



**LESSONS FOR LIFE**  
from Ephesians

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
January 21, AD 2024  
9 am



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander*

### **\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

*From Ephesians 5*

Wake up, O sleepers, rise from the dead!

**And Christ will shine upon us!**

Your Lord Jesus Christ loves you and has given himself up for you.

**Cleanse us, Lord Jesus, and make us holy.**

He nourishes and cherishes you. He is your husband and head.

**We are members of his body. In reverence, we bow to him and submit to one another.**

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

### **\*Songs of Praise**

“What a Beautiful Name”

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

### **\*Blessing God**

### **\*Song of Praise**

“All I Have Is Christ”



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### \*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 5:21-33*

... submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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

"Wives and Husbands"



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### **Time of Reflection**

#### **\*Offertory and Song of Response**

“Trinity Song”

*Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.*

### **Scriptural Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**You, O God—Father, Son, and Spirit—have enjoyed boundless love and mutual submission for all eternity as blessed Three-in-One. This is a wonderful, mysterious reality. Shockingly, you have invited us to join you in the bliss of this reality. But to us, submission might as well be slavery. The thought of handing over any amount of control to someone else terrifies us. We stubbornly resist. We insist that individual autonomy is best. Holy Spirit, make us like Jesus and cause us to love as he loves that we might know the joy and freedom of yielding and abiding. Amen.**

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**



## INTERCESSION

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### **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**



## BENEDICTION

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### \*Song of Response

“Not to Us (One Name Forever Shall Be Praised)”

### \*Response

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Discover First Dinner Today.** Come learn how you can be part of our mission and ministry. Join Gerrit and staff members at 4 pm today for our Discover First Dinner. Please contact Emily Viguerie ([emily@fpcbr.org](mailto:emily@fpcbr.org)) for more information.

**2024 Mission Trips Meeting Today.** Come learn about our six 2024 global mission trips at an informational meeting today at 10.10 am in Dunham Chapel.

**International Friendship Partners Game Night This Friday.** IFP is hosting a Game Night Friday, January 26 from 6–8 pm in the Gym. It'll be fun for the whole family with an evening of games and community building with our international friends.

**Get Your Mutt Blessed Next Sunday!** The annual Krewe of Mutts parade passes down North Blvd. Sunday, January 28. Join Scott Graham and his sheepadoodle Schubert, in front of the Sanctuary beginning at 12.30 pm to have your dog blessed!

**MDO Registration.** Church member priority registration for the Mother's Day Out 2024–2025 school year is Monday, January 29. Contact Whitney Weiner ([mdu@fpcbr.org](mailto:mdu@fpcbr.org) or 225.620.0245) for more information.

**40s & 50s Women's Social, February 1.** Save the date for our next social for 40s and 50s on Thursday, February 1. We'll gather from 6 to 8 pm at Jenny Civello's house. Mardi Gras inspired appetizers and a variety of king cakes will be provided but feel free to bring a beverage of your choice! Please RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio ([jaim@fpcbr.org](mailto:jaim@fpcbr.org)).

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**What Christian Men Need Most.** Join us Monday, February 5 at 11.45 am for lunch and a presentation by Pastor Steve Savelich in the Reception Room. Cost: \$10. RSVP for lunch at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org). Pastor Savelich is a popular speaker who travels the world teaching about Jesus Christ. He will help our men focus on life's most important priorities.

**Glove and Sock Drive: Jonathan's Joy Winter Ministry.** Children's Ministry is participating in Jonathan's Joy Winter Ministry, a sock and glove drive organized by Cathy Pugsley. Needed: socks and gloves of all sizes for men, women and children. Donation baskets are located in the Kingdom Kids and So Loved halls until February 4.

**Youth Group Tonight.** Middle school Youth Group meets tonight at 5 pm in the church Gym. High school students will meet at 5 pm at the Wilsons' home (2077 Ramsey Drive).

**Glorious Christmas Offering.** You contributed over \$51,166 to our Christmas offering for city ministry! The Christian Outreach Center and Gardere Community Christian School send their heartfelt thanks for your contributions.

**Needed: Lent Community Group Leaders.** Community Group leaders are needed for our Lenten study, *Lyrics for His Life: Praying the Psalms with Jesus*. Please contact Kelly Wood ([kelly@fpcbr.org](mailto:kelly@fpcbr.org)) for details. Groups begin meeting the week of February 18.

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*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 to celebrate the marriage of Mollie Thompson and Drew Nyman and to honor the memory of Graham Thompson, by the Thompson family.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 6:1-9  
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