



LOVED BEFORE YOU WERE MADE

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 13, AD 2023
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” arranged by James Curnow

Blake Hanna, trumpet

Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 103 & Ephesians 1

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 10 “O Worship the King”

LYONS

***Blessing God**

Infant Baptism

James Thompson Bryant IV

Parents are Abbey and James Thompson Bryant III

Sponsoring Elder is Jamy Comeaux

*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.**

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Jena and Kevin Smith, EPC World Outreach

Offertory

"In Christ Every Blessing" a Meditation on Ephesians 1:3 by Christopher Phillips
Katherine Tomeny, piano

Bless God, bless God, bless the Father, bless God.

In Christ, in Christ, every blessing in Christ.

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

*Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 1:1-3

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places . . .

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Christ, our head.

He makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“Two at the Same Time”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 276 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

REGENT SQUARE

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

“Jubilate for Brass” by William Bay

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.

Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. William J. Miller and Blake Miller by the Robert Miller family.

Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 1:4-6

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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.

Youth Parents' Meeting Next Sunday. Drop off your kids at Sunday school then join the Youth Ministry team for breakfast in the Gym at 10.10 am. You'll hear plans for the upcoming school year, get dates for 2024 summer trips and meet Daniel Croskrey, the new Middle School Youth Director.

Men's Gathering, August 23. It's time to gather for a Men's Ministry fall kickoff! Chris Bruno of Restoration Project in Fort Collins, Colorado will be our speaker. Chris' ministry helps foster brotherhood while calling men to restore those around them. Join us for bbq, drinks and discussion at Calvin Fabr e's house from 6 to 8 pm!

30s and 40s Women's Social, August 24. Save the date for our next social Thursday, August 24. We'll gather from 6.30 to 8.30 pm at the home of Kristen Carney (3235 Fritchie Dr.). RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio (jaimc@fpcbr.org).

Missions Conference In Two Weeks. We are privileged to have two speakers for our Global Missions Conference on August 25- 27: Gabriel de Guia of EPC World Outreach, and our longtime beloved global missions partner, Peter Kiwanuka. Further details online at fpcbr.org.



Conference QR Code

Ecclesiastes: Life Under the Sun Women's Study. Is there anything new under the sun? Join Women's Ministry for the richness of Ecclesiastes. There are various meeting days and times that all begin the week of August 28. Please visit fpcbr.org for details.

Worship with Abounding Love, September 3. Members of Abounding Love Ministries will join us for a special combined worship service Sunday, September 3 at 11 am. Pastor Adraine White will deliver the message, their worship team will join ours and we'll have communion together. Don't miss it!

Faith Driven Entrepreneurs Baton Rouge Conference, September 13. Calling all business owners, entrepreneurs, and C-level executives to join us for this year's conference to foster spiritual growth while equipping us to extend our influence beyond spreadsheets. Registration is open!

Volunteers Needed. Volunteers are needed for the So Loved nursery, Children's Church and Kingdom Kids Sunday school. Please contact Candace Walker for more information (candace@fpcbr.org).

New Crying Babies/Nursing Mother's Room. Our Bride's Room now doubles as a Crying Babies/Nursing Mother's room on Sunday mornings. This location, as well as the Parlor, are available with closed circuit TV simulcasting the 9 and 11 am services.

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