

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.*

Instrumental Communion Meditation

II. Adagio, from Concerto in A for Clarinet by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

II. Allegro Animato from Sonata for Clarinet and Piano by Camille Saint-Saëns



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 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.

Workers Needed! FPC is hosting its seventh(!) Habitat for Humanity build. Build dates have been pushed back to Oct. 7-9, Oct. 14-16 and Oct. 21-24. Please register online (fpcbr.org) to volunteer as a worker or help with food.

Calling All Artists! We are inviting you to create works to be displayed as a part of our Advent celebration. Join us Sunday, October 10 immediately after the 11 am service in the Reception Room for a brief informational meeting.

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 October 15-16 at First Presbyterian Church. More information and registration at c4cbr.com. Contact Dee (dee@brchristiancounseling.com) for information on an early-bird special for FPC members which expires October 8.

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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.

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. Contact Jaime if you require childcare (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!

Loving Our rEcess Families!! 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).

Weekly Houma/Thibodaux Hurricane Relief Trips. Whitney Alexander is coordinating relief trips to Houma/Thibodaux 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).

Youth Group and Bible Studies. 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).

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

Did You Get One? This month's issue of fpcNEWS is now available at the Connection Center as well as other spots throughout the church. Pick one up before you leave today. Don't miss out on the most up-to-date news and events.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given in celebration and with thanksgiving for the 30th wedding anniversary of Tanja and Franklin Foil by their children Kathleen, Grace and Andy.

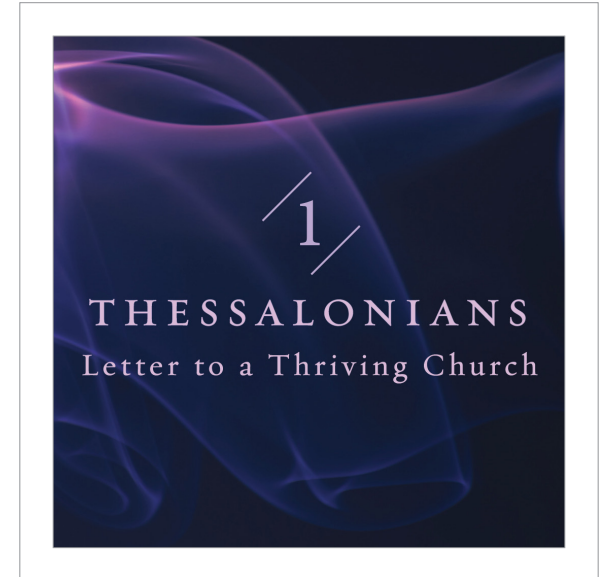
Scripture for Next Week: *Thessalonians 2: 17-3: 7*

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

October 3, AD 2021
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Barry Phillips

Prelude

I. *Zart und mit Ausdruck* from Fantasy Pieces by Robert Schumann
Victor Drescher, clarinet
Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

Based on 1 Thessalonians 1

Grace and peace to you, Church. We give thanks to God for you. We have prayed constantly for you.

We give thanks to our God and Father for your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the wonderful news of Jesus come to us anew today.

May it come not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

May our faith in God go forth everywhere. May the Lord's message ring out!

Let us turn away from all our idols and serve the Lord our God only.

With patience and faith let us wait for the risen Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

In gratitude for our deliverance from sin, in hope of Christ's return to set all things right, and now in this present moment, we worship the living and true God.

*Hymn of Praise

No. 97 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CORONATION

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

The headlines and narratives of this past week are swirling in our hearts. The details and plot twists of our lives worry and distract us. We have listened to the lies. We have paraded around in costumes that momentarily conceal the shame and anxiety we feel. Have mercy on us, O Lord. You have gathered us today to hear again your epic story, the gospel. Give us ears to hear. By the work of the Holy Spirit and through the mystery of Holy Communion, unite us with Jesus, the hero of the story and the author and finisher of our faith. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Standing

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

**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.**



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

"The King in All His Beauty"

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Offertory

"O Church Arise (Arise! Shine!)"

By Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend and Chris Tomlin

O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain. For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies; An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor; And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor. When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure, And Christ will have the prize for which he died, an inheritance of nations.

Arise! Shine! For your light has come. Arise! Shine! For the Risen one. Lift your eyes, we are his radiant bride. Arise, O Church, arise.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken; Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen! And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from his grave, The vict'ry march continues 'til the day every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle, That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace, We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

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

*Response Doxology

**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.**

PLAINFIELD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

1 Thessalonians 2: 13-16

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!

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

"The Word at Work"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 277 "The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA



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