



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Time of Reflection

#### \*Dedication of 2021 Estimates of Giving

Please place your estimate of giving in the plate as you come forward. Beginning with the back pews: outer sections first, center section next and the balcony last.

#### \*Song of Response

“Christ Is Risen”



## INTERCESSION

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer



## BENEDICTION

#### \*Song of Response

“Because He Lives, Amen”

#### \*Response

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

**Sanctuary Flowers:** *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of James Wesley Leake & Kathryn Leake Graving and Dr. & Mrs. Julius Harold Mullins, Sr. by Kathy and Julius Mullins, Jr.*

**Scripture for Next Week:** Psalm 31: 1-8

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Thank you for your patience as our perimeter construction will require that some entrances may be closed on certain days over the next few weeks.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today Is Stewardship Dedication Sunday.** We dedicate our estimates of giving to God’s work through First Presbyterian Church. You may place your estimate of giving card as you come forward this morning or mail it to the church office. You may also email your dedication to Carol Pruitt ([carol@fpcbr.org](mailto:carol@fpcbr.org)) or an online form is available at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**Angels Have Arrived: Today Only!** Please stop by the Terraced Garden 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. Coordinator is Cheryl Brodnax, 678.2448.

**Contemplative Prayer Hour.** Beginning tomorrow 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 will take place every other Monday. All are welcome to this refreshing, centering hour before the Lord and his Word. More information at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**Focused Fellowship Gathering:** Women’s Ministry is restarting its fun, fellowship decade gatherings again, starting with a night out for the 50s ladies on Wednesday, November 18 at 7 pm at Nell Patrick’s. Then for women in their 40s on Thursday, November 19 at Betsy Ewing’s home. Please bring an appetizer or beverage to contribute! Contact [jaimie@fpcbr.org](mailto:jaimie@fpcbr.org) for more details. Even though these are geared toward specific decades, anyone is welcome, bring a friend!

**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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## ORDER of WORSHIP

November 15, AD 2020

9 am

Stewardship Dedication Sunday



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Jim Solomon

### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians and Colossians

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Our sin is covered because we are in Christ. If we are in Christ, we are a new creation.**

Yes! God has hidden us in Christ. He has surrounded us with the shout of deliverance.

**“It is finished!”**

Yes! For our sake, Jesus who knew no sin became sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God.

**Being made righteous in Christ, we will be glad and rejoice. Because we trust in the LORD, We will shout for joy!**

### \*Songs of Praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

“What a Beautiful Name”

### \*Blessing God

### \*Song of Praise

“Behold Your God”

### Scriptural Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

From Common Worship

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
We have sinned against you and against our neighbor  
In what we have thought,  
In what we have said and done,  
Through ignorance, through weakness,  
Through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
And marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
And repent of all our sins,  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
Who died for us,  
Forgive all that is past;  
And lead us out from darkness  
To walk as children of light, amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon



## 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

Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.  
You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.  
Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.  
Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

These sacred writings are able to make you wise for salvation through  
faith in Christ Jesus.

**For all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,  
that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good  
work (2 Timothy 3: 15-17).**

### Sermon

Gerrit Dawson  
“Shouts of Joy!”