



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

“Christ Is Risen”

***Response**

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpabr.org, through Facebook Live and the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack and placing in the offering basket as you exit worship.

Women's Ministry Spring Picnic This Friday. Join us for our annual Women's Ministry Spring Picnic on Friday, April 16 from 12 pm-1.30 at the home of Connie Miller (6665 Burden Lane). We will gather in fellowship, enjoy an assortment of salads and sweets and be refreshed with God's Word. May we be planted firmly in the “good soil” and GROW up in every way into Christ. The cost is \$10 per person. Register at fpabr.org.

It's On! Men's Skeet Shoot Rescheduled. The Men's Ministry Skeet Shoot has been rescheduled to this Saturday, April 17. This year's location is on a beautiful 6,000 acre working sugar cane plantation in Morganza, LA. Prizes will be awarded for shooting and cooking abilities. \$25 per person. Further details and registration online at fpabr.org. Those who previously registered for the cancelled February skeet shoot will be contacted directly by Darin Travis.

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Discover First Dinner, April 18 from 4-7 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 Meagan Greene (meagan@fpabr.org or 225.454.2504)

Give Meaning to Your Spring Cleaning. The Purple Cow Thrift Stores significantly support the work of the Christian Outreach Center. They're eager to receive donations of clothing, housewares and furniture at both the Perkins and Jones Creek stores.

Lake Forest Ranch Camp: We're Going! Kids age 7-12 are eligible to join us at LFR July 18-22. Space is very limited so please let Kendra Bremer know (kendra@fpabr.org or 713.829.0828) if your child plans to attend. Registration and payment must be complete by May 23. Further details at fpabr.org/camp.

Contemplative Prayer Hour Resumes Tomorrow. Every other Monday at 10 am, we have a quiet hour in the Sanctuary featuring guided silent prayer based on Scripture, as well as a brief reflection on Sunday's sermon.

“A Beautiful and Daring Duel Over Death” is a new article by Gerrit at desiringgod.org. In this celebration of the resurrection, he contrasts two famous “skull scenes” from English literature: Hamlet in the graveyard and Herbert's graphic poem “Death.” Copies are available at the Connection Center.

Open Pews! There's room to spread out now that all pews are open. We hope this makes it easier to maintain social distance while still being able to sit with those in your “circle.” We love this move toward normalcy, even as, for a while longer, we continue to mask and limit the total number in each worship venue. And enjoy those cushions!

Baptisms Today. David Michael Breard and Olivia Mae Schell will be baptized at the 11 am service.

Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lamar Boydston, Ms. Martha Wilbourne Nabers and Mr. Fred Foster Nabers, Jr., parents of Nan and Herb Boydston.*

Scripture for Next Week: *Philippians 3: 12-16*
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ORDER of WORSHIP

April 11, AD 2021

9 am

First Sunday after Easter



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From 1 John 4: 7-11

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

*Songs of Praise

“Come Ye Sinners”

“10,000 Reasons”

*Blessing God

*Song of Praise

“What a Beautiful Name”

*Standing



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Greeting and Announcements

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.
Please place your offering in the baskets as you exit worship today.

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5: 21-33 (NIV)

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

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

Jim Solomon

“Resurrected Relationships”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Song of Response

“Like Incense”

Please bring your prayer requests forward.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Based on 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a)

Dear Lord, your Word tells us that love is more about actions than feelings. Yet we have let our feelings toward others distract us from our faith in you when it comes to your definition of love given to us. You tell us that love involves being patient. Yet, we too often lose patience with those who disagree with us. You tell us that love involves being kind, not envying, not boasting, not being prideful, not dishonoring others, not being selfish, not being easily angered, and forgiving rather than condemning others. We are sorry that we have often been out of line with your love in how we treat one another. You tell us that love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. Yet, too often we haven't loved others enough to tell them what they need to hear rather than what they want to hear or have simply remained silent. Please forgive us. You tell us that love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres, and that love never fails. Yet, we have failed. Thank you for being our success. Help us to succeed in living out your love toward others in a way that demonstrates your love for us. We ask for your forgiveness and for your empowerment. For we pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon