



BENEDICTION

*Song of Response

“Build My Life”

*Response

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



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 Facebook Live and the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Mentors Make a Difference. A Kids Hope USA Mentor spends one hour a week talking, reading, playing and listening to a child at Gardere Community Christian School. Each mentor receives training, support and prayer. Contact Annette Lamond (annette@fpcbr.org) to find out more.

A Joyful Return!: Children's Choirs Resume This Fall. JAM and Joyful Noise children's choirs return August 29. Join us as we learn about the names of Jesus and the promise he brings. We will also present a musical this fall called, “Table for Five . . . Thousand.” Rehearsals are Sundays, 4-6.30 pm. For more information, please contact Lauren Honea (lauren@fpcbr.org).

Women's Fall Study: Esther. The book of Esther tells how an exiled Jewish girl became the queen of Persia and, with the help of her cousin Mordecai, rescued God's people from those that sought to destroy them. There were no signs and wonders, no special revelations, no miracles. This teaches us that God's plan is often achieved through his divine providence working through ordinary events. Women's Ministry begins its fall study the first week in September (Wednesdays @ 6.30 pm via Zoom and Thursdays @ 9.30 am in FPC Room 202). Visit fpcbr.org/womensministry for details.

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Small Groups Forming Now. Groups will come in all shapes and sizes: married or single, coed, men or women, live or virtual, weekly or every other week. Topics will be either 1 Thessalonians or a Ray Vander Laan study. Contact Kelly Wood (kelly@fpcbr.org) to join or lead a group.

Women's Circles Resume in September! Join us as we study Melissa Kruger's *The Envy of Eve: Finding Contentment in A Covetous World* and discover how to replace covetousness with contentment. In turn, we are drawn toward true joy in a life of gratitude and service that more fully honors and glorifies our Heavenly Father. Circles kick off in September with multiple meeting options. Visit fpcbr.org/womensministry or contact Jaime Carnaggio (jaime@fpcbr.org) for more information.

Single 10.30 am Service Labor Day Sunday, September 5. No Sunday school.

Men's Faith & Football September 12. Men's Ministry is excited to have former LSU tight end and Super Bowl champion Brian Kinchen as guest speaker at Faith & Football. Brian has tasted the glory this world has to offer but his message of true identity found in Christ is what will genuinely encourage you. Bring your son, neighbor or co-worker Sunday, September 12 at 5.30 pm in the gym. \$10 per person. Please register by September 8 at fpcbr.org.

Buchanan Elementary School Supplies are being collected at the Connection Center.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Annslee Laura Phillips by Lauren Teague Phillips and N. LaRon Phillips.*

Scripture for Next Week: Acts 3: 19-20; Revelation 1: 4-8

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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The Governor Has Instituted an Indoor Mask Mandate. Romans 13: “Let



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9 am



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GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From 1 Peter 2

We come to you, O living stone, chosen and precious. We come to you as living stones.

Make us into a spiritual house where we might offer acceptable sacrifices to our God.

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken, saying “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone.”

The ones who trust in him will never be put to shame.

Because we trust in him, the Lord has made us a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and his special possession.

Let us declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light!

*Songs of Praise

“Psalm 150, Praise the LORD”

“Your Great Name”

*Blessing God

*Song of Praise

“Trinity Song”

**Standing*



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 5: 15

. . . and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

1 Corinthians 6: 19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Colossians 3: 17, 23

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

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

Questions You Can’t Solve by Yourself, Part 4:

“What Is My Purpose?”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Song of Response

“By Our Love”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

“Me, Myself and I” . . . How focused and intentional we are in chasing our own desires and having our own way! We treat our bodies as temples. But those temples are filled with false gods and idols. Blessed Holy Spirit, bring us again to the truth that we are not our own, that we have been purchased at great cost. We would be clean. We would be made into houses of holiness and prayer. We would live for him who died for us and bring him glory in every thought and deed. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer