

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

Gigue from Suite No. 3 by J. S. Bach



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.

Building Up Presentation Tonight: Come hear the plans for our campaign to take missions to the next level. Join us from 5-6 pm in the Sanctuary. See the new video. Hear the vision. Get in early on the excitement of what God is leading us to build for our mission partners.

Prayer Keychains from Esther's House: As we leave worship today, everyone will be given a hand woven prayer keychain. The women from Esther's House in Medellin, Colombia made them each with four beads to remind us to pray for the four ministries our Building Up campaign will support. Feel free to take an extra to share with a friend.

Workers Needed! FPC is hosting its seventh(!) Habitat for Humanity build. Build dates are Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Oct. 7-9 and Oct. 21-24. Please register online (fpcbr.org) to volunteer as a worker or help with food.

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 BRCCC (brchristiancounseling.com) or C4C website (C4CBR.com). Contact Dee (dee@brchristiancounseling.com) for information on an early-bird special.

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).

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Parents: We want to give each family an amazing gift to help spiritually lead your children! Come to the alcove for your free copies of *The Gospel Story Bible* and *Long Story Short*.

Playing with and Loving On Special Needs Children. Volunteers are always needed to play and love on our community's children with special needs and their siblings at rEcess. A love for caring for children is all that's required to volunteer. The next rEcess is scheduled for Friday, October 1. Contact Jess (jess.concienne@gmail.com) for more information on how to get involved.

Children's Choirs. JAM and Joyful Noise children's choir rehearsals are Sundays from 5-6.30 pm. Join us as we learn about the names of Jesus and the promise he brings. We will also present a musical this fall called, "Table for Five . . . Thousand." For more information, please contact Lauren Honea (lauren@fpcbr.org).

Buchanan Elementary School Opportunities. Sign up at the Connection Center to be a K-1st grade tutor! Supplies are also being collected.

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 Convention St. parking lot 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 (225.610.2607).

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

Give Online. Visit 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 if you have online giving questions.

Assistance for the Hard of Hearing. We are pleased to offer headphones to assist the hard of hearing during our Sanctuary services. Headsets and packs are available to check out at the Connection Center.

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.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. McKowen II, Mr. and Mrs. Alex C. McKowen, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodford, Jolie Thuneman Peel, and Jolie Berry by Jeanie McKowen Thuneman, Wayne McKowen, Ann McKowen Gerald and Allie McKowen.*

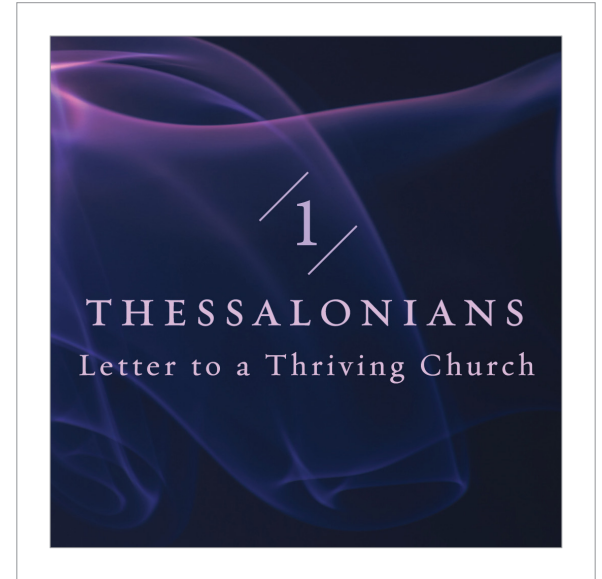
Scripture for Next Week: 1 Thessalonians 2: 13-20

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

September 26, AD 2021
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Jim Solomon

Prelude

“Passacaile” by G. F. Handel
Borislava Iltcheva, violin
Aaron Farrell, violin
Grant Bedillion, viola
Joy Bedillion, cello

*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. 268 “God, Our Father, We Adore Thee”

BEECHER

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We have received from your hand abundant gifts, most faithful Lord. But like the unwise servant, we have taken those gifts and buried them in the earth. No investment. No return. No sharing the peace and grace that is ours with our neighbors who need it. Forgive us, we pray, for isolating ourselves. For closing our eyes and pretending to be blind. For our selfishness. Make us humble and generous servants after the pattern of your beloved Son, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

**Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.
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Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.**



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Brian Miller, Global Transformation Ministries

Offertory

“You Are Called to Tell the Story” by Ruth C. Duck

Arranged by Christopher Phillips

You are called to tell the story passing words of life along
Then to blend your voice with others as you sing the sacred song
Christ be known in all our singing filling all with songs of love.

You are called to teach the rhythm of the dance that never ends.
Then to move within the circle hand in hand with strangers, friends,
Christ be known in all our dancing, touching all with hands of love.

You are called to set the table, blessing bread as Jesus blessed.
Then to come with thirst and hunger needing care like all the rest
Christ be known in all our sharing, feeding all with signs of love.

May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space
Give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place.
Christ be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.

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

*Response Doxology

ITALIAN HYMN

**To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore;
Thy sov’ reign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.**

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

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

“Sharing Our Lives”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 293 “Rise Up, O Church of God”

ST. THOMAS