

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

*Song of Response

“Amen”

*Response

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contemplative Prayer Hour Tomorrow. Monday at 10 am, Katie and Ryan Forsthoff will lead a quiet hour featuring guided silent prayer based on the reading of Scripture, as well as a brief reflection on the Sunday sermon. This prayer hour takes place every other Monday. All are welcome.

Beat the Traffic and Come to Worship Early! The Louisiana Marathon passes near First Presbyterian Sunday, March 7! Give yourself a few extra minutes for parking and arrive early.

In Christ Alone: Discovering Where You Truly Live is our theme for Lent this year. Officers hand delivered guides to members last week. If we missed you, or you want more, extra copies are available in the back of the church. Visit fpibr.org to sign up to receive the daily readings via email.

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Home Groups Forming. We hope to have hundreds of us meeting in small home groups this year fellowshiping, studying and praying through the Scriptures about our union with Christ. Contact Kelly Wood (kelly@fpibr.org) to get connected. Groups begin meeting this week!

SIAC Seminary Grants. The Session Income Allocation Committee is accepting applications through March 15 for financial grants for individuals interested in pursuing full time Christian ministry. Please contact Jaci if you have questions (jaci@fpibr.org or 620.0221).

High School Seniors Sunday School Class. Calling all high school seniors. Please join Gerrit Dawson as he leads a Sunday school class just for you. Meets each Sunday at 10.10 in Gerrit's office beginning February 28.

Twice a Week: Hurricane Relief Day Trips. Whitney Alexander leads a group of relief workers each Wednesday and Saturday. Everyone is welcome. Meet him in the church parking lot at 6.30 am. Bring work gloves! Also, relief items continue to be collected in the gym. Immediately needed items: contractor bags, buckets and cleaning supplies (Fabuloso and bleach).

Why Do We Mask? At First, we insist on masks at our gatherings. Is it inconvenient? Yes! Is their effectiveness debatable? Yes! But . . . 1) It's the law, 2) We respect the medical minds in our own congregation and 3) *We love one another.* We have members who are at risk, fellow worshipers who, for safety concerns, would not come if we wore no masks. Scripture (1 Cor. 8) clearly calls on those who have more freedom to inconvenience themselves for those who have less. So, please, wear a mask inside and do it for love's sake.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Interested in donating flowers? Contact Kathy Mullins: 603.4735.

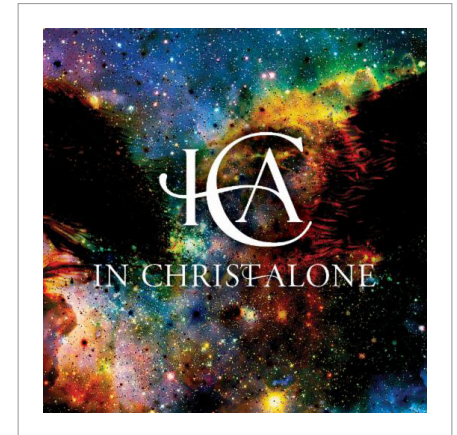
Scripture for Next Week: 2 Corinthians 1: 20-22; 1 Corinthians 1: 30.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

February 21, AD 2021
9 am
First Sunday of Lent



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jaime Carnaggio

*Welcome and Call to Worship

Based on Philippians 3

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
I count everything as loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

My whole desire is that I may gain Christ and be found in him,
Not having a righteousness of my own but that which comes through faith in Christ.

That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,
That I may above all share in his resurrection from the dead. To this end, I open my heart and voice to worship Jesus.

*Songs of Praise

“Jesus the Mighty One”
“The King in All His Beauty”

*Blessing God

*Song of Praise

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

**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

Acts 26: 9-18

“I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

“In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’”

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119: 103, 105).

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson
“Found *in* Him”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Song of Response

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**How often I have left you, dear Jesus,
To seek some “good” I think I need.
I have feared that you want to withhold life from me.
So, I do not consecrate my desires.
I do not compare them to your Word.
Now the experiences I demanded
Have left me bored.
The relationships I manipulated
Have left me empty.
The revenge I craved
Tastes bitter, not sweet.
The offence I took at the least slight
Led to no satisfaction.
Truly, apart from you I have no good.
It's all empty and angry without you.
Oh, do not leave me to myself!**

**Would you receive me back into your arms?
Let me taste your goodness again.
Restore me to life in you that I might
Be made well and rejoice.**