



ORDER OF WORSHIP



September 3, AD 2023

11 am





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson

Prelude

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 145

We will extol you, our God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day we will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, we will meditate.
They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and we will declare your greatness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

So let us worship the LORD!

***Song of Praise**

“Victory Chant: Lion of Judah”

***Blessing God**

***Greeting and Announcements**

Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children’s Church.

Offertory

“You Are Good” by Israel Houghton

Lord, you are good and your mercy endureth forever.
People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation,
We worship you! Hallelujah! We worship you for who you are! You are good!
You are good all the time, all the time, you are good!

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

*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

“The Goodness of God”

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:13

... until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Ephesians 4:16

... from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Christ, our head.
He makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love

Sermon

Adraine White from Abounding Love Ministries
“Better Together”

Time of Reflection



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

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

Please come forward to receive communion.

Communion Meditation

“The Anthem”
Abounding Love Ministries Praise Team



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**
“The Blessing”

***Response**

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

Postlude

“Sacred Harp Medley” arranged by Brant Adams

ABOUNDING LOVE MINISTRIES PRAISE TEAM

Pamela Donaldson
Lionel Franklin
Vicki Houston
Robin Smith
Gregory Washington

MUSICIANS

Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin
Kristina Graham, violin
Luis Bernardo Castro, cello
Blake Hanna, trumpet
Steve Gustafson, piano
Bobby Struppeck, keyboard
Jim Miley, electric guitar
Bill McDonald, acoustic guitar
Jordan Tupper, bass guitar
Eli Williams, drums



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 fpibr.org/connect.

Discover First Dinner Next Sunday. 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 Emily Viguierie (emily@fpibr.org).

Small Groups Begin the Week of September 10. Groups will come in all shapes and sizes: married or single, coed, men or women, live or virtual, weekly or every other week. Contact Kelly Wood (kelly@fpibr.org) to join or lead a group.

Become a McKinley Elementary Volunteer. Stop by the Connection Center each Sunday in September to sign up for ministry opportunities at our adopted school, McKinley Elementary.

Faith Driven Entrepreneurs Baton Rouge Conference September 13. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to align your business pursuits with your spiritual calling. Details and registration are online at fpibr.org.

Joyful Noise Begins September 10. Joyful Noise and JAM children's ensembles begin rehearsing Sunday, September 10 from 5 to 6.30 pm in the Kingdom Kids classrooms. Contact Lauren Honea (lauren@fpibr.org) for details.

Ladies' Night of Testimony & Fellowship September 14. Join Women's Ministry for a Night of Testimony & Fellowship as some of our beloved sisters-in-Christ (Caroline Breard, Melissa Fabré, Paula Begnaud, Jennie Wilbourn and Lori Wells) testify to the ways the Lord has worked personally and powerfully in their lives. Thursday, September 14 at the home of Kate Freeman from 6–8.30 pm. Register online at fpibr.org.

Popsicles & Splashpads Meet & Greet! Join Children's Ministry Saturday, September 16 at the Highland Road Park. Our staff will be there and ready to play from 10–11.30 am with parents and children ages newborn through 5th grade.

Parenting Small Group Begins September 17. Join Barat and Darin Travis Sunday, September 17 for this 8-week small group centered on parenting. The group meets from 5–6.30 pm in the Reception Room. Childcare provided. RSVP to Barat at barat.travis@cru.org.

Communion Training with Gerrit September 17. Kindergartners through 5th graders, and their parents, are invited Sunday, September 17 at 10.10 am in the Kingdom Kids classroom.

Church Offices Closed for Labor Day. Our offices are closed Monday, September 4. 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.

Kids Hope USA Needs Mentors. A mentor spends one hour a week talking, reading, playing and listening to a child at Gardere Community Christian School. Each mentor receives training, support and prayer. Contact Annette Lamond (annette@fpibr.org) to find out more.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given in loving memory with thanksgiving for Van Andrew Wilson on his birthday by his parents Claire and Steve Wilson.

Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 1:7–10
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