



## INTERCESSION

### 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

### \*Song of Response

“O Church Arise”

### \*Response

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

*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.*

**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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Cost (and Joy) of Following Jesus.** Stay for Sunday school with Tom Lin who will speak on looking to, and learning from the global church. Then 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. Officers will deliver your books by 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 Conciennne if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess ([jess.conciennne@gmail.com](mailto:jess.conciennne@gmail.com) or 225.892.3212).



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## ORDER of WORSHIP

February 20, AD 2022

9 am

Mission Sunday



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

*Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander*

### \*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.**

### \*Song of Praise

“Trinity Song”

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

### \*Blessing God

### \*Song of Praise

“Great Are You, Lord”



## 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

*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”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Time of Reflection

### Offertory and Song of Response

“Hope for All Nations”

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

### 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