



LOVED BEFORE YOU WERE MADE

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 10, AD 2023
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“Come, Come Ye Saints” arranged by Mark Kellner
Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Ephesians 1

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has blessed you in Christ with every spiritual blessing.
He chose and consecrated us in Christ before the foundation of the world.

He has adopted you as children and heirs through Jesus Christ.
What glorious grace! Jesus, beloved of the Father, we worship you!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 228 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

DARWALL

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus, I have seldom realized my plight. I have tried not to think about it. I have hoped that you were just going to overlook the wrong in me. Just wink at the damage I have done. Let it go as not that big a deal. I figure you're just going to be nice about it all. I so rarely think how a perfectly just God could justify the likes of me. It took the shedding of your blood. Life had to be paid for life. You gave yourself up to death in order to set me free. And I trivialize the cost to you. Forgive me. You take sin, my sin, seriously. All the way to the killing cross. Thank you for such astounding mercy. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

"Draw Near to the Lord" by Russell Nagy

Come, praise our Father Almighty, the King of creation!
Come, praise his Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord over all!
Come, praise his one Holy Spirit, the fire of salvation!
Praise we our God, three in one, one in three, all in all!

Praise to the Father for bountiful grace never failing!
Let us exalt him, our voices and spirits we raise;
Praise to the Son, Jesus Christ, who is Savior of all!
Come, let us praise him who loves us and died for us all!

Praise to the Spirit in wisdom and mercy prevailing!
Let us exalt him, the God who inhabits our praise,
Praise we our God, three in one, one in three, all in all!

Now draw near to the Lord, and he will draw near to you;
Now draw near to the Lord and love him in all you do.

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

***Response Doxology**

REGENT SQUARE

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one,
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run. Amen!**

***Prayer of Dedication**



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Song of Preparation**

“His Mercy Is More”

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 1:7–10

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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

Gerrit Dawson

“Get the Recap!”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Hymn of Response**

No. 275 “How Firm a Foundation” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

FOUNDATION

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

“How Firm a Foundation” arranged by Dale Wood

Prayer Time: Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jerry Johnson by his wife, LaNelle Johnson, and their daughters Debra Matthews, Joy Pennington and Jeri J. Cochran.

Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 1:11-14

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 fpibr.org/connect.

Discover First Dinner Tonight. 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 Viguerie (emily@fpibr.org).

Joyful Noise Begins Today! 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.

Fall Small Groups Begin This Week. Fall small groups come in all shapes and sizes. Many go deeper into Ephesians following the current sermon series. Connect with Kelly Wood (kelly@fpibr.org) to participate.

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.

Faith Driven Entrepreneurs Baton Rouge Conference This Wednesday. 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.

Night of Testimony & Fellowship This Thursday. 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 (fpibr.org).

Popsicles & Splash Pads Meet & Greet This Weekend! 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.

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.

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.

International Friendship Partners September Social. Join IFP at the Kozans' (3565 Cole Dr.) on Friday, September 22 for a fun social welcoming internationals with fellowship.

Baptisms Today. Congratulations to the Dunahm, Hart and O'Rourke families. At the 7.45 am service, Charlotte and Elisabeth Dunham were baptized. At the 9 am service, Lily Hart and John O'Rourke were baptized.

New Crying Babies/Nursing Mother's Room. Our Bride's Room now doubles as a Crying Babies/Nursing Mother's room on Sunday mornings. This location, as well as the Parlor, are available with closed circuit TV simulcasting the 9 and 11 am services.

