



COME AND SEE!

ASKING JESUS IN
JOHN'S GOSPEL

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 12, 2023
9 am





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 36 and John 8

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

And you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

In your light do we see light.

Jesus, light of the world, shine on us, shine through our worship.

You are the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega, the great I am. You alone are worthy of all praise and glory.

***Songs of Praise**

“Bless the Lord, My Soul”

“Rejoice”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Minute for Misson

Kevin Hoy, director of Smiles Foundation

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

John 8: 12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8: 46-59

"Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

And that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

Colton Underwood

“The Costly Truth”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“Lord, I Need You”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.



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**

“Revelation Song”

***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.

Smiles Foundation Presentation Today During Sunday School. Kevin Hoy, director of Smiles Foundation, will be the guest speaker in Ryan Dickerson's Kingdom Builders Sunday school class today at 10.10 am. Come get an update on Sunset House and our partnership with Smiles.

Palm Sunday Festival and Crawfish Boil. Join us for our Palm Sunday festival on April 2! The congregation will process around North Boulevard promptly at 10 am followed by a combined worship celebration in the Sanctuary. There will be a crawfish boil lunch after worship with fun activities for the children. Casual dress is encouraged. Overflow parking will be available in the Old Governor's Mansion lot on North Blvd. Register by scanning the QR code or visit fpcbr.org. Price increases Monday, March 27.



Crawfish Code

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

Gardere School Art Gallery Walk. Join us Sunday, March 19 for our Gardere School Gallery Walk. Our beloved Gardere students will share over 100 pieces of their finest work. The Gallery Walk will be held in the Reception Room and up for display throughout the day. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Come give a warm welcome to the students and their families.

Become a Faith & Finances Ally. The Christian Outreach Center is looking for allies for students attending its Faith & Finances classes. You'll develop and maintain a meaningful relationship with a small group of participants as they learn to use their financial resources in God's Kingdom. Contact Monique Howe (377.8582 or monique@christianoutreachbr.com).

Gardening with God. Join us for a special morning on March 24 from 9 to 10.30 am with Kathleen Pourciau, where she will teach us some gardening basics as well as share her personal connection with God in gardening. Please RSVP to Emily (emily@fpcbr.org).

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Manners of the Heart Celebrates Two Decades! This important ministry, with offices in our church, teaches the Biblical value of respect in schools across our parish and nation. On Thursday, March 23, Manners will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a gala reception at the Manship Theatre. A live demonstration by Gardere Community Christian School will highlight how Manners works in a classroom. More information at mannersoftheheart.org.

Colombia Mission Update. Come and hear from Brian Miller on the ministry in Colombia at the Cagley home on Saturday, March 25 at 6 pm. Please RSVP to Valerie Gastinel (225.241.1386).

A Theology of the Body: March 31 at Christ Covenant. Rev. Sam Allberry is the best selling author of *Is God Anti-Gay?* Sam is a same-sex attracted, celibate, Christian pastor. His seminar takes a deep look at what it means that we are embodied creatures and how God's design for sexuality works out in daily life. Offered by our sister church, Christ Covenant on Lee Drive, the seminar is Friday evening March 31 at 7pm and Saturday, April 1 at 9:30 am.

Prayer Time. Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room. During the Lenten season, Scott Graham will welcome you and pray with you.

Baptism Today. Congratulations to the Barr family. Charlotte Marie Barr will be baptized today at the 11 am service.

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 11: 1-17

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