



LOVED BEFORE YOU WERE MADE

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 5, AD 2023
9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

From Ephesians 3

May the Father strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

So that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith.

May you be rooted and grounded in love, to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

So we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to God who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

Be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

***Songs of Praise**

“This Is Our God”

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“O Praise the Name”

**Standing*

*Greeting and Announcements

Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children's Church.

Stewarding God's Grace



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:7

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Ephesians 4:11-16

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Christ, our head.

He makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

"Serve the Work"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, from the treasure store of your grace you have lavished us with gifts and equipped us with tools for the building of your kingdom. But we have wasted those gifts. We have used the tools as weapons. We have fought against one another. We have torn down. We have been misled by fad and trend. Have mercy, Lord Jesus, and forgive us. Increase our faith and our understanding. Set us on the path to mature, unifying love. Cause us to grow up in every way into you, O Christ, our head. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



LORD'S SUPPER

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.

Communion Offering

“The Servant Song”

***Song of Response**

“O Church Arise”



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.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dean Glisson and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wesley McLean by Linda and Mike Glisson and family.

Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 4:17–24

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angels Are Here! Angel Tree volunteers provide a Christmas present for children whose parents are incarcerated. Come see Whitney in the Reception Room to get one of the few angels remaining. Contact Ryan Castle, ryanecastle@gmail.com or 225.773.4769, for details.

Caring to Love Banquet This Thursday. This year's Caring to Love banquet will be on Thursday, November 9 with guest speaker, Ryan Bromberg. We have a table reserved. Contact Jaci Gaspard (jaci@fpcbr.org) if you're interested in attending.

Stewarding God's Grace Next Sunday. On November 12, we want to rededicate ourselves as a reply to Christ's beautiful grace. We'll make our financial commitments, and we'll also offer back the places where we are serving and where we might like to serve in the future. Estimate of Giving cards were mailed to all members and will be available in the pew racks.

Come on First Pres! We have 15 McKinley Elementary teachers who would like an Encourager. Stop by the Connection Center or contact Laura Shaw (laura@fpcbr.org) to get involved.

Youth Group Tonight. Youth groups meet from 5–7 pm tonight. Middle school students will meet and the church. High school students will meet at the Blumentritts' home for fellowship, study and food!

Family Worship Night, November 12. Our children ensembles welcome you to a short worship service on Sunday, November 12 at 6 pm. We will celebrate God calling us with a presentation entitled, "The Great Flood."

Calling All Actors! Creative Arts is seeking actors for Live Nativity on December 1. There are no lines to memorize and only one rehearsal! It's a great family activity. If you're interested contact Lauren Honea (lauren@fpcbr.org).

New Mid-Week Advent Services. Join us Wednesday, November 30, December 6 and December 13 for a short Advent service of Communion in the Dunham Chapel. Our Scriptural focus will be on Mary's song in Luke 1:46-55 as a marvelous preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. Service times are 12–12.45 pm.



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