



LESSONS FOR LIFE
from Ephesians

Walking in Love • Walking in Light
Mutual Submission • How to Work Well
Suiting Up for Battle

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 11, AD 2024

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” arranged by Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard
Steve Gustafson, organ
Sherry Kadair, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Isaiah 59

The LORD has seen our need for salvation.

He has saved us by the strength of his own mighty outstretched arm.

He has put on righteousness as a breastplate. The helmet of salvation is on his head.

A Redeemer will come to Zion, to those who turn from transgression.

“This is my covenant with you,” says the LORD: “My Spirit is upon you. I have put my word in your mouth.”

Your word, O Lord, will not depart from our mouths or the mouths of our children from this time forth and forevermore!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 59 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (vs. 1-3 & 6)

ST. ANNE

***Blessing God**

Infant Baptism

Gabriel Samwise Kollmeyer

Parents are Rachel and Josiah Kollmeyer

Sponsoring Elder is Suzie Thompson

*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 ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children's Church.

Offertory

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" arranged by Dan Forrest

I know that my Redeemer lives. Glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives. Glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, press on, we're gaining ground. Glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found. Glory, hallelujah!

He lives to bless me with his love, Glory, hallelujah!
He lives to plead my cause above; Glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground. Glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found. Glory, hallelujah!

He lives to crush the fiends of hell; Glory, hallelujah!
He lives and doth within me dwell; Glory, hallelujah!

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

*Response Doxology

REGENT SQUARE

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One.
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.**

Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 26 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 6:10-23

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts. Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

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

Darin Travis

"Ready to Wrestle: God's Sacred Armor in the Battle"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 293 “Rise Up, O Church of God” (vs. 1 & 4)

ST. THOMAS

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

“To God Be the Glory” arranged by Mona Williams Coalter

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.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Munson by Sarah Anne and Richard Creed.

*Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 139:1–2, 13–18
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Super Bowl Watch Party Tonight! All youth students and their families are invited to a picnic-style Super Bowl Watch Party at 5 pm in the Terraced Garden. Please bring an appetizer, folding chairs and blankets. Let Colton know if you're coming (colton@fpcbr.org). Surprise halftime announcement!

Ash Wednesday Noon Service in Sanctuary. The season of Lent begins February 14 with a traditional service of the reception of ashes and the Lord's Supper, followed by lunch with Shelton's famous gumbo in the Reception Room (\$5 per person). Wednesday noon services will continue throughout February and March in Dunham Chapel without lunch.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday. The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, February 18 at 10.10 in the Sanctuary. The purpose is to receive a report on 2023, hear a presentation from The Foundation, propose the 2024 budget, elect at-large members to the nominating committee and conduct any other business that is before us. These annual meetings give us a great opportunity as one church to give thanks for all that God has done and is doing in our midst. There will be no adult Sunday school classes that day.

Joyful Noise Begins Next Sunday. Joyful Noise Children's Choir is for children in k-5th grade and prioritizes building a heart for worship. We begin Sunday, February 18 at 4 pm. If you're interested, please email Lauren at (lauren@fpcbr.org).

Subscribe to Daily Lent Emails and Podcast. In addition to the printed book, this year's Lent guide, *Lyrics for His Life: Praying the Psalms with Jesus*, includes both a daily email as well as a daily podcast. Visit the Resources tab at fpcbr.org to subscribe. Lent guides will be distributed in worship on Sunday, February 18.



Lent Community Groups Forming Now. Community Groups for *Lyrics for His Life: Praying the Psalms with Jesus* are forming now. Contact Kelly Wood to be a member or leader of a group (kelly@fpcbr.org). Groups begin meeting the week of February 18.

Senior Sunday School with Gerrit. Starting February 25, Gerrit will be holding his world-famous Senior Sunday School classes. These classes will take place Sundays from February 25-March 17 for high school seniors.

Men's Skeet Shoot and Cooking Competition. Join us Saturday, March 2 for a skeet shoot and cooking competition at Dr. Chat Kleinpeter's working farm in Saint Francisville. Shooters and non-shooters are welcome. Register online at fpcbr.org.

Lost and Found Clean Out. It's time to clean out the Lost and Found cabinet in the Sanctuary building. Any unclaimed items not claimed by the end of February will be "shared" with the Purple Cow or thrown away.

Two New Church Portals. FPC has launched two new safe and secure sites to help you manage your church membership data online: the Member Portal and the Giving Portal. Links to each are at fpcbr.org or the church app. Separate login information is required for each site. Contact Laura Shaw (225.620.1222) if you have issues setting up your account



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