



BENEDICTION

*Song of Response

“Build My Life”

Please place your commitments, estimates of giving, offerings and prayer requests in the plate as you come forward.

*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@fpcbr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pews.

Today Is Dedication Sunday. We dedicate our commitments to the Building Up campaign and estimates of giving toward the 2022 church operating budget to God's work through First Presbyterian Church. You may place your pledge cards (available in the pews) in the plate as you come forward this morning. Dedications may also be emailed to Carol Pruitt (carol@fpcbr.org) or use the online form at fpcbr.org.

“Table for Five . . . Thousand” Children’s Musical Tonight. Join the Joyful Noise Children’s Choir at 5 pm in the Sanctuary for a short musical exploring the miracle of the loaves and fishes. The children will delight you with witty banter, soothe you by singing the Scriptures back to you, and finally feed you as we all re-enact the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000!

Angels Are Here! Please stop by the Reception Room to receive the name of a child whose parent is incarcerated. You can bless them with Angel Tree gifts on behalf of their parent this Christmas.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Live Nativity Open Casting Call. O come, let us adore him at Live Nativity! Live Nativity is back this year for one night only and we are looking for actors of all ages! It's a great way for families to participate together. There are no speaking roles and only one rehearsal, on December 2. Performance is December 3. If you're interested, contact Lauren Honea at lauren@fpcbr.org.

Live Nativity in Three Weeks! Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, angels, wise men and shepherds will re-enact Jesus' birth. Join us Friday, December 3 at 5 and 6 pm in the Terraced Garden. The petting zoo returns this year!

Christmas with Michael O'Brien and the Foto Sisters. We are thrilled to welcome back to First Presbyterian the Foto Sisters for a Christmas concert at 7 pm Friday, December 3 (same night at Downtown Festival of Lights). They will be joined by 20-year music veteran and Christian singer Michael O'Brien (formerly the lead singer for the Christian band Newsong). Please invite your friends. A love offering will be taken.

Help Fill Terrence's Pantry. We want to help our Habitat for Humanity homeowner, Terrence Carter, fill his new home's pantry. Items may be brought to the Connection Center or the church office.

ADVENT AT-A-GLANCE:

- December 3: Live Nativity at 5 and 6 pm
- December 3: Michael O'Brien and Foto Sisters Christmas Concert at 7 pm
- December 11: Women's Advent Brunch; 11 am at Amanda Vincent's Home
- December 12: Downtown Pilgrimage, FPC stop at 6.30 pm
- December 19: *ERO CRAS* Cantata at 9 and 11 am worship
- December 24: 11 am, 4 pm and 6 pm worship in the Sanctuary

Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James C. McAdams by Barbara Anne Eaton.*

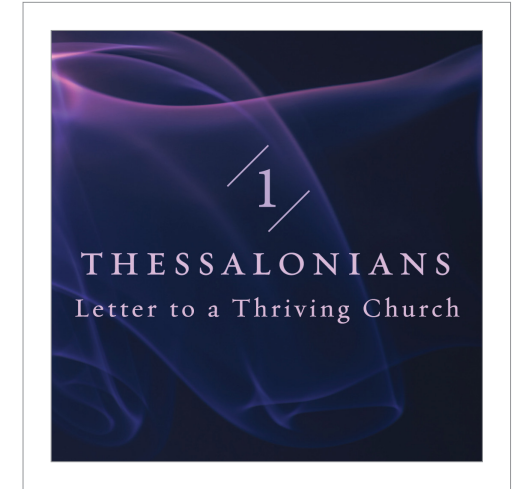
Scripture for Next Week: 1 Thessalonians 5: 23-28

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ORDER of WORSHIP

November 14, AD 2021

Dedication Sunday

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Recognition of Veterans

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From 1 Thessalonians 5

Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing! Give thanks in all circumstances!

This is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us.

Do not quench the Spirit! Do not ignore insight from the Lord!
May the God of peace cleanse us and form us entirely in Christ.

May our whole spirit and body be kept blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God who calls us is faithful! He will surely meet us today! May we be filled with his love as we lift our hearts in praise.

*Songs of Praise

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Blessing God

*Song of Praise

“Great Are You Lord”

*Standing

*Greeting and Announcements

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.

Pastoral Prayer



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-22

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.

But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children forever.

That we may do all the words of this law.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“A List for Life”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Song of Response

“Hope for All Nations”

*Prayer of Dedication

From 1 Chronicles 29: 6-20

LEADER: Then the leaders of fathers' houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. They gave for the service of the house of God 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of bronze and 100,000 talents of iron. And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly. Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly.

PEOPLE: “**Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. But who are we that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.**”

LEADER: O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. Then David said to all the assembly, “Bless the LORD your God.”