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelejuh! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.**

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Anthem

“Psalm 27: 1-6” inspired by the Anglican chant tradition

The LORD is my light and my salvation. Whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
It was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid.
And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

*Response Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Oh praise him, oh praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“Be Still, My Soul”

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 27: 1-6

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

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The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

These sacred writings are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **For all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3: 15-17).**

Sermon

Darin Travis
“The LORD Is My Light”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA



LORD’S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion