



# ORDER OF WORSHIP



JULY 14, AD 2024

10.30 AM





# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastors: Gerrit Dawson & Whitney Alexander*

## **Prelude**

### **\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

*From Psalm 100*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

Know that the LORD, he is God!

**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**For the LORD is good. His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### **\*Songs of Praise**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

“Is He Worthy?”

### **\*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**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Standing*

## **\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

## **Offertory**

"Jesus Strong and Kind" arranged by James Koerts

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.

For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus.  
Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me.  
And he showed me on that cross. He will come to me.

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

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

## **\*Hymn of Preparation**

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### **Time with God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

*Matthew 7:21-29 (NKJV)*

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,  
**That through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.**

### **Sermon**

Ron Hicks

“How We Build Matters”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### **Time of Reflection**

#### **\*Song of Response**

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

## **\*Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
And born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **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**

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### **\*Response**

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

## **Postlude**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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@fpibr.org](mailto:prayer@fpibr.org), through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Blood Drive Next Week.** Stop by the LifeShare blood mobile in the Convention St. parking lot between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm on Sunday, July 21. Help someone in need by donating blood.

**A New Book by Jill Garner.** *StrongHeart* is a new book for parents written by our own Jill Garner, director of Manners of the Heart. *StrongHeart* emphasizes the importance of nurturing and protecting the hearts of children from negative influences in society while also preparing them to navigate the world with a strong foundation in their beliefs and values. Copies are available at the Connection Center for \$15 each but we have seven complimentary copies for those who ask.

**Officer Nominations for the 2027 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 pray about who you might suggest. Suggestion cards are in the pew racks or online ([fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org)) and are due July 31.

**Purple Cow Needs Donations.** Donation bins are in the Gym ready for gently used clothes and house ware items for the Purple Cow, a ministry of the Christian Outreach Center.

**10.30 am Worship through August 4.** Each Sunday in July, as well as August 4, we will gather and worship together for one 10.30 am service in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school.

**Women's Jonah Study on Tuesdays.** Women's Ministry is exploring the depths of God's mercy and grace at its summer Jonah Bible study on Tuesdays in July from 6–7.30 pm at Amber McConnell's home (4325 Woodside Dr). Light refreshments will be served.

**You're Invited to a Pool Party on July 26!** International Friendship Partners invites you to help welcome internationals to Baton Rouge at a pool party on Friday, July 26 from 6 to 8 pm at Garland and Billy Wilson's (2077 Ramsey Drive). There will be swimming, games, hot dogs and burgers and watermelon.

**July Is McKinley School Supplies Month.** We are helping the teachers and families of McKinley Elementary get ready for the 2024–2025 academic year by collecting supplies in July. Visit the Connection Center or [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org) for further details and a list of needed items. A handy Amazon link to needed items is online at [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org).

**College Scholarship Applications Due Tomorrow!** 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 [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org) and are due tomorrow.

**Assistance for the Hard of Hearing.** We are pleased to offer headphones to assist the hard of hearing during our Sanctuary services. Headsets and packs are available to check out at the Connection Center.

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*Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. John W. Hoppe on the anniversary of his passing to be with the Lord (July 5) and on his birthday (July 11) by Kay Hoppe, Scott Hoppe, Laura Smyer and grandchildren.*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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