



LOVED BEFORE YOU WERE MADE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 8, AD 2023

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jaime Carnaggio

***Welcome and 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**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

“Behold Our God”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“Praise the Savior”



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Stewarding God's Grace

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

"Beautiful Work"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

"Give Glory!"

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Our very good and kind God, with the countless riches of your grace you have given us salvation. With the breath of life you made us and with the breath of your Holy Spirit, you are remaking us. Forgive us for the ways we turn things upside down and live like we are self-made. Forgive us for acting like strangers to your covenant promises. As the potter shapes the clay, so mold us in Christ. Make us vessels fit to be filled with every spiritual blessing and cause our lives to overflow with good works. By the blood of Christ and in the power of his resurrection we ask it. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

“Nothin’ but the Blood of Jesus”

***Response**

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Movie Night, This 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.

50s and 60s Women's Social, October 19. Save the date for our next gathering on Thursday, October 19. We'll gather from 6 to 8 pm at the home of Tricia Davis (1487 Steele Blvd.). RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio (jaimc@fpabr.org).

Bagpipes, Tartans and Brunch, Sunday, October 29. Wear your plaids, your kilts and your tweeds as we celebrate the Scottish roots of our Presbyterian faith on Reformation Sunday with one 10 am Kirkin' O' the Tartans service October 29. After worship, all are invited to enjoy brunch and live music. Register for brunch at fpabr.org.

Clan Tartans for the Kirkin'. We want your clan's tartan represented in the Sanctuary at the annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans. Contact Jaci Gaspard to see about including yours (jaci@fpabr.org or 620.0221).

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Congregational Meeting, October 29. The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 29 at 10 am for the purpose of electing elders and deacons and calling Colton Underwood from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families.

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 in the future.

GriefShare® Comes to FPC Beginning October 26. GriefShare® has been used in churches for over 25 years to provide healing and help in the midst of loss. The group will begin meeting Thursday, October 26 from 6–8 pm at Sharon and Dan Gibson's and led by Judy and Rick McGimsey. Spots are limited. Email Scott Graham or Laura Shaw if you're interested (scott@fpcbr.org or laura@fpcbr.org).

Caring to Love Banquet, November 9. 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.

Become an International Friendship Partner. We need friendship partners! This is a great opportunity to make Jesus known to unreached people groups right here in our city. More information and a partner signup form are available at fpcbr.org.

Purple Cow Needs Donations! The Purple Cow thrift stores exist to fund the Christian Outreach Center. This fall, considering sharing some of your bounty (and cleaning out some clutter) by giving quality merchandise to a Purple Cow near you.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Will Dixon by Shea and Tim Firnberg and Sharon Dixon.

Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 2:14–22

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