



GENESIS

STORIES FROM THE START

ORDER OF WORSHIP
JUNE 11, AD 2023
11 AM



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

Rafael Herrera, violin
Jaime Compton-Herrera, cello

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 5

Give ear to our words, O LORD; consider our groaning. Give attention to the sound of our cries, our King and God, for to you do we pray.

O LORD, in the morning you hear our voice; in the morning we prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.
The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But we, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

We will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Lead us, O LORD, in your righteousness because of our enemies; make your way straight before us.

Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 68 "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee"

BEECHER

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

We thought, O God, that the knowledge of good and evil we sought in the garden, when we ate from the forbidden tree, would bring us more. More enlightenment, peace and joy. O how wrong we were! Our eyes indeed are now opened. But all we see is what we are like without you. Just as you said there is none righteous. Not one. We are so weary and ashamed of what we have done, and worse, is the awareness of what we are capable of doing. Help us, Holy Spirit. We turn back from our evil ways and live. We would not grieve the heart of our Heavenly Father but would find favor in his eyes. May he look upon us and see Jesus. Amen.

**Standing*

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

PLAINSFIELD

**This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Sierra Leone EduNations Video

Offertory

"Psalm 85" from the *New Scottish Psalter*

Arranged by Christopher Phillips

In times past LORD you showed favor to your own beloved land;
The prosperity of Jacob you restored by your strong hand.
You forgave your people's trespass, you were pleased their sins to hide.
You withdrew all your displeasure, from your wrath you turned aside.

God, our Savior, now restore us from us—turn away your rage.
Will your anger burn against us? Will it last from age to age?
Will you not again revive us, that we may rejoice in you?
Show us, LORD, your covenant mercy; your salvation grant anew.

I will hear what God, the LORD, says to his saints, he offers peace;
But his people must not wander and return to foolishness.
Surely for all those who fear him his salvation is at hand.
So that once again his glory may be seen within our land.

Love and truth have met together; righteousness and peace embrace.
Righteousness looks down from heaven, from the earth springs faithfulness.
What is good the LORD will give us and our land its fruit will bear.
Righteousness will go before him and his royal way prepare.

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

No. 334 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

ARISE

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Genesis 6: 5-8

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

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's Grief”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“Before the Throne of God Above”

*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

*Response

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

Postlude

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 memory of our parents, Hazel & Paul Peters and Jerry & Ned Hickel, by Cherie & Bill Peters.

Scripture for Next Week: Genesis 12: 1-9

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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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.

Vacation Bible School Starts Next Week! Jerusalem Marketplace VBS engages all senses and transports your child to a different time and a fresh experience. Children entering kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate. Adults and youth are invited to volunteer as leaders and helpers. Please visit fpcbr.org/vbs for details and registration. VBS dates are June 19-23.



VBS QR Code

Last Week to Apply: College Scholarships Available! The FPC Women's Ministry College Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to church members who anticipate having difficulty meeting the obligations of continued education. Applications are available at fpcbr.org and are due Tuesday, June 15.

International Friendship Partners Social. The June IFP Social is Friday, June 23 from 6 to 8 pm at the Kozans' home (3565 Cole Drive). Please join us in developing relationships with our international friends.

Women's Summer Luncheon, June 29. The Women's Ministry "So, I've Got a Question . . . Counseling Edition" summer luncheon is Thursday, June 29 at 11 am. Join us for a time of fellowship and thoughtful discussion led by Sherry Kadair, Director of the Baton Rouge Christian Counseling Center, along with Kaci Treadaway, Dr. John Otzenberger, Joel Gilbert and Stacy House. Details and registration online at fpcbr.org.

Combined Services in July. Each Sunday in July we will gather and worship together for one 10.30 am service in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school. All three regular services resume Sunday, August 6.

Attention Music Lovers: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sing in the choir at First Presbyterian? How about the opportunity to try it without any obligation or long-term commitment? The month of July is your chance! Beginning Wednesday, June 28, join us in the choir room at 6.30 pm for an hour of casual, joy-filled rehearsal. No audition. Young and old are welcome. Sing for just one Sunday or for the entire month of July.

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

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