

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 462 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

"Queen of Sheba" by G. F. Handel Borislava Iltcheva, violin Aaron Farrell, violin Grant Bedillion, viola Eduard Teregulov, cello



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*.

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

Blood Drive Today. We will have the LifeShare blood mobile on campus in the Convention Street parking lot today until 1 pm. Please stop by anytime to donate blood.

Workers Needed! Final Build Dates! Remaining Habitat for Humanity build dates are Oct. 28-30. Please register online (*fpcbr.org*) to volunteer as a worker or help with food.

Ladies Social October 28. Women's Ministry is having a 60s+ Ladies Social Thursday, October 28 at the home of Jane Kirkpatrick (262 S. Lakeshore Dr.). Come & go anytime between 11 am-1 pm for food & fellowship. Assortment of salads & sweets from Bergeron's. Contact <code>jaime@fpcbr.org</code> to RSVP. 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!



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Next Sunday, Kirkin' Celebration. 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). Jim and James Hogg will once again be playing music; activities and games will be offered for the children. If you haven't told us before, contact Jaci Gaspard to have your clan's tartan represented at the Kirkin' service (620.0221).

Congregational Meeting and Election of Officers Next Sunday. The session has called a congregational meeting during our combined service on October 31 for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons. The officer nominating committee will place into nomination: Elders: Will Adams, Gerry Arnold, Chuck Barber, Cheryl Broadnax, Ross Henry, Pat Kerr, Jason Lewis, Kevin McCarter, Jerry Stovall and Suzie Thompson. Deacons: Ryan Castle, Blake Fowler, Ryn Jones, Sherry Kadair, Annie Kelly, Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, Ainsley Lewis (1 year), Cheryl Lott, Pat O'Donoghue, Jeff Swarner and Milt Westmoreland.

Forgiveness Seminar November 6. Many of us have an incomplete view of what forgiveness is, what it isn't and how to go about it. Please join Jim Solomon on Saturday, November 6 from 10 am to noon in the Reception Room for an in-depth discussion and special forgiveness ceremony. Please register by Tuesday, November 2 (*laura@fpcbr.org* or 620.0222), so that we can order sufficient materials for this special time of transformation and freedom.

Parents' Night Out November 7. An evening of fellowship, bowling, trivia, food and fun at Red Stick Social Sunday, November 7 from 5 to 8 pm. To sweeten the deal, we're providing childcare as well. Drop your kids off and enjoy a break before the week begins! Further details and registration online at *fpcbr.org.* \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

Almost Time! Commitment Sunday is November 14 for both our 2022 annual giving and the Building Up Campaign. That will be a joyful service of dedication! Soon you will receive one pledge card for both commitments. Of course, you don't need to wait: You can always make your pledges online at the Building Up tab, or email Carol Pruitt (carol@fpcbr.org) with your commitment.

Loving Our rEcess Families, Friday, November 5. Once a month volunteers spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. We need prayer for this vulnerable group and hands on volunteers. Contact Jess Concienne if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess (*jess.concienne@gmail.com* or 225.892.3212).

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God by Tricia and Donovan Davis.

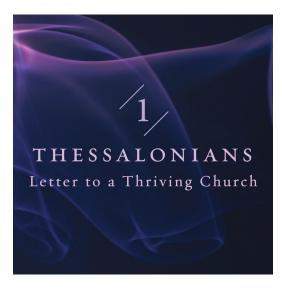
Scripture for Next Week: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

October 24, AD 2021 11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander

Prelude

"Ruska" (Autumn Colors) by Eicca Toppinen Roger Lowther, 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. 25 "Immortal, Invisible"

ST. DENIO

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

From The Worship Sourcebook, 2nd ed.

Your will for us, our great God and King, is that we should be sanctified, self-controlled, and honorable. You call us to purity. You have taught us to love others through the example of the giving of your own son to death on the cross for our sake. But we have been disobedient, impulsive, impure and unloving. Have mercy on us, we pray. Holy Spirit, make our ambitions and routines of daily life your own that we might live quietly yet in such a distinct way that those who observe us see your truth and increasingly experience your abundant love. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, amen.

*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.

Minute for Mission

Peter Kiwanuka, Bethany Centre, Uganda

Offertory

"Take My Life" arranged by Craig Courtney

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee; Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

GREATOREX

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;

*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. 2 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

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
"Walking to Please God"