



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

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July 24, AD 2022  
10.30 am



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

*Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson*

## **Prelude**

Brad Larpenter, flute  
Braeden Larpenter, percussion

## **\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

*From Ephesians 2*

Our God is rich in mercy. He has loved us with a great love,  
even when we were dead in our trespasses.

**He has made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved.**

Yes! By grace we have been saved through faith.  
And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

**Our salvation is not a result of works. None can boast.**

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God  
prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**In Christ we are joined together. We are a holy temple in the Lord.**

**By the Spirit, we are a dwelling place for our God.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

"Amazing Grace"

AMAZING GRACE

## **\*Blessing God**

## **Scriptural Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

We remember who we were and where we were before you came to us. We are awestruck by all the benefits and gifts that are ours through you, O Christ—the peace, reconciliation and renewal. Your grace is amazing. But, like Israel in the wilderness, we have grumbled and complained. We have vainly imagined that our lives in the bondage and alienation of sin were somehow better than the promised life with you. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us, Jesus, and preach peace to us. Remind us of who we are in you. Amen.

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Standing*

### **\*Sung Response**

“What the Lord Has Done in Me”

### **\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

### **Offertory**

“Lord of the Dance” arranged by Christopher Phillips

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame:  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
For I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

*Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.*

### **\*Response Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### \*Hymn of Preparation

“Speak, O Lord”

### Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Ephesians 2: 11-22*

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.

**But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children forever.**

**That we may do all the words of this law.**

### Sermon

Darin Travis

“The Glory of the Church!”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

### \*Hymn of Response

No. 185 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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## LORD'S SUPPER

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### Sacrament of Communion

#### The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

#### Communion 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.**

#### Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Communing in Christ  
Prayer of Thanks

#### Communion Meditation

Katherine Tomeny, piano  
Steve Gustafson, organ



## BENEDICTION

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#### \*Response

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

#### Postlude



## 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 [fpibr.org/connect](https://fpibr.org/connect).

**Prayer Requests.** We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@fpibr.org](mailto:prayer@fpibr.org), through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Parents' Day Out after Worship.** Please join us after worship today from 12 to 2 pm, for food, games and great fellowship. Kids may go to the Gym. Parents will gather in the Reception Room.

**Officer Suggestions for the 2025 Class.** The Officer Nominating Committee nominates Elders and Deacons by receiving suggested names of members from the congregation, prayerfully preparing a slate and presenting the slate at the annual October congregational meeting for election. Please be in prayer about who you might suggest. Please make your suggestions by July 31. Cards are available in the pew racks as well as online at [fpibr.org](https://fpibr.org).

**IFP Social July 29.** The International Friendship Partners (IFP) team welcomes and loves internationals in Baton Rouge. Through hospitality, we build bridges of friendship, trust and mutual respect while sharing the love of Christ. All are invited to a social Friday, July 29 at the Gastinel's home (765 River Road, Sunshine, LA) at 6.30 pm.

**Meeting of the Corporation Next Sunday.** On behalf of the church trustees, the session calls for a meeting of the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge during worship at 10.30 am, July 31, 2022. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the recommendation that Amanda Vincent be elected as a trustee of the Corporation and to engage any other matters of the Corporation. (Active members of the congregation are active members of the Corporation. Only those physically present may vote).

**Confirmation Swim Party.** All 2022-2023 Confirmation students are invited to a swim party at the Wood's home (3626 Primrose Street) Thursday, July 28, 2-4 pm. We look forward to getting to know the students and give them a chance to ask questions! Please bring a swimsuit (one-piece for girls) and a towel.

**Three Service Worship Schedule Resumes August 7.** We continue with our single 10.30 am worship service throughout the month of July (no Sunday school). Our regular three service schedule (7.45, 9 and 11 am) resumes Sunday, August 7. Sunday School resumes August 14. .

**Celebrating Our 50+ Members.** On July 31, as part of worship, we will honor all who have been members of First Presbyterian Church for 50+ years. Join us for this celebration and for a reception after worship.

**Last Sunday for Free Books!** The pastors have been spring cleaning and have made some books available for the taking. Please help yourself to any of the books on the large table in the Parlor.

*Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Florence and Mack Gregorie, and their aunt, Nita K. Harris, by Ann K. Gregorie and Nancy Sue Burton.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 116*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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