



LOVED BEFORE YOU WERE MADE

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 5, AD 2023
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

Prelude

“Italian Air” by Georg Phillip Telemann

Rachel Ciraldo, flute

Nicholas Ciraldo, classical guitar

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Ephesians 3

May the Father strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,
So that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith.

May you be rooted and grounded in love, to know the love of Christ that
surpasses knowledge,

So we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to God who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,

**Be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and
ever. Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 64 “All Creatures of Our God and King” (vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

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***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly Father, from the treasure store of your grace you have lavished us with gifts and equipped us with tools for the building of your kingdom. But we have wasted those gifts. We have used the tools as weapons. We have fought against one another. We have torn down. We have been misled by fad and trend. Have mercy, Lord Jesus, and forgive us. Increase our faith and our understanding. Set us on the path to mature, unifying love. Cause us to grow up in every way into you, O Christ, our head. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Stewarding God's Grace

Offertory

"You Are Called to Tell the Story" by Ruth C. Duck

You are called to tell the story, passing words of life along,
Then to blend your voice with others as you sing the sacred song.
Christ be known in all our singing filling all with songs of love.

You are called to teach the rhythm of the dance that never ends,
Then to move within the circle hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Christ be known in all our dancing touching all with hands of love.

You are called to set the table blessing bread as Jesus blessed.
Then to come with thirst and hunger, needing care like all the rest.
Christ be known in all our sharing, feeding all with signs of love.

May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space,
Give us words to sing the story, move among us in the place.
Christ be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.

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

“The Servant Song”

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Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 4:7

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Ephesians 4:11-16

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Christ, our head.

He makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“Serve the Work”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 546 “For All the Saints” (vs. 1, 4 & 6)

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LORD'S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion 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.

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communing in Christ
Prayer of Thanks

Please come forward to receive communion.

Communion Meditation

“Rêverie” by Claude Debussy



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

II. Andante from Piano Sonata No. 16, K. 545 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



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 fpibr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpibr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Angels Are Here! Angel Tree volunteers provide a Christmas present for children whose parents are incarcerated. Come see Whitney in the Reception Room to get one of the few angels remaining. Contact Ryan Castle, ryanecastle@gmail.com or 225.773.4769, for details.

Caring to Love Banquet This Thursday. This year's Caring to Love banquet will be on Thursday, November 9 with guest speaker, Ryan Bromberg. We have a table reserved. Contact Jaci Gaspard (jaci@fpibr.org) if you're interested in attending.

Stewarding God's Grace Next Sunday. On November 12, we want to rededicate ourselves as a reply to Christ's beautiful grace. We'll make our financial commitments, and we'll also offer back the places where we are serving and where we might like to serve in the future. Estimate of Giving cards were mailed to all members and will be available in the pew racks.

Come on First Pres! We have 15 McKinley Elementary teachers who would like an Encourager. Stop by the Connection Center or contact Laura Shaw (laura@fpibr.org) to get involved.

Youth Group Tonight. Youth groups meet from 5–7 pm tonight. Middle school students will meet at the church. High school students will meet at the Blumentritts' home for fellowship, study and food!

Family Worship Night, November 12. Our children ensembles welcome you to a short worship service on Sunday, November 12 at 6 pm in the Chapel. We will celebrate God calling us with a presentation entitled, "The Great Flood."

Calling All Actors! Creative Arts is seeking actors for Live Nativity on December 1. There are no lines to memorize and only one rehearsal! It's a great family activity. If you're interested contact Lauren Honea (lauren@fpibr.org).

New Mid-Week Advent Services. Join us Wednesday, November 30, December 6 and December 13 for a short Advent service of Communion in the Dunham Chapel. Our Scriptural focus will be on Mary's song in Luke 1:46-55 as a marvelous preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. Service times are 12–12.45 pm.

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. Joseph Dean Glisson and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wesley McLean by Linda and Mike Glisson and family.

Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 4:17–24

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