



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

July 3, AD 2022
10.30 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

Please remember to silence your cell phone while in worship.

Prelude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” arranged by Christopher Phillips

Blake Hanna, trumpet

Janet Schoonmaker, trumpet

Angela Finley, horn

J. Corey Knoll, trombone

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 147

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

***Hymns of Praise**

No. 573 “God of Our Fathers”

No. 571 “My Country, 'Tis of Thee” vs. 1, 3-4

NATIONAL HYMN

AMERICA

***Blessing God**

Scriptural Call to Confession

**Standing*

Prayer of Confession

We have gathered once again in your holy name, O LORD our God. Your Holy Spirit calls us to remember your mighty deeds of redemption and blessing. He calls us to forsake all idols and serve you only. We have pledged allegiance with our words, but our thoughts and actions tell a different story. We confess that we are unable to serve you as we should for you are a holy and jealous God. How thankful we are that Jesus, our Lord, has served you faithfully. We rest in him who is our cornerstone. We claim his obedience as our own. We ask you to make us like him that we might sincerely say, "The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey." Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

VILLE DU HAVRE

My sin—O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin—not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Offertory

"As for Me: A Musical Meditation on Joshua 24" by Christopher Phillips

Fear the Lord, your God! He is holy, he is jealous.
The Lord our God has done great wonders!
He preserved us and delivered us. Choose you this day whom you will serve.
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.
We will serve the Lord our God with sincerity. His voice we will obey faithfully.
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord. We will serve the LORD, our God!

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

*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

“Trinity Song”

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Joshua 24: 1

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God.

Joshua 24: 14-28

“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD.” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel.” And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem. And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God.” So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

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

Barry Phillips

“Remember Who You Are”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“O Church Arise”

Pastoral Prayer, Prayer for the Nation 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

“As For Me (Reprise)”

Sanctuary Flowers: Today’s flowers are dedicated to all the service men and women who have made and kept America free by Eugenie and Harry Burglass.

Scripture for Next Week: 2 Chronicles 24: 1-4; 13-25

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 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.

Continued: Combined Services in July. We continue our single 10.30 am worship throughout the month of July. No Sunday School.

Crazy in Love: Women's Bible Study. How does God really see me, personally? I know he LOVES me, but does he LIKE me? Join us this July for the Women's Ministry summer study as we explore several passages that give evidence of God's relentless love and affection for us. We will meet each Wednesday in July from 6.30 to 8 pm in Dunham Chapel. Fellowship at 6.15 pm.

S.T.A.R.S. Sports Camp Needs Volunteers. July 11-15 are the dates of the annual S.T.A.R.S. soccer camp with Abounding Love Ministries. Consider volunteering to coach the children and share the gospel with Baton Rouge inner city kids. Contact Josh Woltmann to volunteer (225.715.4598 or josh@fpcvicksburg.org).

From Angola to Working to Redeeming Youth in N. Baton Rouge. The Rev. George Gillam is a longtime friend of this congregation. Our Malachi Dads team met George 5 years ago as the inmate leader of this Bible study. Since his release in 2020, we have partnered with George in his work in the inner city. Sunday, July 17, George will bring us a powerful message as he preaches at our 10.30 am service. Join us for a reception after worship.

Parents' Day Out, July 24. Please join us after the combined service July 24, 12-2 pm, for food, games and great fellowship. We also will have activities and entertainment for kids so you can relax and enjoy. There is no charge to attend Parents' Day Out. We do, however, ask that you register at fpcbr.org by Wednesday, July 20 so we can order enough food.

Officer Nominations for the 2025 Class. The Officer Nominating Committee nominates Elders and Deacons by receiving suggested names of members from the congregation, prayerfully preparing a slate and presenting the slate at the annual October congregational meeting for election. Please be in prayer about who you might suggest. Please make your suggestions by July 31. Cards are available in the pew racks as well as online at fpcbr.org.

Meeting of the Corporation. On behalf of the church trustees, the session calls for a meeting of the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge during worship at 10.30, July 31, 2022. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the recommendation that Amanda Vincent be elected as a trustee of the Corporation, and to engage any other matters of the Corporation. (Active members of the congregation are active members of the Corporation. Only those physically present may vote).

Free Books! The pastors have been spring cleaning and have made some books available for the taking. Please help yourself to any of the books on the large table in the Parlor.



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