

***Affirmation of Faith** (adapted from the Scots Confession, 1560)
Do you promise to be faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel . . . whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on this account?

Yes! For we confess and acknowledge one God alone,
To whom alone we must cleave,
Whom alone we must serve,
Whom only we must worship,
And in whom alone we put our trust.
He is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
Incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible,
One God in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

When the fullness of time came,
God sent his Son into the world.
Descending to us, the Son took himself
A body of our body, flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone.
So he became the perfect Mediator between God and man.
Therefore we are not afraid to call God our Father,
Because he has given unto us his only Son Jesus
To be our brother and savior,
By grace, we acknowledge and embrace him as our only Mediator and Lord.

***Hymn**

“Amazing Grace” (vs. 1, 5)

AMAZING GRACE

The introduction to “Amazing Grace” is played by a lone piper. The congregation sings the verses as printed below, accompanied by the bagpipes. The hymn concludes with the last verse played by a lone piper.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we first begun.

Flowers: Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Don R. McAdams, Mr. & Mrs. James S. Carr and Miss Inez McDougald by the McAdams family.

Services are video recorded and livestreamed.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Prayer for Our Nation Tonight. Jim Solomon invites you to prayer meetings the Sundays leading up to the November 3 elections. 5 pm in the Sanctuary through November 1.

Discover First Next Sunday. Our next Discover First Meeting is Sunday, November 1 from 3.30 - 5.15 pm. 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 Meagan Greene (meagan@fpcbr.org or 225.454.2504)

Twice a Week: Hurricane Relief Day Trips. Whitney Alexander leads a group of relief workers each Wednesday and Saturday. Everyone is welcome. Meet him in the church parking lot at 6.30 am. Bring work gloves! Also, relief items continue to be collected in the gym. Immediately needed items are bleach, buckets, Damp Rid and baby diapers (sizes 4-6).

Housing the Homeless. The Christian Outreach Center is collecting gently used items for the homeless who have recently been moved to apartments during the pandemic. Apartment living necessities may be donated at Drusilla Lane Park, through October 31, 9 am - 6 pm. Items needed: towels, dishes, glasses, utensils, shower curtains, blankets and cookware. Tax deductible monetary donations may also be made by visiting christianoutreachcenterbr.com/housing-the-homeless.

Congregational Meeting and Election of Officers in Two Weeks. The session has called a congregational meeting during our 9 and 11 am services on November 8 for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons. The officer nominating committee will place into nomination: **Elders:** Jamy Comeaux, Lynn Courtney, D.J. Davis, Mike Dorman, Linda Glisson, Chat Kleinpeter, David Kozan, Judy McGimsey, Keith Morris and Rick Naqvi. **Deacons:** Sarilyn Andes, Mitzi Barber, Paula Begnaud, Luke Breard, Nick Cagley, Ryan Castle, Jessica Conciencie, Barbara Anne Eaton, Vince Gilcrease, Steve Hitt, Ben Hunter and Jordan Tupper.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 15. Join us for this service when we dedicate our estimates of giving for the work of Christ through our church in 2021.

Abby Johnson to Speak at Caring to Love Banquet. Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood executive whose views transformed the day she assisted an abortion, is speaking at the annual Caring to Love banquet, Thursday, November 12 at 7 pm at Baton Rouge Marriott Hotel. Tickets are available at ctlm.org. First Presbyterian has a limited number of deeply discounted tickets available for \$20. Please email Jaci Gaspard (jaci@fpcbr.org) for info.

Adopt a teacher at Buchanan Elementary! Twenty teachers would love an encourager! Stop by the sign up table today or contact Laura Shaw at laura@fpcbr.org.

Why Do We Mask? At First, we insist on masks at our gatherings. Is it inconvenient? Yes! Is their effectiveness debatable? Yes! But . . . 1) It’s the law, 2) We respect the medical minds in our own congregation and 3) *We love one another.* We have members who are at risk, fellow worshipers who, for safety concerns, would not come if we wore no masks. Scripture (1 Cor. 8) clearly calls on those who have more freedom to inconvenience themselves for those who have less. So, please, wear a mask inside and do it for love’s sake.



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MUSTERING OF THE CLANS

Baton Rouge Caledonian Pipes and Drums Stanley Masinter, Director



PROCESSIONAL

Welcome Barry Phillips

Millennium Bible: Milt Westmoreland
Basket of Tartans: Abigail Castle
Pastors

***Call to Worship** Jim Solomon
From Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing unto the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
Oh come, let us worship the LORD.

***Hymn of Praise**
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Blake Hanna, trumpet
Fil Starostka, trumpet
Lauren Braud, horn
Hana Beloglavec, trombone

EIN’ FESTE BURG

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow’r are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God’s only Son, adored;
He holds the field victorious.**

**And tho’ this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.**

*Standing

**That word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever!**

***Prayer of Praise** Darin Travis

Old Testament Reading Whitney Alexander
1 Chronicles 29: 10-18

Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.”

Offertory
“Highland Cathedral”
Please leave your offering in the baskets at the front platform after worship.

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to the back for Children’s Church.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Scripture

Psalm 27: 7-14

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, “Seek my face.”
My heart says to you,
“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”
Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.

Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

These sacred writings are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
For all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3: 15-17).

Sermon Gerrit Dawson
“Seeking His Face”

***Hymn of Response**
“Before the Throne of God Above”

**Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav’n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.**

**Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior, and my God,
With Christ, my Savior, and my God.**



KIRKIN’ O’ THE TARTANS

From Luther to Knox in 50 Years Ray Gaspard
The Calling of the Clans

Dedication of Our Lives to Christ Gerrit Dawson
The Blessing Over the Tartans