

1 PETER

**DRAWING TODAY
FROM AN
ETERNAL INHERITANCE**

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

October 2, AD 2022

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander

Prelude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arranged by James Curnow

Blake Hanna, trumpet

Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 36

Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep.

You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;

In your light we see light.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 59 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

**Standing*

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

BUNESSAN

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.**

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Mary Blumentritt with VINE BR

Offertory

“Proclaim the Glory of the Lord” arranged by Jack Schrader

Proclaim the glory of the Lord.
Let every tongue confess he reigns; lift up his name in praises forever.
Proclaim the glory of the Lord.
Make known his mighty deeds to all; take up the call, let every nation know:

He is our Messiah, our Savior and our King;
Let all our voices join as one and fill the earth with singing.
Glory to our God, his greatness we applaud.
Let every race on every shore, proclaim the glory of the Lord.

Proclaim the glory of the Lord; give honor to the Prince of Peace;
For if we cease, the stones will start shouting.
Proclaim the glory of the Lord; with hands uplifted
Let us raise immortal praise to him who reign on high!

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Hymn of Preparation**

No. 276 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

REGENT SQUARE

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

1 Peter 2: 9-17

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

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

“Proclaiming the Excellencies”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Hymn of Response**

No. 345 “Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE



LORD'S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion 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.

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communing in Christ
Prayer of Thanks

Please remain seated as our elders serve the communion elements.

Communion Meditation

“My Faith Looks up to Thee” arranged by James Curnow

“Softly and Tenderly” arranged by Timothy Johnson



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

“Festive Trumpet Tune” by David German



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome and Prayer Requests. 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 fpcbr.org/connect. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpcbr.org, through the church app or by using a pew prayer card.

Hurricane Relief. Donations may be made to EPC headquarters where funds will be used to assist fellow EPC churches. Navigate to epc.org/donate/emergencyrelief.

Youth Tonight. H.S. group will be 6-8 pm tonight at the Vincent home (6232 Windrush Hollow). We're combining with Young Life for dinner, worship and continuing our study in 1 Peter. Contact Colton for more information.

Loving Our rEcess Families October 7! 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 rEcess (jess.concienne@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

Foster Parent Orientation Meeting. VINE BR is a foster/adoption support ministry of First Presbyterian Church. A free orientation meeting on Sunday, October 9 from 2-3.30 pm is being offered at Bethany Church (11107 Honore Lane) for those interested in learning about becoming a certified foster parent. Registration is available at tinyurl.com/fosterparentorientation. Please contact Paula Begnaud (337.344.5767) if you would like further information.

Marriage Seminar. FPC will host Dee and Pete Adams leading Created for Connection, a seminar for married couples, Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22. Past participants describe the weekend as "enlightening, encouraging, revealing, hopeful, powerful, safe, loving and renewing." Sign up at createdforconnectionbr.com. Use the code FPC and your fee will be reduced to \$150.

Daughters of the King. The Daughters of the King Ministry desires to build community for single/divorced women as we pursue our God-ordained identity for hope and abundance in the Lord. Our next meeting is Sunday, October 16 from 5-7 pm in the Bride's Room. Dinner will be provided! We will begin a study on 1 & 2 Kings as we seek to overcome our greatest struggles to trust God. Contact Sara Green Mele or Melissa Miley for more information.

Ladies' Night of Testimony & Fellowship. There is power in our personal testimonies and no two testimonies are alike! Come enjoy a night of great food, fellowship and a time to hear from Jess Concienne, Sharon Field, Chelsea Haskew, Lauren Honea, Tracy Martinez and Claire Zak about what the Lord has done in their lives. Join us Friday, October 14 from 6 to 9 pm at the home of Amber McConnell. Register online at fpcbr.org. \$10 per person.

Men's Football Watch Party. Come hang out and watch the LSU/Florida game October 15 at Jake Wood's home. There is no charge but we ask that you bring a dessert, side dish or app to share, as well as a lawn chair. We'll need a head count so please visit fpcbr.org to register.

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 by Tricia & Donovan Davis. Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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