



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the online Connect Card in our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at fpibr.org/connect. You may also visit the Connection Center to let us know you're here and receive a visitor bag.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be emailed (prayer@fpibr.org), sent through Facebook Live or by using the church app.

Curious About Kids Hope USA? Feeling called to mentor? Contact Annette Lamond, annette@fpibr.org or 225.773.8745. Read more about Kids Hope USA: kidshopeusa.org.

Single Service Continues! We're going to continue having one 10.30 am "live" service through at least September 6. With COVID concerns, leadership feels this gives us the safest, most energetic and unifying way to conduct worship. Live Sunday school will not resume until September 13. However, beginning August 16, nursery care for infants through kindergarten will be available for those who sign up! Visit fpibr.org/soloved.org to make a reservation.

Communion Next Sunday! After five months, we will have our first live, and safe, celebration of the Lord's Supper during worship. Let's prepare our hearts this week for this special encounter with our Lord Jesus.

Restoring Your Soul Through Psalms. Our new sermon series on Psalms 20-34 will be augmented by several interlocking ways to engage. Watch your actual mailbox the week of August 2 for beautiful bookmarks giving the psalm schedule and five ways to pray each psalm. At 5 pm August 9, 16 and 23, we will livestream Sunday evening seminars on the Psalms, featuring Gerrit, author Malcolm Guite and RTS professor Mark Futato. Consider hosting a "Watch Party" at your house! And beginning August 10, each Monday you'll receive a video email introducing the psalm of the week. Get ready for a deepening, unifying fall!

Shepherding through the Psalms. In an effort to connect us more intentionally to the Lord and to each other, during this series we will also launch "Shepherding through the Psalms" groups. These groups will be made up of friends spurring one another toward Christ. So consider grabbing some friends to watch the seminars, connect weekly about life as well as what you're learning and journey through the Psalms together. Email Kelly Wood to participate as a group member or as a leader (kelly@fpibr.org).

LSU Prayer Walk. Saturday morning, August 15 at 8.15 am we will meet at the LSU Student Union to spend an hour walking the campus and praying for our university. In particular we will pray for our international students. Prayer walking is safe, fun, discrete and powerful. Full instructions will be given. Come casual.

Due Friday: Officer Suggestions for the 2023 Class. The Officer Nominating Committee nominates Elders and Deacons by receiving suggested names of members from the congregation, prayerfully preparing a slate and presenting the slate at the annual October congregational meeting for election. Please be in prayer about who you might suggest. Suggestion cards are online as well as the church app until Friday, July 31.

Promise Keepers 2020. On July 31 and August 1, men across the globe will gather via livestream for Promise Keepers 2020. Twenty-three speakers over two days will offer guidance on how men can live a life of integrity and find their band of brothers. Register online at promisekeepers.com. This event is free but donations are accepted.

Created for Connection Couples' Workshop. The Baton Rouge Christian Counseling Center is holding a Christian workshop for couples at Istrouma Baptist Church August 21-22. Visit brchristiancounseling.com/c4c for details and registration.

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Women's Covenant Study, Wednesday, July 29. Join Women's Ministry one last Wednesday at 6.30 pm for an in-depth look at God's unbreakable covenants. Contact Jaime Carnaggio for the ZOOM link or if you need childcare (jaime@fpibr.org).

Sunday School Teachers Needed. We can't wait to see your children soon! We plan to open up for Sunday school on September 13. In order to do that, we are in great need of teachers. Please consider serving in Children's Ministry by teaching in our Kingdom Kids Program (grades 1-5). Our childhood team is hard at work establishing specific procedures for re-opening based on CDC guidelines. Please contact Kendra Bremer at kendra@fpibr.org or 713.829.0828 for more information.

Give Online. Visit fpibr.org or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail. Email prayer@fpibr.org if you have online giving questions.

Sanctuary Flowers: *Today's flowers are given to honor our service men and women both here and abroad and to all first responders; may God bless America by Nan and Herb Boydston.*

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.



ORDER of WORSHIP

July 26, AD 2020

10.30 am



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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson

Prelude

“How Firm a Foundation”

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

From Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
**He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts
toward us; none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
May those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

†*Song of Praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

***Blessing God**

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from the Prayers of Martin Luther

**Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve you and
your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Trouble
us with our slowness to make you our greatest love. Trouble us with the brevity
of our lives and time, talent and treasure not invested in eternity. Comfort us by
drawing us to yourself with the cords of your unfailing mercy. Comfort us, O
Lord, with the assurance of our salvation and unending glory with you when we
suffer and are afflicted. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of your
glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is
broken will be made whole. Through Christ we pray, amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Song of Praise**

“Great Are You Lord”

***Greeting**

Announcements and Minute for Mission

Annette Lamond, Kids Hope USA



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

James 1: 2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the
testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you
may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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 Noah Pourciau

“Count It All Joy?”

*We welcome to the pulpit this morning Noah Pourciau, assistant Director of Youth: High School
and Boys. Noah is a senior at LSU.*

Time of Reflection



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

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.**

***Song of Praise**

“How Firm a Foundation”

***Benediction and Response**

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

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”