



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“Almost Home”

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

IV. Allegro from Trumpet Concerto in D Major by Georg Phillip Telemann



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are glad you’re here. 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. 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.

January 26 Mission Outreach to Thibodaux. Whitney Alexander is coordinating a relief trip to Thibodaux Wednesday, January 26. Those interested in attending this one-day trip should meet in the Target parking lot on Siegen Lane at 6.30 am. We will paint and caulk. You’ll return home by 4.30 pm. Contact Whitney if you have questions (225.610.2607).

Discover First Dinner Next Sunday. Discover First Dinners are an opportunity to learn more about the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church in a smaller setting. Our next dinner is Sunday, January 30. Please contact Jaci Gaspard to RSVP (jaci@fpcbr.org).

rEcess Meets February 4. 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 monthly rEcess (jess.concienne@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

Congregational Meeting February 6. One of the joys of membership is participation in the annual congregational meeting. The session has called for the meeting to be held Sunday, February 6 at 10.15 am in the Sanctuary. The purpose is to celebrate the mission and ministry of 2021, receive an update on the work of the Building Up campaign, hear a report on the 2022 budget and elect at-large members of the nominating committee, as well as any other pertinent business. This meeting takes the place of adult Sunday school.

Parents’ Night Out February 6. An evening of fellowship, bowling, trivia, food and fun at Red Stick Social (1503 Government St.) Sunday, February 6 from 5 to 8 pm. To sweeten the deal, we’re providing childcare as well. Drop your kids off and enjoy a break before the week begins! Further details and registration online at fpcbr.org. \$25 per person or \$40 per couple.

MDO and Preschool Registration for 2022-2023 opens for our church members tomorrow, January 24. Contact Whitney Weiner at mdo@fpcbr.org or 225.620.0245 for more information.

Glorious Christmas Offering. You contributed over \$55,000 to our Christmas offering for city ministry. The Christian Outreach Center and Gardere Community Christian School send their heartfelt thanks for your contributions.

Women’s 1 Corinthians Study. How can Christians live in the world but not of it? How can we relate to the world without compromising our faith? Join Women’s Ministry for a study on 1 Corinthians. We meet Wednesdays at 6.30 pm via ZOOM or Thursdays at 9.30 am in EB 202. More information at fpcbr.org.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: *The Chapel and Sanctuary flowers serve to honor a departed loved one or celebrate with thanksgiving cherished people or events. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.*

Scripture for Next Week: *Ephesians 2: 19-22, Hebrews 10: 24-25*
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ORDER of WORSHIP

January 23, AD 2022

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

“How Firm a Foundation” arranged by Stephen Bulla
Blake Hanna, trumpet
Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 107

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so!

Let us thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!
Let us offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

Let us extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
Let us be wise and attend to these things; let us ponder the steadfast love of the LORD.

*Hymn of Praise

No. 234 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You, O Lord, are always ready to hear our pleas for deliverance. Why do we wait so long before turning to you for help? With your Word and through your Spirit you rescue and restore. Why do we clench our jaw and refuse to offer thanksgiving? Forgive us, we pray. We would exalt you today in this assembly, O Lifter of the needy. We would testify of your wonderful works. We would ponder the vastness of your loving-kindness. We would adore our Lord Jesus with songs of joy. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Standing

*Response

**What love could remember, no wrongs we have done;
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea, without bottom or shore;
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.**

Ordination and Installation of Officers

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Offertory

“The Lord of the Small”
Text: Johanna Anderson
Music: Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
Who girds them with courage and lends them his aid;
He pours out his Spirit on vessels so weak,
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
Who heals their afflictions or carries them till
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,
To never be sick and never to die.

Praise him, O praise him, all ye who yet live,
Who’ve been given so much and can so little give,
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise:
He sees his dear children through mercy filled eyes.

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. 275 “How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 107: 17-32

Some were fools through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;
they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the great waters;
they saw the deeds of the LORD,
his wondrous works in the deep.
For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.
They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their evil plight;
they reeled and staggered like drunken men
and were at their wits’ end.
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
He made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

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
“He Makes Storms Be Still”