



LOVED BEFORE YOU WERE MADE

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 17, AD 2023
9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

***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**

“Come Ye Sinners”

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“Trinity Song”



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:11-14

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

“The Guarantee”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Tender Father, thank you for your patience with me. You waited while I discovered that *me* as the driver of my life always gets lost. *Me* as the director of my life always goes bankrupt. *Me* as the one who alone decides what is good always leaves me feeling empty and awful. How late I am to see your mercy in Christ. I’m sorry I wasted so much time trying to be my own master. I know that Jesus as Lord leads me into truth and purpose. Restore me to you, gracious Father, that I might live, serve and love how you made me to be. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



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**

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

***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 and in loving memory of Gay and Dick Barnett, Alice and Nye Barnett, Frances and J.B. Meadors and Irene Bearden Meadors, parents and grandparents of Leah Edrington, by Leah and Billy Edrington.

*Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 1:15–23
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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.

Communion Training with Gerrit Today. Kindergartners through 5th graders, and their parents, are invited today at 10.10 am in the Kingdom Kids classroom.

Parenting Small Group Begins Tonight. Join Barat and Darin Travis for this 8-week small group centered on parenting. The group meets from 5–6.30 pm in the Reception Room. Childcare provided. RSVP to Barat at barat.travis@cru.org.

Youth Group Tonight! Middle school meets at the church from 5 to 7 pm. High school will meet at the Esch home (3405 Woodland Ridge Blvd.) from 5 to 7 pm.

Become an International Friendship Partner. 25 Baton Rouge internationals have requested a friendship partner! This is a great opportunity to make Jesus known to unreached people groups right here in our city. Learn more at the next IFP social on Friday, September 22 from 6 to 8 pm at LeeAnn and David Kozan's (3565 Cole Drive). More information and a partner signup form are available at fpcbr.org.

Become a McKinley Elementary Volunteer. Stop by the Connection Center each Sunday in September to sign up for ministry opportunities at our adopted school, McKinley Elementary.

There's Still Time to Join a Small Group! Fall small groups come in all shapes and sizes. Many go deeper into Ephesians following the current sermon series. Connect with Kelly Wood (kelly@fpcbr.org) to participate.



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