



LOVED BEFORE YOU WERE MADE

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 1, AD 2023
9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

From Ephesians 2

Once we were dead in the sins in which we walked.

We followed the course of this world, enslaved to desire.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of his great love,

Made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved!

In the riches of his kindness, God raised us up with Jesus.

We are God's craftsmanship, created in Christ for good works.

These begin with the work of offering ourselves in worship.

In joy, through praise and prayer, we adorn our Savior and Lord.

***Songs of Praise**

"Oh, the Mighty Hand"

"This Is Our God"

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

"Goodness of God"

*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 2:1-7

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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

“Interrupting the Dead”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, you love us so much. Your kindness toward us is too large to be measured. In Christ, you have raised us from death and reserved for us a seat at the family table when you call us home on the great day. We are ashamed to say that the old ways of disobedience called to us. We listened to the voice of the wind. We wandered back into the graveyards of our old lives. Forgive us. Holy Spirit, increase our faith. Remind us that we are no longer children of wrath. Make us ever more dependent upon the grace that satisfies and saves us. 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

“Give Glory”

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”



BENEDICTION

.....

***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: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Tricia and Donovan Davis.

Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 2:8-13

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

All songs used by permission: CCLI license #207235.

Cover art created by Full of Eyes (fullofeyes.com).



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.

Loving Our rEcess Families This Friday. On Friday, October 6, volunteers will spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. Contact Jess Concienne if you would like to volunteer or participate in monthly rEcess (jess.concienne@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

Men's Football Watch Party, Saturday, October 7. We're hosting a football watch party for the men on Saturday, October 7 at Jake Wood's home (3626 Primrose St.). Contact Darin Travis (darin@fpcbr.org) for details.

Youth Movie Night, Tuesday, October 10. Join us for dinner and a movie in the Terraced Garden on Tuesday, October 10 from 5 to 8 pm. Bring a picnic blanket or folding chair.

Stewarding God's Grace. Peter wrote, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Our focus this fall is to celebrate the ways we are stewarding God's grace through our church. 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 more in the future.

Need a Pastor After Hours? Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

Calling All Greeters! If you feel led to be a greeter at 9 or 11 worship, please contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpcbr.org)!



DEEPER IN CHRIST, FURTHER INTO THE WORLD

763 North Boulevard | Baton Rouge, LA 70802 | 225.387.0617 | fpcbr.org