

## Communion Meditation

“O Church Arise”



## 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

**Workers Needed!** FPC is hosting its seventh(!) Habitat for Humanity build. Build dates have been pushed back to Oct. 7-9, Oct. 14-16 and Oct. 21-24. Please register online ([fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org)) to volunteer as a worker or help with food.

**Calling All Artists!** We are inviting you to create works to be displayed as a part of our Advent celebration. Join us Sunday, October 10 immediately after the 11 am service in the Reception Room for a brief informational meeting.

**Couples' Workshop.** Lost some of that loving feeling? Looking to get more connected? Join Dee and Pete Adams for a Created for Connection couples' workshop October 15-16 at First Presbyterian Church. More information and registration at [c4cbr.com](http://c4cbr.com). Contact Dee ([dee@brchristiancounseling.com](mailto:dee@brchristiancounseling.com)) for information on an early-bird special for FPC members which expires October 8.

**Prayer Keychains:** The women of Esther's House in Medellin, Colombia made keychains with four beads to remind us to pray for the four ministries our Building Up campaign will support. Feel free to take some as you exit today.

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**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. Register at [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org). Contact Jaime if you require childcare ([jaime@fpabr.org](mailto:jaime@fpabr.org)).

**Blood Drive, October 24.** 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. You do not have to register in advance. Save a life! Donate blood!

**Loving Our rEcess Families!!** Once a month volunteers spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. We need prayer for this vulnerable group and hands on volunteers. Contact Jess Concienne if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess ([jess.concienne@gmail.com](mailto:jess.concienne@gmail.com) or 225.892.3212).

**Weekly Houma/Thibodaux Hurricane Relief Trips.** Whitney Alexander is coordinating relief trips to Houma/Thibodaux each Wednesday for several weeks. Those interested in joining him should meet in the Target parking lot on Siegen Lane at 6.30 am. Wear sturdy closed-toed shoes and bring work gloves. You'll return at the end of the day. Contact Whitney if you have questions (225.810.2607).

**Youth Group and Bible Studies.** Middle school youth group meets tonight from 5-7 pm in the gym. Contact Jessica for more information or to join a Bible study ([jessica@fpabr.org](mailto:jessica@fpabr.org)).

**Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers:** *The flowers are given in celebration and with thanksgiving for the 30th wedding anniversary of Tanja and Franklin Foil by their children Kathleen, Grace and Andy.*

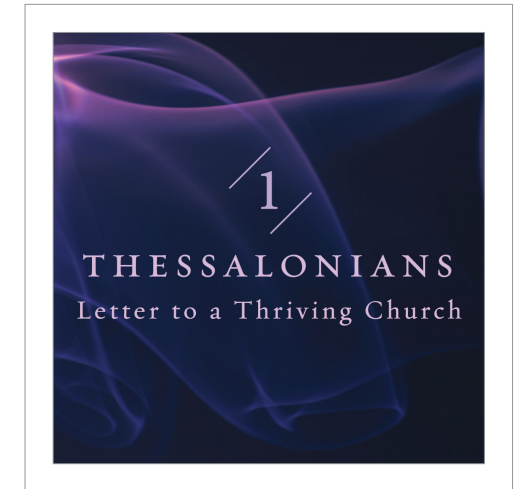
**Scripture for Next Week:** *Thessalonians 2: 17-3: 7*

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## ORDER of WORSHIP

October 3, AD 2021

9 am



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

Based on 1 Thessalonians 1

Grace and peace to you, Church. We give thanks to God for you.  
We have prayed constantly for you.

**We give thanks to our God and Father for your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

May the wonderful news of Jesus come to us anew today.

**May it come not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.**

May our faith in God go forth everywhere. May the Lord's message ring out!

**Let us turn away from all our idols and serve the Lord our God only.**

With patience and faith let us wait for the risen Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

**In gratitude for our deliverance from sin, in hope of Christ's return to set all things right, and now in this present moment, we worship the living and true God.**

### \*Songs of Praise

"Your Love Awakens Me"

"King of Kings"

### \*Blessing God

### \*Song of Praise

"Trinity Song"

\*Standing

## Greeting and Announcements

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

1 Thessalonians 2: 13-16

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!

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

Gerrit Dawson

"The Word at Work"



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Time of Reflection

## Scriptural Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**The headlines and narratives of this past week are swirling in our hearts. The details and plot twists of our lives worry and distract us. We have listened to the lies. We have paraded around in costumes that momentarily conceal the shame and anxiety we feel. Have mercy on us, O Lord. You have gathered us today to hear again your epic story, the gospel. Give us ears to hear. By the work of the Holy Spirit and through the mystery of Holy Communion, unite us with Jesus, the hero of the story and the author and finisher of our faith. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon



## LORD'S SUPPER

### We Are Welcomed to the Table

### We Give Thanks for Jesus' Mighty Acts

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### We Hear the Words Jesus Said at Supper

### We Commune With Jesus

*\*\* This morning we will come forward to receive communion. Ushers will direct worshipers from the back pews. Please bring your prayer requests and offerings forward during communion.*