### \*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

#### \*Response

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

#### Postlude

I. Allegro con brio from Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano by Malcolm Arnold



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**Discover First Dinner Today at 4 pm.** Discover First Dinners are an opportunity to learn more about the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church in a smaller setting. Please contact Jaci Gaspard to RSVP (*jaci@fpcbr.org*).

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday. The session has called for the meeting to be held next Sunday for the purpose of celebrating 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 Next Sunday.** 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. Please register by tomorrow online at *fpcbr.org*. \$25 per person or \$40 per couple.

**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).

**Relief Work Day.** All are invited to a attend a hurricane relief work day to Thibodaux/Raceland Wednesday, February 2. Meet at 6.30 am in the Target parking lot on Seigen Lane.

**Habitat Build Last Day.** Our Habitat for Humanity home has one more opportunity to work. On Saturday, February 5, please join us from 8 am to 12 noon at Terrence Carter's home, 845 N. 31st Street, as we paint the inside.

**Joyful Noise and JAM Returns Today!** Children ages four through grade 5 are welcome to join the Joyful Noise and JAM children's choirs. We meet every Sunday from 5-6.30 pm in the Kingdom Kids classrooms. For more information please contact Lauren Honea (*lauren@fpcbr.org*).

Women's Ministry 20s/30s Night Out on Thursday! Women's Ministry is celebrating those in their 20s/30s this month! Feel free to bring a friend. Truly anyone is welcome. Thursday, February 3, 6.30-8.30 pm, at the home of Sarah Rath (1506 Letitia St.) RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio (jaime@fpcbr.org).

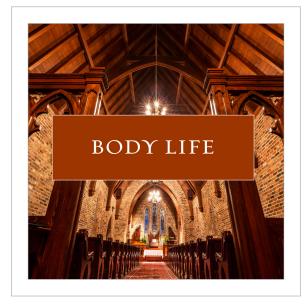
**Prayer Time.** Join us at 10.15 am for prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building) each Sunday. One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

**Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gene and Cherry Owen by Leah and Billy Edrington.

Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-16 Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed. All songs used by permission: CCLI license #207235.



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# ORDER of WORSHIP

January 30, AD 2022 11 am



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Jim Solomon

#### Prelude

IV. Allegro from Four Church Sonatas by W. A. Mozart Victor Drescher, clarinet Steve Gustafson, piano

## \*Welcome and Call to Worship

From 1 Peter 2

Come! Draw near to Christ and be built up as a spiritual house made of living stones. Come be a holy priesthood and offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

We come to him, the chosen and precious cornerstone. We believe in him and will not be put to shame.

You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood.

We are a holy nation, a peculiar people.

Let us proclaim the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people. He has poured out His mercy upon us!

#### \*Hymn of Praise

No. 262 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**NICAEA** 

\*Blessing God

**Scriptural Call to Confession** 

#### **Prayer of Confession**

You, O LORD, have claimed us as your people—holy, special, and royal. You have made us living stones out of which you construct the temple where you would meet with us. But we have not cared. We have chosen the unholy, mundane and common. We have neglected our neighbor. We have hidden in the ease and anonymity of isolation. We have made bricks from straw to build crumbling monuments to earthly kings and unholy things. Have mercy on us! Remind us that our place is in the marvelous light of your presence. Fix us on Jesus, the cornerstone. Make us into your house and draw the nations to it. Amen.

#### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

\*Response PLAINFIELD

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## \*Greeting and Announcements

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

#### Offertory

"Ye Followers of the Lamb" arranged by Edwin Earle Ferguson

O brethren ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb? Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel, sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

O sisters ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb? Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel, sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

I'm glad I am a Christian, ye followers of the Lamb. Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel, sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

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. 277 "The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

## \*Prayer of Dedication

#### Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 2: 17-22

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Hebrews 10: 23-25

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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
"The Living Temple"



# Responding to the Word

**Time of Reflection** 

\*Hymn of Response

"O Church Arise"