



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

May 15, AD 2022

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;

Though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell
in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

**He will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high
upon a rock.**

Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the
land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong, take heart, and wait for the LORD.

***Songs of Praise**

“Behold Your God”

“O Praise the Name”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“Oh, the Mighty Hand”



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

Joshua 1: 1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

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

Darin Travis

"Be Strong!"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“Goodness of God”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We hear about Moses and Joshua. How you reassured and encouraged them. You promised to be with them always. We have one greater than Moses. We have Christ, the true mediator of the covenant and commander of heaven’s army. But like Israel at the borders of the Promised Land, we question, hesitate and falter. Have mercy on us, O God. Embolden us by the continual presence and promise of your Holy Spirit that we might expand the boundaries of your unshakable kingdom. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

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

***Song of Response**

“Almost Home”

***Response**

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

Join us after worship 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: *The Chapel and Sanctuary flowers serve to honor a departed loved one or celebrate with thanksgiving cherished people or events. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.*

Scripture for Next Week: *Joshua 2: 1-9*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Visitor Card in the pew racks, our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at fpibr.org/connect.

Family Worship Night. Joyful Noise choir invites you to an evening of worship tonight at 6 pm in the Reception Room. Join us as we celebrate the God who makes dry bones come to life! A reception follows.

Single Memorial Day Service. We will have one combined service on May 29 at 10.30 am in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school.

Colton Underwood Ordination. Join us in celebrating Colton Underwood's ordination as part of our single 10.30 am service on Sunday, May 29. Reception to follow.

Connecting with Internationals. The International Friendship Partners (IFP) team welcomes and loves internationals in Baton Rouge. Through hospitality we build bridges of friendship, trust and mutual respect while sharing the love of Christ. All are invited to the Friday, May 27 meeting at David, LeeAnn & Katherine Kozan's (3565 Cole Dr.), 7-9 pm.

A Night of Psalms, Praise and Prayer! Join us on the evening of Sunday, June 5 at 5 pm in the Sanctuary as we come together with Abounding Love Ministries for an evening of worship. No offering, no sermon, no promotions. Reception to follow.

First Presbyterian Receives VIPS Apple Award. Congratulations to the over 50 FPC volunteers who support the students and teachers at Buchanan Elementary School. Volunteers in Public Schools recently recognized First Presbyterian Church with the Golden Apple Award for its long-time community partnership and the many ways it serves the school.

Jerusalem Marketplace VBS! Join us in an immersive VBS experience June 20-24. Registration is limited and closes June 16. Visit fpibr.org/vbs to register.



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