



**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**

Epiphany Sunday  
January 7, AD 2024  
9 am



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood*

### **Welcome**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

*From Ephesians 5 & 6*

Beloved children, let us walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

**Let us be filled with the Spirit.**

Let us sing and make melody to the Lord with our hearts.

**Let us give thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Be strong in the Lord. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the evil one.

**Peace and grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

“Behold Your God”

“This Is Our God”

#### **\*Blessing God**

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

“King of Kings”

#### **\*Greeting and Announcements**

*Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children’s Church.*

*\*Standing*



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### **Time with God's Word**

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*Ephesians 5:1-10*

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

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

“Walking in Love”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### **Time of Reflection**

### **Scriptural Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Our God and Father, have mercy on us. We have not walked in love. We have not considered the redeeming sacrifice of our beloved Jesus. Neither have we lived sacrificially in his name. We have entered your presence with the smell of the world lingering on us. But this is not who we are. We are children of the light. Ours is the work of the good, right and true. Our lives are for your pleasure and greater glory. Holy Spirit, renew us and make us fragrant with the aroma of Christ. Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**



## LORD'S SUPPER

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### **We Are Welcomed to the Table**

### **We Give Thanks for Jesus' Mighty Acts**

## **We Hear the Words Jesus Said at Supper**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## **We Commune with Jesus**

*Please bring your prayer requests and offerings forward during communion.*

## **\*Songs of Response**

“Like Incense”

“Almost Home”



## **BENEDICTION**

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## **\*Response**

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

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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.*

*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: Ephesians 5:8b–21*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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](https://fpcbr.org/connect).

**Women's Spring Bible Study Begins the Week of January 15.** Join Women's Ministry as we study two of Paul's most God-centered letters, 1 & 2 Thessalonians. These letters teach us to remain grounded in the gospel in the midst of a fallen world. Bible studies begin the week of January 15. For more information visit [fpcbr.org](https://fpcbr.org).

**Stay & Pray, Thursday, January 18.** Parents, grandparents, volunteers and friends of educators are all invited to a casual time of prayer in Dunham Chapel Thursday, January 18 from 9.05 to 9.30 am. It's a wonderful way to start the new year with confidence in God's plan for our children, families and educators.

**Discover First Dinner, January 21.** This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Emily Viguerie ([emily@fpcbr.org](mailto:emily@fpcbr.org)).

**International Friendship Partners Game Night, January 26.** IFP is hosting a Game Night Friday, January 26 from 6–8 pm in the Gym. There will be many games with food and fellowship. It's fun for the whole family!

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

**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.

**Youth Group Resumes Tonight!** Join our Middle and High School Youth Groups tonight at the church from 5 to 7 pm.



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