# THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 29, AD 2025 11 am



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Daniel Croskrey

#### Prelude

Sicilienne, op. 78 by Gabriel Fauré, arranged by M. McLean Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin Kristiana Graham, violin Steve Gustafson, piano

#### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 95 & Isaiah 45

Oh come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

For he is the LORD, and there is no other. **Besides him there is no God!** 

Shower, O heavens, and let the clouds rain down righteousness! Let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit!

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

#### \*Hymn of Praise

No. 8 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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\*Blessing God

#### \*Scriptural Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession

O Lord, before you all hearts are laid bare. You see our doubting, our despairing, our secret sins. We have lost sight of you and lost heart when we've passed through the waters, though you promised to be with us. We have despised the day of small things, frozen by our own selfish expectations and perfectionism. We have forgotten the fact that it was you who opened our eyes, who unstopped our ears, who opened our hard, stony hearts to receive the good news of Christ. By your sovereign mercy, cleanse us anew and fill us with your Spirit that we might boldly follow wherever you might lead. Give us heart as we recall that all things are in your hand. Amen.

\*Silent Confession

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Response

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, amen.

#### \*Greeting and Announcements

Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children's Church.

#### Offertory

"Down to the River" arranged by Christopher Phillips Holland Comeaux, soloist

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way, And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

O sisters, let's go down. Let's go down. Come on down! O brothers, let's go down. Let's go down, don't you want to go down. O children, let's go down. Down to the river to pray.

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

#### \*Response Doxology

#### OLD HUNDREDTH

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

\*Prayer of Dedication



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### \*Hymn of Preparation

No. 334 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

ARISE

#### Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Acts 16:11–15

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

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** Colton Underwood "Strange Place, Small Start, Sovereign God"



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

## \*Hymn of Response

No. 17 "Ye Servants of God" (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

HANOVER

#### 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

\*Response

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

#### Postlude

Presto from Two Part Invention, no. 8 by J. S. Bach, arranged by Lynne Latham

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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome!** We're so glad you could join us today. Each week we seek to press deeper into Christ and then follow his lead to go further into the world with his love. As part of that mission, we'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to *prayer@fpcbr.org*, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Summer Combined Services Begin Next Sunday.** Each Sunday in July, as well as August 3, we will gather and worship together for one 10.30 am service in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school.

**Tonight: Youth Fireside Testimony Night.** Students are invited to a fireside testimony night at 6 pm at the Tuckers' (15610 Philemon Thomas Court).

**A Journey Through Psalms: 5 Weeks. 5 Psalms. 1 Faithful God.** Women's Ministry begins its 5-week summer study of Psalms on Tuesday, July 1. We'll meet at 6 pm each Tuesday of July at the home of Martha Juban (1005 Carrollton Avenue). Light refreshments will be available.

**S.T.A.R.S. Sports Camp This Week**. Please consider volunteering to coach the children and share the gospel with Baton Rouge inner city kids at the Abounding Love Ministries S.T.A.R.S. sports camp June 30– July 3. Contact Colton for details (*colton@fpcbr.org*).

**Officer Nominations for the 2028 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 available in the pew racks or online and are due July 31.

**Prayers for Sierra Leone Mission Trip.** Scott Graham leaves July 3 for five days on a mission trip to Sierra Leone with two other EPC pastors. Please be in prayer for safe travels and effectiveness as they attend an EduNations secondary school graduation and visit Evangelical Presbyterian Church plants.

**Need a Pastor After Hours?** Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

**Please Include Your Name in the Memo Line.** First Presbyterian Church accepts auto-generated checks from your financial institution. Please instruct your bank to include your name in the memo line in order for your donation to be properly applied to your pledge. Contact Courtney Hilton if you have any questions (620.0231).

**College Scholarships Available!** The FPC Women's Ministry College Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to church members who anticipate having difficulty meeting the obligations of continued education. Applications are available at *fpcbr.org* and are due by July 14, 2025.

*Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Lindley Spaht Dodson on the occasion of her birthday of June 30 by Susan and Frederic Billings.* 

Scripture for Next Week: Acts 16:16–24

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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