



LESSONS FOR LIFE

from Ephesians

Walking in Love • Walking in Light
Mutual Submission • How to Work Well
Suiting Up for Battle

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 11, AD 2024

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jaime Carnaggio

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Isaiah 59

The LORD has seen our need for salvation.

**He has saved us by the strength of his own mighty
outstretched arm.**

He has put on righteousness as a breastplate. The helmet of salvation is on his head.

**A Redeemer will come to Zion, to those who turn from
transgression.**

“This is my covenant with you,” says the LORD:

“My Spirit is upon you. I have put my word in your mouth.”

**Your word, O Lord, will not depart from our mouths or the mouths
of our children from this time forth and forevermore!**

*Songs of Praise

“Oh, the Mighty Hand”

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

*Blessing God

*Song of Praise

“Bless the Lord My Soul”



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.

But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children forever. That we may do all the words of this law.

Sermon

Darin Travis

“Ready to Wrestle: God’s Sacred Armor in the Battle”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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Time of Reflection

*Offertory and Song of Response

“Yet Not I but through Christ in Me”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

***Affirmation of Faith**

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.**

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we have run about defenseless and naive. Mistaken in our thinking that our struggles were with our neighbor or with circumstances, we have not stood our ground but have given ground to the evil one and his dark forces. We have not wielded the mighty power of your word. We have not entreated your Spirit for help in prayer. Forgive us. Equip us to stand against the devil. Make us valiant in the fight to thwart his schemes. Make us sure footed and swift by the power of the gospel. And stir us to vigilance in prayer for one another. We ask it for Jesus' sake and in his name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

“O Church Arise”

***Response**

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Super Bowl Watch Party Tonight! All youth students and their families are invited to a picnic-style Super Bowl Watch Party at 5 pm in the Terraced Garden. Please bring an appetizer, folding chairs and blankets. Let Colton know if you're coming (colton@fpcbr.org). Surprise announcement!

Ash Wednesday Noon Service in Sanctuary. The season of Lent begins February 14 with a traditional service of the reception of ashes and the Lord's Supper followed by lunch with Shelton's famous gumbo in the Reception Room (\$5 per person). Wednesday noon services will continue throughout February and March in Dunham Chapel without lunch.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday. The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, February 18 at 10.10 in the Sanctuary. The purpose is to receive a report on 2023, hear a presentation from The Foundation, propose the 2024 budget, elect at-large members to the nominating committee and conduct any other business that is before us. These annual meetings give us a great opportunity as one church to give thanks for all that God has done and is doing in our midst. There will be no adult Sunday school classes that day. *announcements continue on back panel . . .*



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Joyful Noise Begins Next Sunday. Joyful Noise Children's Choir begins Sunday, February 18 at 4 pm. If you're interested, please email Lauren at (lauren@fpcbr.org).

Subscribe to Daily Lent Emails and Podcast. In addition to the printed book, this year's Lent guide, *Lyrics for His Life: Praying the Psalms with Jesus*, includes both a daily email as well as a daily podcast. Visit the Resources tab at fpcbr.org to subscribe. Printed Lent guides will be distributed in worship next Sunday, February 18.

Lent Community Groups Forming Now. Community Groups for *Lyrics for His Life: Praying the Psalms with Jesus* are forming now. Contact Kelly Wood to be a member or leader of a group (kelly@fpcbr.org). Groups begin meeting the week of February 18.

Senior Sunday School with Gerrit. Starting February 25, Gerrit will be holding his world-famous Senior Sunday School classes. These classes will take place Sundays from February 25-March 17 for high school seniors.

Men's Skeet Shoot and Cooking Competition. Join us Saturday, March 2 for a skeet shoot and cooking competition at Dr. Chat Kleinpeter's working farm in Saint Francisville. Shooters and non-shooters are welcome. Register online at fpcbr.org.

Lost and Found Clean Out. It's time to clean out the Lost and Found cabinet in the Sanctuary building. Any unclaimed items not claimed by the end of February will be "shared" with the Purple Cow or thrown away.

Two New Church Portals. FPC has launched two new safe and secure sites to help you manage your church membership data online: the Member Portal and the Giving Portal. Links to each are at fpcbr.org or the church app. Separate login information is required for each site.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Munson by Sarah Anne and Richard Creed.

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 139:1-2, 13-18
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