



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Time of Reflection

#### \*Hymn of Response

No. 292 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

### 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

*I. Allegro* from Concerto No. 3 in Bb Major, Op. 7 by Thomas Albinoni

Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin

Andre Moncrieff, violin

Joy Bedillion, cello

Black Hanna, trumpet

Steve Gustafson, keyboard

*On this Mission Sunday, Gerrit and Jim are preaching the Word at sister churches in our presbytery: Church of the Resurrection in New Orleans and First Presbyterian Churches of Thibodaux and Houma.*



## 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](http://fpcbr.org/connect).

**Prayer Requests.** We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@fpcbr.org](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org), through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Lunch with Tom Lin.** All are invited to join Tom for lunch and a Q & A session at 12.15 in the Gym.

**Asking Jesus Is Our Theme for Lent.** We'll be engaging 42 encounters with Jesus in which we made requests. We'll see how, then as now, Jesus always answered our deeper need. The officers will deliver your books before our official launch Sunday, March 6. Those who live outside the Metro area will receive their copy via US Mail. Subscribe to Lent daily emails by texting ASKINGJESUS to 22828. Contact Kelly Wood to participate in a Lent small group ([kelly@fpcbr.org](mailto:kelly@fpcbr.org)).

**Ash Wednesday Worship and Shelton's Famous Gumbo.** Join us March 2 as we kick off Lent with a special noon service in the Chapel. Stay after worship for gumbo made by our beloved Sexton Emeritus, Shelton. \$5 suggested donation. All are welcome! Noon services continue throughout the Lent season but without lunch.

**Games Galore, March 5.** Games Galore is an afternoon of fun for the whole family! Help us warmly welcome and connect with international students from 2- 5 pm in the Gym. Details online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**Want to Talk More About It?** Last week's message focused on issues related to life created in the womb. This can be a painful topic, touching on wounding, sorrow and forgiveness. Women's Ministry is here to pray, discuss and care. Contact elder Katie Forsthoff ([katieforsthoff@gmail.com](mailto:katieforsthoff@gmail.com)) to begin a confidential conversation.

**High School Youth Group Tonight.** Join us from 6-7.30 pm at the home of Jake and Ashley Wood (3626 Primose) for dinner, fellowship and a lesson.

**Loving Our rEcess Families.** Once a month volunteers spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. Our next night out Friday, March 4. Contact Jess Concienne if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess ([jess.concienne@gmail.com](mailto:jess.concienne@gmail.com) or 225.892.3212).

**Prayer Time.** Join us at 10.15 am for prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building) each Sunday. One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

**Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Howard and Emogene S. Elliott by their family, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Cenac (Elizabeth Elliott) and Dr. Clifton O. Bingham III.

**Scripture for Next Week:** 2 John

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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## ORDER of WORSHIP

February 20, AD 2022

11 am

Mission Sunday



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander

### Prelude

“Tell the Story, Send the Light” arranged by Christopher Phillips

### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 136

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods, (Spanish)  
**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, (Swahili)  
**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

To him who alone does great wonders, (Japanese)  
**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

To him who by understanding made the heavens (German)  
**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

To him who spread out the earth above the waters (Portugese)  
**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

To him who made the great lights (Mandarin)  
**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

The sun to rule over the day, (Spanish)  
**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

The moon and stars to rule over the night (French)  
**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

It is he who remembered us in our low estate (Japanese)  
**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

And rescued us from our foes, (Portuguese)  
**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

He who gives food to all flesh, (Mandarin)  
**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

No. 231 “Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET

### \*Blessing God

### Scriptural Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we gather today, rich in blessing, somehow believing that we merit the wealth and comforts we enjoy. Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare blankly in our direction. With bellies full of grain and meat, we offer token gestures to the hungry in our world and we feel we have done enough. Forgive us, O God or keeping a distance between “us” and “them,” for closing our eyes to the cries of the hungry. With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth, we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters around this world. Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you. Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving, that we may work to ensure freedom and justice for all.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

### \*Response

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

### Offertory

“Hope for All Nations” arranged by Cliff Duren

The world is so hungry, but we hold the bread of life.  
Surrounded by darkness, but we know the name of the Light.  
In a day so divided, we have the love that unites. Jesus.

He is hope. Hope for all nations.  
Hope for every need. Hope for the life that’s been broken.  
He’s always been, forever he’ll be!

Grace that can mend the marriage that’s too far gone.  
The arms that are bringing the prodigal hearts back home.  
The truth for the lonely, that you are never alone.

The same great pow’r that raised him from the dead is living within us.  
The Church will rise with Kingdom dreams again. Nothing can stop us!  
We are declaring: Hope!

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

### \*Doxology

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!**

### \*Prayer of Dedication



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### \*Hymn of Preparation

No. 304 “Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

### Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Genesis 12: 1-5*

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan.

### Sermon

Tom Lin, Director of InterVarsity

“Blessing the Nations”