



## ORDER *of* WORSHIP

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July 31, AD 2022

10.30 am

Honoring Our 50+ Year Members



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood*

## **Prelude**

“Like a River” arranged by Steve Gustafson  
Steve Gustafson, piano

## **Meeting of the Corporation**

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

*From Psalm 116*

The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is merciful.

**Return to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**

What will you give to the LORD in return for all his kindness?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation in celebration of our salvation.**

**We will call upon the name of the LORD.**

We will pay our vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

**We will offer to our God the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on his name.**

Praise the LORD!

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### **\*Hymn of Praise**

No. 43 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

### **\*Blessing God**

## **Scriptural Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

You, O Lord, are gracious, righteous and merciful. You deliver our souls from death and invite us to walk with you in the land of the living. Why then do we refuse to cry out to you? Why do we insist on suffering alone; swallowing our anguish as a bitter pill and trying to push through the distressing side effects. Forgive us. We cry out in faith, “O LORD, deliver us!” With much thanksgiving, we drink from the healing cup of salvation and return our souls to you for rest. Amen.

### **Silent Confession**

*\*Standing*

## Assurance of Pardon

### Response

“His Mercy Is More”

## Recognition of 50+ Year Members

### \*Hymn of Praise

No. 279 “Faith of Our Fathers”

ST. CATHERINE

### \*Greeting and Announcements

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

### Offertory

“Be at Rest” by Jeremy Johnson

Angelle High, alto

Chris Phillips, baritone

Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good.

For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

My eyes from tears and you, O Lord, have delivered my feet from stumbling.

Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good.

*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

*Psalm 116: 1–2*

I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

*Psalm 116: 7*

Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

*Psalm 116: 12–14*

What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,  
I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.

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

Gerrit Dawson

“What’s Your Story?”

### God Has Dealt Bountifully with Me!

*What do you recall of a time or season when you came awake to Jesus?*

*If you struggled with God prior to faith, was it more a matter of mind, will or affections?*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I’d like to talk more about this with a pastor or elder.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

#### \*Hymn of Response

“Psalm 116”

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### 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

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#### \*Response

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

#### Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God” arranged by Paul Manz



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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](http://fpcbr.org/connect).

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

**Reception to Celebrate Our 50+ Members.** Come help us celebrate our 50+ year members after worship today and join us in the Reception Room for light refreshments.

**Three Service Worship Schedule Resumes August 7.** Our regular three service schedule (7.45, 9 and 11 am) resumes next Sunday, August 7. Sunday School resumes August 14.

**Last Sunday for Officer Suggestions.** 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. This is the last Sunday to make suggestions. Cards are available in the pew racks as well as online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**LSU Prayer Walk on August 13.** Let our love and passion for Christ mobilize us to intercede for the unreached students at LSU and in our city. Join us to walk and pray by 2s and 3s across the LSU campus. Meet in front of the LSU Union at 8.15 am. Please contact Steve Tubré ([tubresteve@gmail.com](mailto:tubresteve@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

**MDO Teacher Needed.** Are you, or someone you know, interested in loving and teaching our 2-year-olds at Mother's Day Out this year? If so, please contact Whitney Weiner ([mdo@fpcbr.org](mailto:mdo@fpcbr.org) or 225.205.5053).

**Youth Group Tonight!** High school youth group will meet at the Kirkpatrick's home (4318 Broussard St.) from 6-8 pm tonight. Dinner will be served. We look forward to welcoming all rising 9th graders!

**Prayer Time.** Join us 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. Today is our last Sunday in July when we meet at 11.30 am. On August 7, we resume our normal time of 10.10 am.

**First Presbyterian Church and Social Media (Instagram, YouTube and Facebook).** Sanctuary services are livestreamed on the web and we frequently post photos of members engaged in fellowship at our small groups, worship services and events. If you have any questions, contact Katie Robinson ([katie@fpcbr.org](mailto:katie@fpcbr.org)) or Jay High ([jay@fpcbr.org](mailto:jay@fpcbr.org)).

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**Sanctuary Flowers:** *Today's flowers are given by the ladies of Circle One to the glory of God and in loving memory of departed members.*

**Scripture for Next Week:** Psalm 121

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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