

ORDER of WORSHIP

September 11, AD 2022 11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

"The Church's One Foundation" arranged by Michael Burkhardt Steve Gustafson, keyboard

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 49

The Psalmist set out to solve a riddle:
Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,
those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?
Truly no man can ransom another,
or give to God the price of his life,

For the ransom of a life is costly. Nothing we do can make it possible For a person to live on forever and never see the pit.

Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.

Yet, God alone can and will ransom my soul From the power of death, for he will receive me. There is only one Redeemer, Jesus Christ; The God who became man That we might pass from death to life.

*Hymn of Praise

No. 234 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

*Blessing God

*Scriptural Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

O God, our souls are parched, as those who live in a dry wasteland. We know the springs of life are in you, but we have preferred the desert of our own devices. You offer living water; we choose stale pools from cracked cisterns. You are life, but we make our way in the deathly paths of our own desires. Restore us O God! All our fresh springs are in you, in you alone. Lead us to the still waters yet again. Grant us to drink deep of your Spirit, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response SOLID ROCK

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultess to stand before the throne. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Ms. Charlotte Britten, Principal of Buchanan Elementary

Offertory

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" by Craig Courtney

I know that my Redeemer lives and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though my body be destroyed, yet in my flesh shall I see God. Alleluia! Now we see in a glass dimly, but then, face to face; Now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known.

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

No. 195 "Nothing but the Blood"

PLAINFIELD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

I Peter 1: 13-21

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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
"Ransomed by Precious Blood"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

"Before the Throne of God Above"

*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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arranged by Edward Broughton

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 and 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: 1 Peter 1: 22 - 2: 3 Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed. All songs used by permission: CCLI license #207235.



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.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday. The session calls for a congregational meeting Sunday, September 18 for the purpose of 1) the election of the Rev. Scott Graham as Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Spiritual Formation and 2) the election of elders and deacons for the Class of 2025. The meeting is to be held during both the 9 and 11 am Sanctuary services. Nominated Elders: Nan Boydstun, Charles Goebel, Chris Haskew, Martha Juban, Laurie Lemoine, Bill Peters, Benn Vincent, Jake Wood, Eric Zartman, Dan Zito. Nominated Deacons: Toliver Bozeman, Dan Gibson, Mark Lamond, Melissa Miley, Shawn Mills, Parish Oliver, Jonathan Schellack, Mary Ann Yeargain, Claire Zak.

Discover First Dinner Next Sunday, 4-6 pm. 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@fpcbr.org*).

Women's Ministry Social for 50s/60s! Women's Ministry socials are extra opportunities to gather outside of church for food, fellowship and fun. Our Thursday, September 22 gathering is intended for women in the 50s/60s age range but truly anyone is welcome! The more the merrier! Join us 5.30-7.30 pm (please note time change) at Claire Wilson's (1150 Baird Dr.). Please RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio (*jaime@fpcbr.org*).

Daughters of the King Begins. Women's Ministry is excited to launch the Daughters of the King, a new ministry designed to build community for single adult women through discipleship, fellowship and study. Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 14 from 5.30 to 7.30 pm in the Bride's Room. Please contact Sara Green Mele (*sara.g.mele@gmail.com*) or Melissa Miley (*melissa@themileylawfirm.com*) for more information.

Faith Driven Entrepreneur Conference. We want to highlight the interaction between our faith in Christ and our work in the business world. The Faith Driven Entrepreneur Conference will stream live in our Sanctuary Wednesday, September 28 from 9.30 to 3.30. In addition to a stunning array of presenters, lunch will be served and there will be break out groups as we consider what it means to belong to Christ and be engaged in business. Visit *fpcbr.org* to register. The conference is free with the special check out code available online. Contact Hank Mills, Blake Fowler or Darin Travis for more information.

Small Groups Forming Now. Is God inviting you to grow deeper in him by joining a small group? Fall groups began meeting this week, but it's not too late to join! Please contact Kelly Wood (*kelly@fpcbr.org*) to learn which group best fits your schedule.

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

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