



LOVED BEFORE YOU WERE MADE

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 20, AD 2023
9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From 1 John

Come and see what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God;

And so we are.

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared;

But we know that when Jesus, the Son of God, appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

And everyone who thus hopes in Jesus purifies himself as Jesus is pure.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God is revealed among us.

That God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

***Songs of Praise**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

"This Is Our God"

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

"Build My Life"

**Standing*



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Greeting and Announcements**

Children ages pre-k through kindergarten are invited to Children's Church.

Minute for Mission

KidsHope USA

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:3-6

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has [graced] us in the Beloved.

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

"Loved Before the World Was Made"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“Who You Say I Am”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Before there was time, you loved us. Before you said, “Let there be light,” you adopted us and called us your sons and daughters. You made Jesus, your beloved son, our elder brother and gave us your complete blessing through him. But we have denied you and chosen to live as orphans. Forgive us, Father, for foolishly thinking that the system of this world would treat us better and give us more than you have. We come running home. Set us apart. Root us in the grace that is found only in the fullness of Christ. For in him we are blameless before you and truly blessed. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

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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

*Song of Response

“Amen”

*Response

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Parents' Meeting Today. Join the Youth Ministry team for breakfast in the Gym at 10.10 am. You'll hear plans for the upcoming school year, get dates for 2024 summer trips and meet Daniel Croskrey, the new Middle School Youth Director.

Missions Conference Next Weekend! We are privileged to have two speakers for our Global Missions Conference: Gabriel de Guia of EPC World Outreach, and our longtime beloved global missions partner, Peter Kiwanuka.

Missions Conference Schedule:

Friday: International Friendship Partners Game Night, 6–8 pm in the Gym.

Saturday: Brunch with Gabriel, 10 am–1 pm at the Kozans'. Dinner with Peter, 5.30–8 pm at the Fabrés' (RSVP for the dinner at fpcbr.org).

Sunday: Worship at 7.45, 9 and 11 am. Gabriel de Guia will preach at 9 and 11 am. Adult Sunday school with Gabriel at 10.10 am in the Sanctuary. Special Children's Sunday school with Peter at 10.10 am in the Basement.

Become a KidsHOPE USA Mentor. A mentor spends one hour a week talking, reading, playing and listening to a child at Gardere Community Christian School. Each mentor receives training, support and prayer. Contact Annette Lamond (annette@fpcbr.org) to find out more.

Men's Gathering This Wednesday. Join us for BBQ, drinks and discussion at Calvin Fabrés's home from 6 to 8 pm!

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30s and 40s Women's Social This Thursday. Our next social is Thursday, August 24. We'll gather from 6.30 to 8.30 pm at Kristen Carney's (3235 Fritchie Dr.). RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio (jaime@fpabr.org).

Worship with Abounding Love, September 3. Members of Abounding Love Ministries will join us for a special combined worship service Sunday, September 3 at 11 am. Pastor Adraine White will deliver the message, their worship team will join ours and we'll have communion together.

Ecclesiastes: Life Under the Sun Women's Study. Join Women's Ministry for the richness of Ecclesiastes. There are various meeting days and times that all begin the week of August 28. Please visit fpabr.org for details.

Faith Driven Entrepreneurs Baton Rouge Conference, September 13. Calling all business owners, entrepreneurs, and C-level executives to join us for this year's conference to foster spiritual growth while equipping us to extend our influence beyond spreadsheets. Registration is online (fpabr.org)!

Women's Ministry Circle Books at the Connection Center. Circles begin meeting in September. This year's book is available at the Connection Center and is free. Details on meeting days and times are online at fpabr.org.

Volunteers Needed. Volunteers are needed for the So Loved nursery, Children's Church and Kingdom Kids Sunday school. Please contact Candace Walker for more information (candace@fpabr.org).

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 Nora Will Diehl and Joan Diehl Smith, grandmother and mother of Cathy Pugsley, by Catherine, Cathy and David Pugsley.

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