



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“God, Our Father, We Adore Thee”

BEECHER

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.



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

Allegro from Sonata No. 3 in F major by G. F. Handel

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

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 25: 8-22

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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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 fpcbr.org/connect.

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

Blood Drive Today. The LifeShare blood mobile is in the church parking lot until 1 pm.

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

“Distan-SING” Is This Thursday. We want to sing for you! With the music of Sondheim, Bernstein, Verdi and others we’ll comment on these challenging times. We’ll ask some important questions. We’ll laugh a bit and reassure you with the hopefulness that beautiful music can rouse. Join us Thursday at 7 pm in the Sanctuary or via livestream.

Joyful Noise Choir Resumes Next Sunday! From October 11 until November 15 at 5 pm, children grades 1-5 will meet, distanced and outside, under our new Terrace Tent! Our JNC staff are taking extra precautions for everyone’s safety. For questions and more details, email Lauren Honea at lauren@fpcbr.org.

Couples’ Workshop, October 16 & 17. Baton Rouge Christian Counseling Center is offering a couples’ workshop Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17 in the Reception room. Please visit brchristiancounseling.com for more information.

Foundation Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 14. All are welcome to participate via ZOOM at 11.30 am. Contact Donna Saurage (dsaurage@cox.net) to attend.

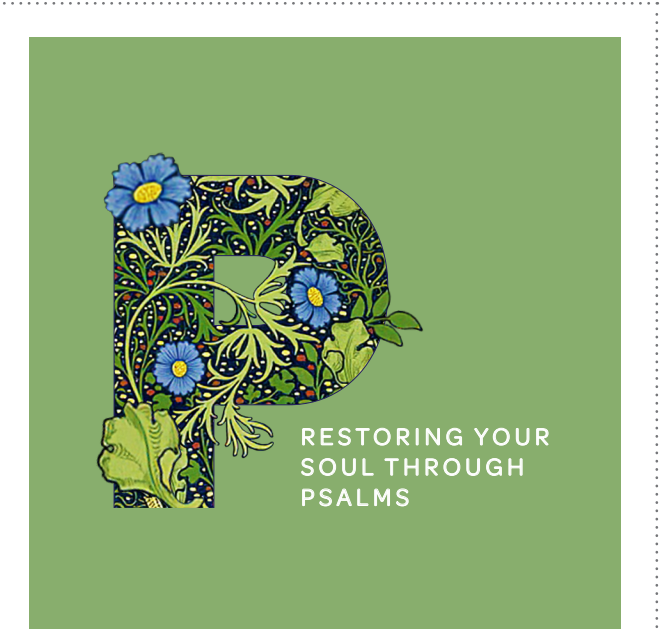
Annual Kirkin’ O’ the Tartans in Three Weeks. We celebrate our Presbyterian Scottish heritage on Reformation Sunday, October 25 at 10 am. We’ll celebrate outside in the Convention St. parking lot so we can seat more people. Those interested in staying in the air conditioning are welcome to watch the livestream in the Sanctuary. In the case of bad weather, we’ll have worship in the Sanctuary with overflow in the gym. We want your clan’s tartan to be represented at the annual Kirkin’ O’ the Tartans. Call Jaci to include yours, 620.0221.

Why Do We Mask? At First, we insist on masks in our indoor public gatherings. Is it inconvenient? Yes! Is their effectiveness debatable? Yes! Then, *why?* 1) Because it’s the *law*. It’s what our government asks of us right now. There is a place for Christian civil disobedience to unjust laws or egregious persecution. We don’t believe a masking requirement is unjust or egregious in what it asks. 2) Because we respect the medical minds in our own congregation who advise that masks prevent spread. 3) Because *we love one another*. We have members who are at risk, fellow worshippers who, for safety concerns, would not come if we wore no masks. Are they right? ***It doesn’t matter!*** 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.

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 fpcbr.org for details or contact Whitney Alexander (whitney@fpcbr.org or 225.810.2607). Bring work gloves.



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ORDER of WORSHIP

October 4, AD 2020

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Jim Solomon

Prelude

Adagio from Sonata No. 3 in F major by G. F. Handel
Aaron Farrell, violin

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Exodus 33 and 34, John 14 and 2 Corinthians

Dear people of God hear now the LORD as he spoke to Moses on the mount saying, “You have found favor in my sight. I know you by name.”

Show us your glory, O Great I AM! Be gracious to us and show us mercy.

The LORD says, “I will make my goodness pass before you, but you cannot see my face. No one can see me and live.”

Hide us in the cleft of the rock, cover us with your hand and pass by.

Hear the voice of the LORD as he passes before you, “I AM. I am merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”

Your steadfast love nurtures a thousand generations. You forgive sin and you maintain justice. Show us your glory!

The LORD has revealed to us his glory. He has given us his son. To see the Son is to see the Father.

Our hearts glow brightly with this wonderful knowledge. We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus, the Christ.

*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

*Blessing God

*Scriptural Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Most Holy God, when we remember those sins that we have committed this week we feel ashamed. When we remember the transgressions of years past and the foolishness of our youth, we are undone! Who will save us from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because of him your remembrance of us is founded upon your own steadfast love and fundamental goodness. You tread our iniquities underfoot and cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. Hear our prayer and receive us today through Christ, Our Lord, amen.

*Silent Confession

*Standing

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

**Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! 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 25: 1-7” from the New Scottish Psalter

To you, O LORD, I lift my soul;
I trust in you continually.
Do not let me be put to shame,
Nor let my foes gloat over me.

O LORD, reveal to me your ways,
And all your paths help me to know.
Direct and guide me in your truth;
Instruct me in the way to go.

You are my Savior and my God;
All day I hope in you alone.
Remember, LORD, your love and grace
Which from past ages you have shown.

Do not recall my sins of youth
Or my rebellious, evil ways;
Remember me in your great love,
For you, O LORD, are good always.

*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

HYFRYDOL

*Hymn of Preparation

“The Solid Rock”

SOLID ROCK

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 25: 1-7

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O 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

Gerrit Dawson

“Lead Me in Your Truth”

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