



ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 6, AD 2023

11 AM





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

On this last Sunday of summer vacations, the balcony is closed so we may enjoy worshipping together on the first floor.

Prelude

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” arranged by David Lowe
Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 73

Oh LORD, my God, how can it be? I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.
You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

For me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 25 “Immortal, Invisible”

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***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, the psalmist declared, “There is nothing on earth I desire besides you.” I wonder if that is true about me. I desire so many things. I want to be comfortable and safe. I want to be right. I want to be well. I want to be in the inner circle. I want to be admired. I want to be appealing. I want to have means to do what I want, whenever I want. Do I want these more than you? If I had them, but did not have you, would it be enough? I am tempted. But I know the truth: apart from you I have no good. You alone are what I most truly want. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Standing*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

"I Need Thee Every Hour" arranged by John Ness Beck

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

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

***Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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**

No. 292 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 73:1-5

Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.
For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek.
They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.

Psalm 73:13–26

All in vain have I kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.
For all the day long I have been stricken
and rebuked every morning.
If I had said, “I will speak thus,”
I would have betrayed the generation of your children.

But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,
until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.

Truly you set them in slippery places;
you make them fall to ruin.
How they are destroyed in a moment,
swept away utterly by terrors!
Like a dream when one awakes,
O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.
When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,
I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.

Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.
You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.
Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

All Scripture is breathed out by God, and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.

So the person of God might be equipped for every good work.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“God Is the Strength of My Heart”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“Abide With Me”

EVENTIDE



LORD'S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communing in Christ
Prayer of Thanks

Please come forward to receive communion.

Communion Meditation

"I Need Thee Every Hour"
"Come Ye Disconsolate" arranged by Dale Wood



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

"God of Grace" arranged by Paul Manz

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Helen and Howard Tull from their children
Howard, Nelson, Larry and Maurine.*



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.

Confirmation Meeting Next Sunday. All rising 6th grade students and parents are invited to a Confirmation meeting with Gerrit and the Confirmation Team next Sunday, August 13 at 10.10 am in the Sanctuary Basement.

Promotion Sunday Is August 13. After checking in on the computers, head to the classroom of the grade you are entering this new school year! Reminder: All rising first graders will report to Kingdom Kids hallway in the basement of the Sanctuary building.

LSU Prayer Walk, August 12. International Friendship Partners invites you to a prayer walk across the LSU campus Saturday, August 12. Prayer guides will be available. Meet at the main entrance of the LSU Union at 8.15 am.

Youth Parents' Meeting, August 20. 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 Fabre's house from 6 to 8 pm!

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



Conference
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Ecclesiastes: Life Under the Sun Women's Study. This world is confusing, frustrating and futile. We wonder if what we do matters. 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.

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).

Give Online. Visit fpcbr.org or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail. Email prayer@fpcbr.org if you have online giving questions.

Calling All Greeters! If you feel led to be a greeter at 9 or 11 worship, please contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpcbr.org)!

Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 1:1-3
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