



LOVED BEFORE YOU WERE MADE

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 22, AD 2023
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

Prelude

“A Prayer for Peace” by Jon Raybould

Rachel Ciraldo, flute

Steve Gustafson, piano

***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. 58 “This Is My Father's World”

TERRA BEATA

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

From St. Augustine, 4th century

Lord Jesus, our Savior, let us come to you.
Our hearts are cold; Lord, warm them with your selfless love.
Our hearts are sinful; cleanse them with your precious blood.
Our hearts are weak; strengthen them with your joyous Spirit.
Our hearts are empty; fill them with your divine presence.
Lord Jesus, our hearts are yours; possess them always and only for yourself.

***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

"I See, I Hear, I Know" by Craig Courtney

Now I see, O Lord, I see the light inside eternity,
The tree, the bloom, the feast inside the upper room,
A whippoorwill, a mourning dove,
The song of wind, the hymn of love have called my soul to see the light inside eternity.
Now I see, O Lord.

Now I hear, O Lord, I hear one tune to drive away all fear.
I hear the sound of life in sea and air and ground;
I hear a river running through the sky, while choirs of angels sing on high.
Be glad, my soul, and hear one tune to drive away all fear.
Now I hear, O Lord.

Now I know, O Lord, I know why ev'ry seed must die to grow.
I know the tree of life inside eternity.
I know the throne, I know the Lamb, the Christ, the Lord, the One, the great I AM.
I know, O Lord, I know why ev'ry seed must die to grow.
Now I know, O Lord.

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

*Response Doxology

"Give Glory!"

*Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Hymn of Preparation**

No. 203 “And Can It Be”

SAGINA

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 3:1-13

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

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

Scott Graham

“X’ Marks the Spot”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 293 "Rise Up, O Church of God" (vs. 1 & 4)

ST. THOMAS

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 loving memory of Mary & Arthur Ogle, Connie Ogle Burden, and Christiana & Truman Crawford by Pat, Liz & Blake Canfield, and Brittany & Jamy Comeaux.

*Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 4:1-6
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bagpipes, Tartans and Brunch Next Sunday! Wear your plaids, your kilts and your tweeds as we celebrate the Scottish roots of our Presbyterian faith on Reformation Sunday with one 10 am Kirkin' O' the Tartans service on October 29. After worship, all are invited to enjoy brunch and live music. Register for brunch at fpcbr.org.



Brunch Code

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, October 29. The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 29 at 10 am for the purpose of calling Colton Underwood from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families and electing the following as elders and deacons. Elders: Jamy Comeaux, Lynn Courtney, Ryan Dickerson, Brett Furr, David Kozan, Hank Mills, Keith Morris and Hans Othmer. Deacons: Mitzi Barber, Clint Barron, Rosemary Beall, Jessica Concienne, Barbara Anne Eaton, Ben Hunter, Bill Johannessen, LeeAnn Kozan, Bob Olsson and Jordan Tupper.

Stewarding God's Grace, November 12. Peter wrote, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 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.

Angels Are Here Next Sunday! Angel Tree volunteers provide a Christmas present for children whose parents are incarcerated. Get your angel in the Terraced Garden during the Kirkin' celebration Sunday, October 29. Contact Ryan Castle, ryanecastle@gmail.com or 225.773.4769, for details.

GriefShare® Comes to FPC Beginning Thursday, October 26. GriefShare® has been used in churches for over 25 years to provide healing and help in the midst of loss. The group will begin meeting Thursday, October 26 from 6–8 pm at Sharon and Dan Gibson's and led by Judy and Rick McGimsey. Spots are limited. Email Scott Graham or Laura Shaw if you're interested (scott@fpcbr.org or laura@fpcbr.org).

International Friendship Partner's Social, Friday, October 27. Join us on Friday, October 27 from 6–8 pm at the Beall's home (1452 Glenmore Ave.) as we gather for our fall social.

Costume Party for the Youth Next Sunday. You won't want to miss youth group on Sunday, October 29! We are having a costume party with games, dinner and Bible study for middle and high schoolers from 5 to 8 pm. For details, email Colton at colton@fpcbr.org.

Caring to Love Banquet, Thursday, November 9. 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@fpcbr.org) if you're interested in attending.

Clan Tartans for the Kirkin'. We want your clan's tartan represented in the Sanctuary at the annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans. Contact Jaci Gaspard to see about including yours (jaci@fpcbr.org or 620.0221).

Purple Cow Needs Donations! The Purple Cow thrift stores exist to fund the Christian Outreach Center. This fall, considering sharing some of your bounty (and cleaning out some clutter) by giving quality merchandise to a Purple Cow near you.

15 Teacher Encouragers Needed! We have 15 McKinley Elementary teachers who would like an Encourager. Stop by the Connection Center or contact Laura Shaw (laura@fpcbr.org) to get involved.

