



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 28, AD 2024

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

Allegretto non troppo, op. 84 by Mel Bonis

Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin

Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Colossians 3

Let those who have been raised with Christ seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

We are God's chosen ones. We are holy and beloved.

You are the Body of Christ. Bound together by love. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

We are thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to one another with thankfulness in your hearts.

Whatever we do, in word or deed, we will do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 97 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CORONATION

***Blessing God**



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND COLTON UNDERWOOD

Gulf South Presbytery Administrative Commission:

Gerrit Dawson, Teaching Elder, First Presbyterian
Darin Travis, Teaching Elder, First Presbyterian
Lynn Courtney, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian
Kyle Beall, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian
Henry Beck, Ruling Elder, Faith, Covington

Calling of Officers Judy McGimsey
 Introduction to Church Offices Gerrit Dawson
 Questions to the Candidates Gerrit Dawson and Darin Travis
 Questions to the Congregation Lynn Courtney
 Prayer of Ordination and Installation Gerrit Dawson
 Declaration of Ordination and Installation Kyle Beall

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Charge to the Pastor Darin Travis
 Charge to the Congregation Henry Beck

Offertory

“O How Amiable” by Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings; thou Lord of hosts!
 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
 My heart and flesh rejoice in the living God.
 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
 And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
 Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.
 The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
 Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork!
 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
 Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

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. 117 “We Come, O Christ, to You” (vs 1, 3, 4 & 5)

DARWALL

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 6:1–9

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

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 Secret to Freedom at Home and Work”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 455 “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

BEACH SPRING

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

III. Scherzo from Sonata No. 7 in C Minor by Ludwig van Beethoven



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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.

Get Your Mutt Blessed Today! Join Scott Graham and his sheepdoodle Schubert, in front of the Sanctuary beginning at 12.30 pm to have your dog blessed at the Krewe of Mutts parade.

40s & 50s Women's Social This Thursday. Save the date for our next social for 40s and 50s on Thursday, February 1. We'll gather from 6 to 8 pm at Jenny Civello's house. Mardi Gras inspired appetizers and a variety of king cakes will be provided but feel free to bring a beverage of your choice! Please RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio (jaimc@fpcbr.org).

Loving Our rEcess Families This Friday! On February 2 volunteers will spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. Contact Jess Concienne if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess (jess.concienne@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

What Christian Men Need Most. Join us Monday, February 5 at 11.45 am for lunch and a presentation by Pastor Steve Savelich in the Reception Room. Cost: \$10. RSVP for lunch at fpcbr.org. Pastor Savelich is a popular speaker who travels the world teaching about Jesus Christ. He will help our men focus on life's most important priorities.

Glove and Sock Drive: Jonathan's Joy Winter Ministry. It's the last two weeks for 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.

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 a light lunch in the Reception Room (\$5 per person). Wednesday noon services will continue throughout February and March in Dunham Chapel without lunch.

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 issues setting up your account.

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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. Being a part of a community group deepens the entire Lent experience. 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.



MDO Registration Tomorrow. 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.

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Staying in Touch with You. If you've moved, changed your email address or have a new phone number, we'd like to know about it. Help us keep our membership database updated. Please call us with your changes, 225.387.0617.

Related Media in the FPC Church App. The FPC church app now automatically feeds related media to the ESV Bible feature. For example, do you want to dig deep into Psalm 107? After reading the passage in the Bible feature, click one of the sermons related to Psalm 107. Search FPCBR in your favorite app store to download the app.

Give Online. Visit fpcbr.org or go to the church app to make your gift online.

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.

The Chapel and Sanctuary flowers serve to honor a departed loved one or celebrate with thanksgiving cherished people or events. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.

Scripture for Next Week: Revelation 5:1-12

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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