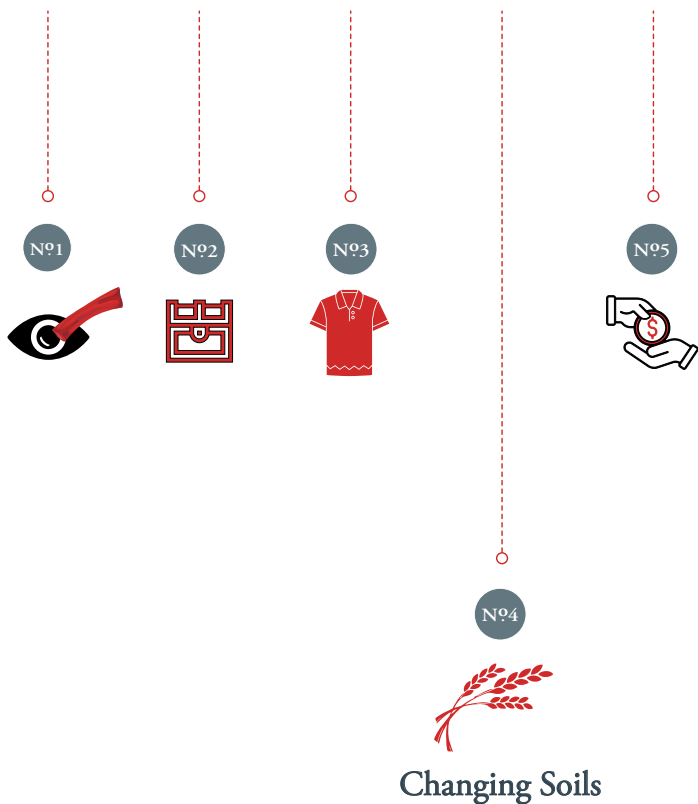


STORIES JESUS TOLD



MEMORIAL WEEKEND WORSHIP

May 26, AD 2024
10.30 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

Prelude

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Isaiah 55

Just as the rain falls from the sky and waters the earth causing the seed to sprout,

In the same way the word that goes out from the mouth of the LORD shall not return empty.

The word of the LORD will succeed and prosper.

And we shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

The mountains will break forth in singing and the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The time of harvest will bring great honor to the name of the LORD, our God. And the everlasting sign of his mercy will never be destroyed.

***Song of Praise**

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

From Hosea 10

O LORD, we have plowed iniquity and reaped injustice. We have eaten the fruit of lies. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Holy Spirit, break up the hardened ground of our hearts. Lord Jesus, sow righteousness in us that we might reap a harvest of steadfast love. Now is the time. We seek you, Heavenly Father, come and rain righteousness upon us. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Offertory

"I Set My Hope on Jesus (Hymn for a Deconstructing Friend)"

When this life of trials test my faith, I set my hope on Jesus.
When the questions come and doubts remain, I set my hope on Jesus.
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal,
There's a joy that runs still deeper.
There's a truth that's more than all I feel, I set my hope on Jesus.

I set my hope on Jesus, my rock, my only trust,
Who set his heart upon me first, I set my hope on Jesus.

Though I falter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Jesus.
When I fail the fight and sink within, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though the shame would drown me in its sea,
And I dread the wave of justice, I will cast my life on Calvary.
I set my hope on Jesus.

Though the world calls me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though it offer all its vain rewards, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray,
Give me grace enough to finish,
'Til I worship on that final day, I set my hope on Jesus.

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

*Response Doxology

**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

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Mark 4:1-9

Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: “Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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

Gerrit Dawson

“Changing Soils”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Hymn of Response**

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

“Pause, Honor and Remember” Memorial Day Video

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

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Toni & Charles Russell Kleinpeter Jr. by Patty Ruth Carroll Wilkinson.

Scripture for Next Week: Luke 16:19–31

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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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.

Upcoming Youth Events. Color War for all middle and high school youth on Wednesday, May 29 at Highland Road Park from 5 to 7 pm. Wear swimsuit under white clothes. Confirmation Swim Party on Saturday, June 4 at 3 pm at the Fabres' (5700 Sandalwood Dr.). Bring your swimsuit (one-piece for the girls) and towel.

Vacation Bible School Is In Two Weeks! Register today to join in Jerusalem Marketplace VBS on June 10–13. Visit fpcbr.org or scan the code for volunteer and camper details.

Additional Parking. The Old Governor's Mansion parking lot across North Blvd. is now available to First Presbyterian churchgoers on Sunday mornings.

So Loved Is Seeking Volunteers. What a blessing! We have had an increase in the number of children in our So Loved hall each Sunday. Volunteers are needed to care for and play with the young ones. Please contact Candace Walker to volunteer (candace@fpcbr.org).

Women's Summer Luncheon: June 26. "So, I've Got a Question... Counseling Edition" summer luncheon is Wednesday, June 26 at 11 am. Join us for a time of fellowship and thoughtful discussion led by Sherry Kadair, Director of the Baton Rouge Christian Counseling Center, along with Kaci Treadaway, Dr. John Otzenberger, Joel Gilbert and Stacy House. Details online at fpcbr.org.

Habitat for Humanity Build Dates. Save the date for our 2024 Habitat for Humanity build: September 5–7, September 12–14, September 26–28.

Church Office Closed Memorial Day. The church office is closed tomorrow for Memorial Day but you can still reach a pastor. Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

