



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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 fpcbr.org.

Christmas Poinsettia Orders. All are invited to contact Sherry in the church office (387.0617 or sherry@fpcbr.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 fpcbr.org for details and registration. \$10 per person. Childcare is not provided. Advent devotion at noon with an option to Zoom in and listen!

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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@fpcbr.org) or an online form is available at fpcbr.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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

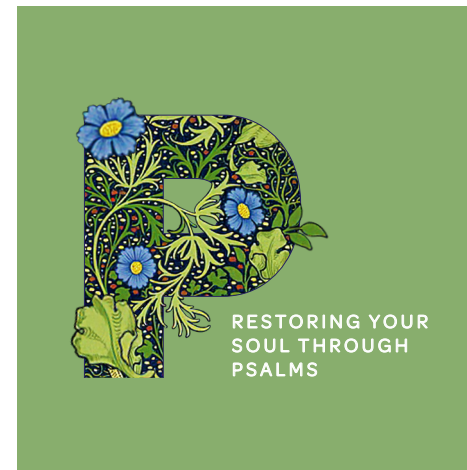
Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. William J. Miller and Blake Miller by the Robert Miller family.*

Scripture for Next Week: Luke 2: 1-7
*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.
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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.*



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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

*Call to Worship

From Psalm 31

O LORD, how abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you.

You hide us in the shelter of your presence and keep us safe in your dwelling.

Praise be you, O LORD, for you show us the wonders of your love.
You hear our cries for mercy when we call to you for help.

Love the LORD, all his faithful people! The LORD preserves those who are true to him, but the proud he pays back in full.
Let us be strong and take heart; let us hope in the Lord.

*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