



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome.** We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Connect Card in our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at [fpibr.org/connect](http://fpibr.org/connect).

**Prayer Requests.** We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be emailed ([prayer@fpibr.org](mailto:prayer@fpibr.org)), sent through Facebook Live or by using the church app.

**Church Offices Closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.**

**Angels Are Still Available.** 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.

**Contemplative Prayer Hour.** Monday, November 30 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. More information at [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org).

**Christmas Poinsettia Orders.** All are invited to contact Sherry in the church office (387.0617 or [sherry@fpibr.org](mailto:sherry@fpibr.org)) to purchase a poinsettia in memory or celebration of a loved one. Poinsettias are used to decorate the Chapel and Sanctuary. \$35 each. Tuesday, December 14 is the deadline to place an order.

**Women's Ministry Advent Brunch.** Join us for our annual Advent Brunch where we'll dive deep into each Advent candle's meaning and uncover the hope this season brings. Saturday, December 12 from 11 am until 1 pm at the home of Hattie Guidry. Visit [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org) for details and registration. \$10 per person. Childcare is not provided. Advent devotion at noon with an option to Zoom in and listen!

**Dedicate Your Estimate of Giving!** Join the happy crowd of your fellow Presbyterians who have already dedicated an Estimate of Giving for 2021. You may email your dedication to Carol Pruitt ([carol@fpibr.org](mailto:carol@fpibr.org)) or an online form is available at [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org). We hope everyone will get their cards in by the end of Thanksgiving weekend. It greatly helps your leadership plan for the coming year.

**Give Online.** Visit [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org) or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail. Email [prayer@fpibr.org](mailto:prayer@fpibr.org) if you have online giving questions.

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**Hail the Blest Morn.** Worship ministry is excited to present *Hail the Blest Morn: A Musical Celebration of the Incarnation* on Sunday, December 13 at 9 and 11 am. Through ancient texts and modern poetry and with various musical styles, we will bring together the many talents in our church to illuminate the great and wonderful mystery of the incarnation of our Lord.

**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.

**Foto Sisters CD and Notecard Sets.** FPC notecard sets (\$20) and Foto Sisters CDs (\$10) both make great stocking stuffers. Visit the Heritage Room to make a purchase.

**Christmas Bags for Malachi Dads.** Items are being collected for Christmas bags to be distributed to the Malachi Dads (prisoners) at Angola Penitentiary. Please consider making a donation and dropping it off at the Connection Center: soap, antiperspirant, toothpaste/toothbrush, shampoo, lotion, body wash, socks or baby powder. Cash donations also accepted.

**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).

**Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers:** *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. William J. Miller and Blake Miller by the Robert Miller family.*

**Scripture for Next Week:** *Luke 2: 1-7*  
*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*  
*All songs used by permission: CCLI license #207235.*

*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.*



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## ORDER of WORSHIP

November 22, AD 2020  
9 am  
Thanksgiving Sunday



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

*Assisting Pastor: Barry Phillips*

### Welcome

### Special Music

“Bless You!” by Anthony Kouri Williams  
Joyful Noise Children’s Choir

### \*Songs of Praise

“Behold Your God”  
“Good, Good Father”

### \*Blessing God

### \*Song of Praise

“Psalm 31: 1-8” from the New Scottish Psalter



## 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

*Psalm 31: 1-5; 14-15; 24*

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me!

Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily!  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!

For you are my rock and my fortress;  
and for your name’s sake you lead me and guide me;  
you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.  
Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

But I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, “You are my God.”  
My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait for the LORD!

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  
“Into Your Hands”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Time of Reflection

\*Song of Response  
“Is He Worthy?”

### 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



## INTERCESSION

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer



## BENEDICTION

\*Song of Response  
“Who You Say I Am”

### \*Response

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