

## \*Song of Response

“What Child Is This?”

“Build My Life”

## Pastoral Prayer



## BENEDICTION

## \*Response

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2020 Christmas Offering.** Our annual Christmas offering goes directly to support two of our key ministry partners, both of which are making possible meaningful, long-term transformation in our city: The Christian Outreach Center and Gardere Community Christian School. We receive this offering in the spirit of Christmas from December 13-27. Donations may be made in the offering plate, online or by mail.

**Women’s Ministry Advent Brunch on Saturday.** Join us for our annual Advent Brunch where we’ll dive deep into each Advent candle’s meaning and uncover the hope this season brings. Saturday, December 12 from 11 am until 1 pm at the home of Hattie Guidry. Visit [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) for details and registration. \$10 per person. Childcare is not provided. Advent devotion at noon with an option to Zoom in and listen!

**Next Sunday: *Hail the Blest Morn.*** Worship ministry is excited to present *Hail the Blest Morn: A Musical Celebration of the Incarnation* on Sunday, December 13 at 9 and 11 am. Through ancient texts and modern poetry and with various musical styles, we will bring together the many talents in our church to illuminate the great and wonderful mystery of the incarnation of our Lord.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Five Christmas Eve Services!** We’re eager to celebrate our Savior’s birth with you at one of our five (!) Christmas Eve services. Join us at 11 am, 4 pm or 6 pm. In order to provide as much safe seating as possible, we’ll offer two services at 4 pm and two at 6 pm; one in the Sanctuary and one in the Gym. All services will include live music, a live message from Gerrit, candlelight, communion and decorations. However, to manage seating, each service must be a ticketed event. Starting Sunday, December 13 at 4pm online reservations go live for each service.

**We Need Gifts for Kids!** The children’s, youth and missions ministries of First Presbyterian Church are teaming up to bring joy to the children in southwest Louisiana. We deeply appreciate your help in blessing others who have been devastated. Gift ideas and details are online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**Christmas Poinsettia Orders.** 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. Monday, December 14 is the deadline to place an order.

**Christmas Bags for Malachi Dads.** 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: soap, antiperspirant, toothpaste/toothbrush, shampoo, lotion, body wash, socks or baby powder. Cash donations also accepted.

**Foto Sisters CD and Notecard Sets.** FPC notecard sets (\$20) and Foto Sisters CDs (\$10) both make great stocking stuffers. Visit the Heritage Room to make a purchase.

**Daily Advent Readings.** A suggested list of Advent readings is available in print, online or in the church app.

**Scripture for Next Week:** *John 1: 18*  
*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*  
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## ORDER of WORSHIP

December 6, AD 2020

9 am

Second Sunday of Advent



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander

### Welcome

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Candle of Peace will be lit by Kendra, Bryant, Ella and Addie Bremer.

### \*Call to Worship

From Psalm 80

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.  
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before  
Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and  
save us.

**Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be  
saved.**

You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and  
planted it. You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled  
the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty  
cedars with its branches. Its branches reached as far as the Sea,  
its shoots as far as the River.

**Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we  
may be saved.**

Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine, the root your  
right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself.

**Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.**

### \*Songs of Praise

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“Jesus the Mighty One”

### \*Blessing God

*\*Standing*

### \*Song of Praise

“The King in All His Beauty”

### Scriptural Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, our bridegroom, we are mindful in this Advent season that  
you have asked us to watch and wait for your return. But we are  
impatient. We are too easily distracted by the ways of this world.  
We consume and slip into careless stupor. We are quick to abuse or  
neglect our neighbors in your absence. Forgive us, we pray. Renew  
in us the vigilance of those who long for, crave and eagerly await  
your appearing. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

### \*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.*



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*2 Timothy 1: 9-10*

[God] saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works  
but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus  
before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the  
appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought  
life and immortality to light through the gospel.

*Luke 2: 7*

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling  
cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in  
the inn.

No one has ever seen God;  
**But the only God, who is at the Father's side,  
He has made him known (John 1: 18).**

### Message

Gerrit Dawson “His Sacred Face”

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face.

### Song of Response

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”



## LORD'S SUPPER

### We Are Welcomed to the Table

### We Give Thanks for Jesus' Mighty Acts

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### We Hear the Words Jesus Said At Supper

### We Commune With Jesus

*\*\* This morning we will come forward to receive communion. Ushers will direct  
worshippers from the back pews: outer sections first, center section next and the balcony  
last. You may partake of the bread and wine then drop the cup in the trash can before  
returning to your seat.*