



ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 22, AD 2023
9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From 1 John 5

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ.
He came not only by the water but by the water and the blood.

The Spirit is the one who testifies; the Spirit is the truth.
For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Whoever believes in the Son of God has this testimony in himself.
Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony of God concerning his Son.

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

***Songs of Praise**

“Build My Life”

“Nothin’ but the Blood”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“Praise the Savior”

Ordination and Installation of Officers



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Greeting and Announcements

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

John 3: 1-15

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

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

“Nicodemus, Part 1”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (O Waly, Waly)”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We hear you speak plainly, LORD, of the way to be born again. Born from above. But we easily misunderstand and misconstrue. We ask silly questions and get confused because your answers do not match our expectations. Forgive us for our willful ignorance and spiritual blindness. Spirit of God, fix our eyes firmly upon the suffering symbol—the rugged cross—upon which our fairest LORD died. For we know that looking upon him will make us wholly new. Help us believe into him that we might be raised to eternal life on the last day. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

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**

“Because He Lives, Amen”

***Response**

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

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: The Chapel and Sanctuary flowers serve to honor a departed loved one or celebrate with thanksgiving cherished people or events. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.

Scripture for Next Week: John 3: 16-21

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reception Today for Newly Installed Officers. Stay for fellowship after worship and join us in the Reception Room after the 9 am service to celebrate our newly installed officers.

Today! Discover First Dinner. Want to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry? Come to today's Discover First Dinner at 4 pm. Please contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpcbr.org).

Register Soon! Stay-Treat Early Bird Special Expires Tuesday. A stellar team of mystery presenters will lead us to consider five treasures of the person of Jesus revealed in John. Join us Friday night, February 3 and Saturday morning, February 4. There's even a kids track! Early bird special expires at midnight Tuesday, January 24. Use the QR code below or visit fpcbr.org to register.

Fly-Fishing Trip Dates Confirmed. Men's Ministry has confirmed March 2-5 for a Fly-Fishing Spiritual retreat. QR Code is below or details and registration online at fpcbr.org.

Daughters of the King Postponed. Today's Daughters of the King Ministry meeting has been postponed. Stay tuned for future information on a rescheduled day and time.

Introducing The Bridge! We are excited to announce The Bridge, a new young adult Sunday school class for ages 18-23. Katherine and Jade Tomeny invite all young adults to a launch party Saturday, January 28 at 6 pm at their home (9924 Foster Rd.).

Register Tomorrow for Mother's Day Out. Church member families may register beginning tomorrow for the 2023-2024 year. Please contact Whitney Weiner for more information (mdo@fpcbr.org or 225.620.0245).

So Loved Parents' Night, February 9. Parents of So Loved (birth-PreK) children are invited to a laid-back evening with other parents in the same stage of life on Thursday, February 9. No agenda; just fellowship and food! We'll meet from 6 to 8 pm at the Guidry's (1401 Knottaway Dr., St. Gabriel). Please bring a dessert or bottle of wine. RSVP to Jessica (jessica@fpcbr.org).



Stay-Treat Code



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