

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

*Song of Response

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

*Response

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Giving Update. We've had a wonderful response to both our Building Up and 2022 stewardship. We'll announce some figures soon. But we want everyone to have a chance to participate! Please prayerfully make your giving dedication soon.

Live Nativity Friday Night! 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.

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 as Live Nativity). 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.

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Joy to the World! Women's Advent Brunch in Two Weeks. Saturday, December 11 from 11 am-1 pm at the home of Amanda Vincent. Visit fpcbr.org for details and registration. There is no charge for this event, but we ask that you register online. A love offering will be collected to be used for the purchase of winter coats for students of Buchanan Elementary. Childcare is not provided.

Men's BBQ December 11. Bring your favorite cut of meat to grill (grill provided) in the Terraced Garden from 11 am-1 pm December 11. Men's ministry will provide fixins (onions, peppers, etc.) as well as sides and drinks. No charge but please RSVP online at fpcbr.org. Childcare provided!

Ero Cras Cantata. The worship ministry will present a morning of visual and musical worship celebrating the ancient "O" prayers. Join us at one of two performances (9 or 11 am) that will make up our worship on December 19. Before and after the musical presentation, those gathered will be invited to browse works of visual art inspired by the "O" prayers.

Christmas Poinsettia Orders. Contact Sherry McKinley by December 15 (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.

Loving Our rEcess Families!! Spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. Contact Jess Conciencie if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess (jess.conciencie@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

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: *Isaiah 11: 1, 11; Revelation 5: 5; Isaiah 22: 22; Revelation 3: 7*

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Advent Sermon Series

ORDER of WORSHIP

November 28, AD 2021

9 am

First Sunday of Advent



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Jim Solomon

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Candle of Hope will be lit by Kaci, Chad, Colton and Cayden Treadaway.

*Call to Worship

From Hebrews 1 and Colossians 1

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

O Wisdom which came out of the mouth of the Most High, and reaches from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things:

Come and teach us the way of knowledge.

*Songs of Praise

“Rescuer”

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Blessing God

*Standing

*Song of Praise

“O Praise the Name”



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

Proverbs 8: 27-31

When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.

Isaiah 11: 2

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

1 Corinthians 1: 21-25

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of

God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

No one has ever seen God,

But the one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father’s side, has made him known (John 1: 18).

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

The “O Prayers,” Part 1: O Wisdom



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Song of Response

“Be Thou My Vision”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

In the garden, when death became our destiny, you promised the woman that her child would crush the head of the serpent. In the psalms and the prophets, you proclaimed that the anointed One, the Messiah, was coming. At the right time, he arrived in Bethlehem. Christ accomplished the great victory over sin and death for us. Now we are free, but we struggle still. The alluring voice of the serpent continues to tempt us. We fail. Once more, to our hearts and to our world, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel! Silence the confusing voice of the Evil One with the Wisdom that comes from the mouth of the Most High. Remind us today that “It is finished.” Amen.