

## Communion Meditation

“Of God I Am in Christ”

## \*Song of Response

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

## Pastoral Prayer



## BENEDICTION

## \*Song of Response

“Before the Throne of God Above”

## \*Response

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer Requests.** We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@fpabr.org](mailto:prayer@fpabr.org), through Facebook Live and the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack and placing in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion.

**Contemplative Prayer Hour Tomorrow.** Every other Monday at 10 am, we have a quiet hour featuring guided silent prayer based on Scripture, as well as a brief reflection on Sunday's sermon. All are welcome.

**Time Change!** Daylight Saving Time starts next Sunday, March 14. Set your clock FORWARD one hour the night before so you'll arrive here on time.

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**Women's Ministry Galatians Study.** Beginning March 17-18, Women's Ministry will kick off an 8-week study in the book of Galatians which gives us a picture of grace that is both good and glorious. There are two options to participate (Wednesdays @ 6.30 pm via Zoom, Thursdays @ 9.30 am in Sanctuary). The Zoom link is available at [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org).

**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@fpabr.org](mailto:jaci@fpabr.org) or 620.0221).

**Palm Sunday in Three Weeks!** On March 28 at 10 am, we'll gather in our Convention St. parking lot for an outdoor service with palms and a children's procession. Stay after worship for an egg hunt and balloon artist for children in the garden areas and light snacks for the rest of us. The service will be livestreamed.

**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.

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**Sanctuary Flowers:** *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Jeanne and Marlin Drake, Jr. of Shreveport, by Lauren Drake Phillips.*

**Scripture for Next Week:** John 6: 47-51  
*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*  
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## ORDER of WORSHIP

March 7, AD 2021

9 am

Third Sunday of Lent



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

*Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander*

### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

*From Galatians 4*

When the fullness of time had come,  
God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born of law,

To redeem those who were under the law,  
So that we might receive the adoption as sons.

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of *his* Son into our hearts,  
Crying, “Abba, Father!” Whom today, as beloved children,  
we worship and adore.

### \*Songs of Praise

“Good, Good Father”  
“Goodness of God”

### \*Blessing God

### \*Song of Praise

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

### Scriptural Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, I live everyday breathing the air  
Of this world and its concerns.  
We live for ourselves. We live for now.  
It’s hard to remember you,  
To believe that all that you are and did  
Is now the truest part of me, for I am in you.  
So help me Holy Spirit,  
To lay hold of Christ Jesus  
With all my mind, heart and strength.  
Give me energy to propel into him,  
To immerse my life in his,  
That I might be filled with the joy of our union,  
And bring glory to the Father  
Through sharing in the mission of the Son  
To this world that needs you so.

### 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

*Galatians 4: 4-7*

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has

sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

*Galatians 3: 26-27*

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another  
In all wisdom, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God  
(Colossians 3: 16).

### Message

Gerrit Dawson  
“Baptized into Christ”



## 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. You may place your prayer card in the baskets up front. Ushers will direct worshipers from the back pews: outer sections first, center section next and the balcony last. You may partake of the bread and wine after returning to your seat.*