



## INTERCESSION

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**



## BENEDICTION

**\*Song of Response**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

**\*Response**

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADVENT EVENTS:

**Tonight!** Downtown Pilgrimage, FPC stop at 6.30 pm. The journey begins at 5.30 pm at Mount Zion Baptist Church. We'll walk together to several downtown churches and hear wonderful Christmas music.

**ERO CRAS Christmas Cantata Next Sunday.** A morning of visual and musical worship celebrating the ancient “O” prayers. Join us at 9 or 11 am. Fellowship and refreshments between the two services in the Reception Room.

**Christmas Eve at First, December 24:** Three Festive Services of Carols, Candlelight and Communion: 11, 4 and 6. The 11 am service will be child friendly, including a shorter message.

### ADVENT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

**Christmas Offering for City Ministry.** Our annual Christmas offering (through December 26) goes directly to support The Christian Outreach Center and the daily operations of Gardere Community Christian School.

**Christmas Poinsettia Orders Due Wednesday, December 15.** All are invited to contact Sherry in the church office (387.0617 or [sherry@fpcbr.org](mailto:sherry@fpcbr.org)) to purchase a poinsettia in memory or celebration of a loved one. Poinsettias are used to decorate the Chapel and Sanctuary. \$35 each.

**Christmas Bags for Malachi Dads.** Toiletry items are being collected for Christmas bags to be distributed to the Malachi Dads (prisoners) at Angola Penitentiary. Please consider making a donation and dropping it off at the Connection Center. Cash donations also accepted.

**Advent Art Gallery.** Take a few moments in the gallery before or after worship to browse member artwork inspired by the “O” Prayers.

**Habitat Build Painters Needed!** Volunteers needed for interior painting Saturday, December 18. Hours are 8 am-2.30 pm. Address: 845 N. 31st St., 70802.

**Advent Reading Guides:** Pick up your daily guide to praying “O Prayers” and the Scriptures on which they are based as we get ready for Christmas. The guides can also be found online under our Resources tab.

*Scripture for Next Week: Malachi 4: 2, Luke 1: 76-79  
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Advent Sermon Series

## ORDER of WORSHIP

**December 12, AD 2021**

**9 am**

**Third Sunday of Advent**



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

*Assisting with Worship: Jaime Carnaggio*

### Welcome

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Candle of Joy will be lit by Linda and Paul Mitchell.

### \*Call to Worship

*From Hebrews 1 and Colossians 1*

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

**But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.**

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.**

O King of the gentiles and Desire of Nations, you are the Cornerstone that makes us one.

**Come deliver us, whom you formed from the dust.**

### \*Songs of Praise

“Psalm 150: Praise the LORD”

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

### \*Blessing God

*\*Standing*

### \*Song of Praise

“Light of the World”



## 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

*Haggai 2: 7 (KJV)*

And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

*Isaiah 25: 6-9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the  
earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might  
save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

No one has ever seen God,

**But the one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the  
Father's side, has made him known (John 1: 18).**

### Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

The “O Prayers,” Part 3: King and Desire



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Time of Reflection

### \*Song of Response

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

*Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.*

### Scriptural Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**You have made us creatures of desire. Our highest and deepest desire has always been and shall always be you. But rather than reaching up toward you, we have lusted after low, base things. Like the prodigal son, we have demanded “Give us what we deserve. Give it to us right now.” How foolish of us! Have mercy on us, O Lord. Teach us your ways. Lead us in your path. We run to you gentle Father, dear Desire of every nation, and Joy of every longing heart. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon