



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

“O Church Arise (Arise! Shine!)”

***Response**

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workers Needed! Final Build Dates! FPC is hosting its seventh(!) Habitat for Humanity build. Remaining build dates are Oct. 28-30. Please register online (fpcbr.org) to volunteer as a worker or help with food.

Women's Stay-Treat October 23. What was the role of the high priest under the Old Covenant and what did this priestly work accomplish? Join Women's Ministry for a stay-treat on the significance of the priesthood of Christ. One day only: 8.30 am – 1 pm. Please register by Wednesday, October 20 at fpcbr.org. Contact Jaime if you require childcare (jaime@fpcbr.org).

Blood Drive Next Sunday. Helping others just feels good. We will have the LifeShare blood mobile on campus in the Convention Street parking lot on Sunday, October 24 from 8 am until 1 pm. Please stop by anytime to donate blood. While walk ups are welcome, we ask that you please sign up on the church website. Save a life! Donate blood!

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Reformation Sunday October 31. Wear your plaids, your kilts and your tweeds as we celebrate the Scottish roots of our Presbyterian faith on Reformation Sunday, October 31 with the bagpipers on North Blvd. starting at 10 am. We'll also have our fall congregational meeting to vote on the slate of new elders and deacons. All are invited to enjoy brunch after worship (love offering will be taken). Jim and James Hogg will once again be playing music; activities and games will be offered for the children. If you haven't told us before, contact Jaci Gaspard to have your clan's tartan represented at the Kirkin' service (620.0221).

Congregational Meeting and Election of Officers in Two Weeks. The session has called a congregational meeting during our combined service on October 31 for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons. The officer nominating committee will place into nomination: **Elders:** Will Adams, Gerry Arnold, Chuck Barber, Cheryl Broadnax, Ross Henry, Pat Kerr, Jason Lewis, Kevin McCarter, Jerry Stovall and Suzie Thompson. **Deacons:** Ryan Castle, Blake Fowler, Ryn Jones, Sherry Kadair, Annie Kelly, Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, Ainsley Lewis (1 year), Cheryl Lott, Pat O'Donoghue, Jeff Swarner and Milt Westmoreland.

Parents' Night Out November 7. An evening of fellowship, bowling, trivia, food and fun at Red Stick Social Sunday, November 7 from 5 to 8 pm. To sweeten the deal, we're providing childcare as well. Drop your kids off and enjoy a break before the week begins! Further details and registration online at fpcbr.org. \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

Almost Time! Commitment Sunday is November 14 for both our 2022 annual giving and the Building Up Campaign. That will be a joyful service of dedication! Soon you will receive one pledge card for both commitments. Of course, you don't need to wait: You can always make your pledges online at the Building Up tab, or email Carol (carol@fpcbr.org) with your commitment.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kay Curry, beloved mother and grandmother, given by Mary, Ryan, David, Luke and Mary Claire Dickerson.*

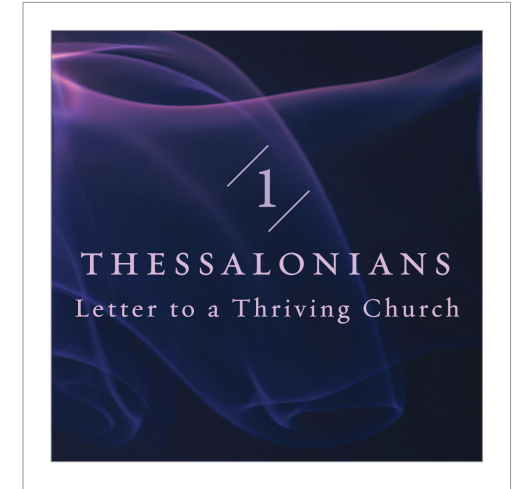
Scripture for Next Week: *1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12*

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ORDER of WORSHIP

October 17, AD 2021

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Barry Phillips

*Welcome and Call to Worship

Based on 1 Thessalonians 5

You are all children of the light.

We are not of the darkness.

As children of the day, let us put on the breastplate of faith and love.

Filled with the hope of salvation, let us praise God.

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

He died for us so that whether we live or die, we might always be with him.

Let us now lift our voices in worship and open our arms in fellowship,

Let us encourage one another and build one another up in Christ.

*Songs of Praise

“Behold Your God”

“His Mercy Is More”

*Blessing God

*Song of Praise

“Revelation Song”

**Standing*



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

1 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Whitney Alexander

“Overjoyed by Good News”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Song of Response

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

From The Worship Sourcebook, 2nd ed.

Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us: how often have we tried to hide from your presence, how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand! Lord, have mercy upon us. Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself in the face of Jesus Christ: how often we have forgotten you, how seldom have we really loved and followed you! Christ, have mercy upon us. Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we ignored your promptings, how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts! Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon