



LESSONS FOR LIFE
from Ephesians

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 14, AD 2024

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

Shanna Drescher, flute
Victor Drescher, clarinet

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Ephesians 5 & 6

Beloved children, let us walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.
Let us be filled with the Spirit.

Let us sing and make melody to the Lord with our hearts.
Let us give thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be strong in the Lord. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the evil one.
Peace and grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 59 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Most holy God, we wasted so much time this week. We worked in the shadows and have little to show for it. We sought emptiness and numbness rather than the filling of your Spirit. We stirred from our spiritual drowsiness just long enough to feel offended and shout at one another. But now, we awaken to truth, rise from the dead and stand in the light of Christ. We sing in blessed harmony with one another. We make melody in our hearts. We acknowledge and abide with one another for the sake of Jesus, whom we love. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

NETTLETON

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise his name– I'm fixed upon it– name of God's redeeming love.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

“Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing” arranged by Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise him forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty pow'r, praise him forever.
Sing of his righteousness, praise him forever.

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. 334 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

ARISE

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 5: 8b-21

Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

"Wake Up, O Sleeper!"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 276 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

REGENT SQUARE

*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

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*Response

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

Postlude

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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. & Mrs. Frank L. Norwood Jr. and Larry Charles Musgrove Sr. by Chrystal Norwood Musgrove and family.

*Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 5:20–33
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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.

Glove and Sock Drive: Jonathan's Joy Winter Ministry. Children's Ministry is participating in Jonathan's Joy Winter Ministry, a sock and glove drive organized by Cathy Pugsley. Needed: socks and gloves of all sizes for men, women and children. Donation baskets are located in the Kingdom Kids and So Loved halls until February 4.

Women's Spring Bible Study Begins This Week. Join Women's Ministry as we study two of Paul's most God-centered letters, 1 & 2 Thessalonians. These letters teach us to remain grounded in the gospel in the midst of a fallen world. Visit fpcbr.org for meeting days and times.

Stay & Pray, Thursday, January 18. Parents, grandparents, volunteers and friends of educators are all invited to a casual time of prayer in Dunham Chapel Thursday, January 18 from 9.05 to 9.30 am. It's a wonderful way to start the new year with confidence in God's plan for our children, families and educators.

Discover First Dinner, January 21. This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpcbr.org).

International Friendship Partners Game Night, January 26. IFP is hosting a Game Night Friday, January 26 from 6–8 pm in the Gym. It'll be fun for the whole family with an evening of games and community building with our international friends.

Get Your Mutt Blessed! The annual Krewe of Mutts parade passes down North Blvd. Sunday, January 28. Join Scott Graham and his sheepadoodle Schubert, in front of the Sanctuary beginning at 12.30 pm to have your dog blessed!

MDO Registration. Church member priority registration for the Mother's Day Out 2024–2025 school year is Monday, January 29. Contact Whitney Weiner (mdu@fpcbr.org or 225.620.0245) for more information.

Needed: Lent Community Group Leaders. Community Group leaders are needed for our Lenten study, *Lyrics for His Life: Praying the Psalms with Jesus*. Please contact Kelly Wood (kelly@fpcbr.org) for details. Groups begin meeting the week of February 18.

Youth Group Tonight. Middle school Youth Group meets tonight at 5 pm in the church Gym. High school students will meet at 5 pm at the Wilsons' home (2077 Ramsey Drive).

Glorious Christmas Offering. You contributed over \$51,166 to our Christmas offering for city ministry! The Christian Outreach Center and Gardere Community Christian School send their heartfelt thanks for your contributions.

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