



LYRICS FOR HIS LIFE

Praying the Psalms
with Jesus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 18, AD 2024

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

Like every baby, the Lord Jesus entered the world through birth.

He had to learn to recognize his mother's face, her scent and touch.

He had to learn Joseph's voice, slowly telling words apart.

Jesus learned to love bird song, flowing water, wind, sunlight, stars and hearth fires.

He learned to run, to play with others, to help out at home, to say the prayers at synagogue.

So the Word tells us, "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him."

This day, we draw close to Jesus as we join him in discovering the wonder of being created by God and placed on this beautiful earth.

***Songs of Praise**

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

"Great Are You Lord"

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

"O Praise the Name"



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

Psalm 139:1-2, 13-18

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with you.

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

Gerrit Dawson

"Jesus' Wonder at Being Created"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“Goodness of God”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O LORD God, you thought us, formed us and know us. But we have pridefully imagined that we created ourselves. We have tried in vain to hide from you, like Adam and Eve in the Garden. We have denied what we know to be true. Attempting to yank the pen from your sovereign hand, we thought we could write a better story for ourselves. Forgive us. What could be more distinctly wonderful or precious than your thinking of us? How marvelous it is that we are always with you! Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

*Song of Response

“Who You Say I Am”

*Response

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



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 fpcbr.org/connect.

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

Congregational Meeting Today. 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 today.

Lent Guides Available Today! Please pick up this year's Lenten Guide from the Connection Center and other designated areas. Take one to share with a friend too!

Subscribe to Daily Lent Emails and Podcast. In addition to the printed Lent guide, *Lyrics for His Life: Praying the Psalms with Jesus* is also available via email and daily podcast. Visit the Resources tab at fpcbr.org to subscribe.

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Lent Community Groups Begin This Week. Community Groups for *Lyrics for His Life: Praying the Psalms with Jesus* are beginning now. Contact Kelly Wood to be a member of a group (kelly@fpibr.org).

Lenten Noon Services. Each Wednesday of Lent we gather for a brief service at noon in Dunham Chapel. Invite a coworker to join you.

Romania Mission Trip Meeting. Kevin Hoy with Smiles Foundation will be here Sunday, March 3 to discuss the next mission trip to Romania. Join him at 10.10 am in the Reception Room for information about the upcoming October 4–14 trip.

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.

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 fpibr.org.

Joyful Noise Begins Today. Joyful Noise Children's Choir is for children ages K–5th grade and prioritizes building a heart for worship. We begin Sunday, February 18 at 4 pm. If you're interested, please email Lauren at (lauren@fpibr.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 James Howard and Emogene S. Elliott by their family, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Cenac (Elizabeth Elliott) and Dr. Clifton O. Bingham III.

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 103:1–13

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