

# JONAH

SERMON SERIES

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

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Father's Day  
June 16, AD 2024  
11 am



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham*

## **Prelude**

“Faith of Our Fathers” arranged by Sandra Jarrett  
Steve Gustafson, organ

## **\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

*From Jonah 2*

I called to the LORD out of my distress.  
**And he answered me! He heard my voice.**

O LORD my God, you brought up my life from the pit,  
**When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you.**

Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.  
**But I with the voice of thanksgiving will make a sacrifice of praise to you;**

**What I have experienced, I will declare: “Salvation belongs to the LORD!”**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

“O God Beyond All Praising”

## **\*Blessing God**

### **Infant Baptisms**

Harrison Crawford Comeaux  
Parents are Brittany and Jamy Comeaux  
Siblings are Hudson, Holland and Helena  
Sponsoring Elder is Pat Canfield

Collier Scott Milton  
Parents are Laura and Matthew Milton  
Sponsoring Elder is Ryan Dickerson

Oliver James Smith  
Parents are Elizabeth and Adrian Smith  
Sponsoring Elder is Ryan Dickerson

*\*Standing*

## \*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.*

## Minute for Mission

Samuel Sesay, President of EduNations in Sierra Leone

## Offertory

"Out of the Depths" by Alan Hovhaness

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.  
Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.  
If thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities. O Lord, who shall stand?  
I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait.  
My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning:  
I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

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

## \*Response Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—Three in One! We give thee praise!  
For the riches we inherit, heart and voice to thee we raise!  
We adore thee! We adore thee! Thee we bless, thro' endless days!  
We adore thee! We adore thee! Thee we bless, thro' endless days!**

## Prayer of Dedication



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### \*Hymn of Preparation

No. 419 "Abide with Me" (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

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### Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Jonah 1:17-2:10*

And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying,

"I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,

and he answered me;

out of the belly of Sheol I cried,

and you heard my voice.

For you cast me into the deep,

into the heart of the seas,

and the flood surrounded me;

all your waves and your billows

passed over me.

Then I said, 'I am driven away

from your sight;

yet I shall again look

upon your holy temple.'

The waters closed in over me to take my life;

the deep surrounded me;

weeds were wrapped about my head

at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land

whose bars closed upon me forever;

yet you brought up my life from the pit,

O LORD my God.

When my life was fainting away,

I remembered the LORD,

and my prayer came to you,

into your holy temple.

Those who pay regard to vain idols

forsake their hope of steadfast love.

But I with the voice of thanksgiving

will sacrifice to you;

what I have vowed I will pay.

Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,

**That through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.**

### Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

"From the Belly of the Beast"



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

#### \*Hymn of Response

No. 279 "Faith of Our Fathers" (vs 1, 3 & 4)

ST. CATHERINE

#### 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

"Coro" from Water Music by G.F. Handel

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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 memory of Abbie & Lora Maye Cross and KH & Mabel Ferris by Ron & Bunny Ferris and family.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Jonah 3*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Welcome!** We're so glad you could join us today. Each week we seek to press deeper into Christ and then follow his lead to go further into the world with his love. As part of that mission, we'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@fpcbr.org](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org), through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Women's Summer Luncheon: June 26. "So, I've Got a Question. . . Pastors' Edition"** Join us for our Women's Ministry Summer Luncheon where you can anonymously ask a panel of pastors questions about the Bible, what we believe or even their own faith journey! 11.30 am–1.30 pm in the FPC Reception Room. The cost is \$10 and increases to \$15 on Monday, June 24. RSVP at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org). Childcare provided.

**Purple Cow Needs Donations.** It's a great time to declutter your home! During the month of June, donation bins are in the Gym ready for gently used clothes and house ware items for the Purple Cow, a ministry of the Christian Outreach Center.

**Summer Combined Services.** Each Sunday in July, as well as August 4, 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 11. Stay tuned for details on a congregational lunch on Sunday, August 4.

**S.T.A.R.S. Sports Camp Needs Volunteers.** July 1-3 are the dates of the annual S.T.A.R.S. soccer camp with Abounding Love Ministries. Consider volunteering to coach the children and share the gospel with Baton Rouge inner city kids. Contact Whitney Alexander to volunteer (225.810.2607).

**July Women's Jonah Study.** On the heels of Gerrit's Jonah sermon series, Women's Ministry will further explore the depths of God's mercy and grace at its summer Jonah Bible study. We'll meet Tuesday, July 9, 16, 23, 30, 6–7.30 pm at the home of Amber McConnell (4352 Woodside Dr.). Light refreshments.

**Officer Nominations for the 2027 Class.** The Officer Nominating Committee nominates elders and deacons by receiving suggested names of members from the congregation, prayerfully preparing a slate and presenting the slate at the annual October congregational meeting for election. Please be in prayer about who you might suggest. Suggestion cards will be available beginning Sunday, June 30.

**Today's Baptism at 7.45 am Worship.** Congratulations to the Swarner family. Isla Wren Swarner was baptized at the Chapel Communion service this morning.

**Ways to Give.** We are grateful you choose to be a part of God's economy with us. Gifts to First Presbyterian may be made via US Mail (763 North Blvd., 70802) or electronically ([fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) or the church app).

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

**First Presbyterian Church and Social Media (Instagram, YouTube and Facebook).** Sanctuary services are livestreamed on the web and we frequently post photos of members engaged in fellowship at our small groups, worship services and events. If you have any questions, contact Katie Robinson ([katie@fpcbr.org](mailto:katie@fpcbr.org)) or Jay High ([jay@fpcbr.org](mailto:jay@fpcbr.org)).

