



# ORDER *of* WORSHIP

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April 16, AD 2023

9 am



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander*

### **\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

*From Psalm 22*

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
**All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,  
**He has not hidden his face from us, but has heard when we cried to him.**

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
**Those who seek him shall praise the LORD!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.  
**For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

All who go down to the dust shall bow before him, even the one who could not keep himself alive.  
**It shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; we shall proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.**

### **\*Songs of Praise**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

“Good, Good Father”

### **\*Blessing God**

### **\*Song of Praise**

“King of Kings”



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### **\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

### **Time with God's Word**

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*Romans 8: 35-37*

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?  
As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God

**And that by believing you may have life in his name.**

### **Sermon**

Gerrit Dawson

“Sermons I Wish I'd Preached: James Stewart's *God and the Fact of Suffering*”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### **Time of Reflection**

#### **\*Offertory and Song of Response**

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

*Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.*

### **Scriptural Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us for neglecting so great a salvation. Too often we have lived without hope. We have believed that this world is all. Too often we have lived without faith. We doubt that you are in control. We act as if you will not act to save. Too often we have lived without love. We have placed ourselves first. So we have but little life and but little fruit. Forgive our foolishness. Restore to us the vision of your wonderful salvation that we might live as those with faith, hope and love. Amen.**

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**



## INTERCESSION

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### **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**



## BENEDICTION

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### **\*Song of Response**

“Because He Lives, Amen”

### **\*Response**

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

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*Prayer Time: Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.*

*Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald Cunningham by his grandchildren, Mary Michael and Robert McDuff.*

*Scripture for Next Week: John 20: 19-23*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Discover First Dinner, Next Sunday, April 23.** Senior pastor Gerrit Dawson hosts a Discover First Dinner several times a year. This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Emily Viguerie ([emily@fpabr.org](mailto:emily@fpabr.org) or 225.333.9084).

**Energizing Marriage Seminar.** FPC will host Dee and Pete Adams leading a Created for Connection marriage seminar Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29. Past participants describe the weekend as “enlightening, encouraging, revealing, hopeful, powerful, safe, loving and renewing.” Sign up at [createdforconnectionbr.org](http://createdforconnectionbr.org). Visit [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org) or scan the QR code to register. 50% discount to FPC church members. Just email [jaci@fpabr.org](mailto:jaci@fpabr.org) to let us know you’re attending.



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**International Friendship Partners Games Galore.** Save the date for IFP’s Games Galore on Friday, April 28th, 6-8 pm in the Gym. It’ll be fun for the whole family with an evening of games and community building with our international friends.

**Wanna Race? The Running Rev. Is Back!** Pastor Albert White invites us to a community 5k race (and 1 mile fun walk) on Saturday, April 29 at 8am, Monte Sano Park on Plank Road. More details at [www.aboundinginhim.org](http://www.aboundinginhim.org). We can unite in Christ through running together!

**Joyfully Racing Toward Jesus.** Joyful Noise and JAM present “The Amazing Grace Race,” a play where racing contestants try to cross the Great Divide. Join us on April 30 at 5 pm as Rich Man, Muscle Man, Church Lady and Beautiful Woman learn that they cannot make it on their own assets or skills. Reception to follow.

**Lake Forest Ranch.** Kids age 7-12 are eligible to join us at LFR in Macon, MS, July 17-21. LFR’s mission is building relationships for eternal impact. Please register by June 30. For more information, please contact Karah Guillory, [karah@fpabr.org](mailto:karah@fpabr.org).



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