



ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 13, AD 2024

11 AM





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love” arranged by Steve Gustafson
Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Philippians 2

Come let the mindset of our beloved Christ Jesus be ours. Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

But he emptied himself, by taking the very nature of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 268 “God, Our Father, We Adore Thee”

BEECHER

***Blessing God**

Infant Baptism

Piper Celeste Phillips

Parents are Virginia and Chris Phillips

Brother is Benjamin

Sponsoring Elder is Jamy Comeaux

*Affirmation of Faith

The 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.**

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Offertory

“You Are Called to Tell the Story” by Ruth C. Duck

You are called to tell the story passing words of life along.
Then to blend your voice with others, as you sing the sacred song.
Christ be known in all our singing, filling all with songs of love.

You are called to teach the rhythm of the dance that never ends,
Then to move within the circle, hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Christ be known in all our dancing, touching all with hands of love.

You are called to set the table blessing bread as Jesus blessed.
Then to come with thirst and hunger, needing care like all the rest.
Christ be known in all our sharing, feeding all with signs of love.

May the one whose love is broader than the measure of all space,
Give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place.
Christ be known in all our living. Filling all with gifts of love.

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

*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“The Servant Song”

NETTLETON

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrews 13:7

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8, 11-15

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

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

“It's Really Us. It's Just Us!”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 455 “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

BEACH SPRING

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

“Servant Song” arranged by Steve Gustafson

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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 in loving memory with thanksgiving for Jonathan David Pugsley honoring his birth date of October 17 by his parents and sister, David, Cathy, and Catherine Pugsley.

Scripture for Next Week: Revelation 11

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We're so glad you could join us today. Each week we seek to press deeper into Christ and then follow his lead to go further into the world with his love. As part of that mission, we'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpibr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Men's Fellowship & Football This Saturday. You're invited to Jake Wood's home on Saturday, October 19 to watch LSU take on Arkansas. We'll gather at 5.30 pm with the game kicking off at 6 pm. Bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share—we'll provide the barbecue! Register online at fpibr.org.

Concert of Prayer Next Sunday. Join us Sunday, October 20 from 6 to 7 pm in the Sanctuary for a Concert of Prayer. It will be a beautiful combination of individual, small group, and corporate prayer, interspersed with hymns and praise music.

Hurricane Relief. Donations may be made to Evangelical Presbyterian Church headquarters: epc.org/donate/emergencyrelief.

Christmas Cantata Rehearsal This Wednesday. Consider singing in this year's Christmas cantata, "Dancing Day." Rehearsals begin Wednesday, October 16 at 6.30 pm. Join us, no strings attached, and preview the cantata.

International Friendship Partners' Harvest Festival. IFP invites you to join them for a Harvest Festival on Friday, October 25 from 6 to 8 pm at the Bealls'. We'll fellowship with internationals, play games and have a costume contest. Food will be provided but feel free to bring your favorite fall dish. Email Steve Tubre (stevetubre@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans in Two Weeks! Wear your plaid and join us for a great celebration of our Reformed faith Sunday, October 27 at 10 am, beginning on the front steps with the pipes and drums. Please contact Jaci Gaspard to be sure your clan's tartan is represented (jaci@fpibr.org).

Elder and Deacon Election October 27. The session has called for a meeting of the congregation during the 10 am service Sunday, October 27. The sole purpose of the meeting is the election of elders and deacons for the class of 2027. The congregational nominating committee, after receiving and prayerfully evaluating suggestions from the congregation during the summer, will nominate for Elder: Will Adams, Gerry Arnold, Chuck Barber, Cheryl Brodnax, Jane Cooper, Debbie Copeland, Calvin Fabr , Pat Kerr, Jason Lewis and Kevin McCarter. For Deacon: Robert Arnold, Beau Greene, Cate Heroman, Ryn Jones, Scott Kirkpatrick, Cheryl Lott, Neal McMillin, Pat O' Donoghue, Sarah Rath and Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer.

Trustee Election October 27. The trustees have called for a meeting of the Corporation of First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge during the 10 am service, October 27. The sole purpose of the meeting is to fill a vacancy on the board. The trustees will nominate Carter Stone.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans Brunch: Chicken and Waffles. Join us in the Gym after worship on October 27 for fried chicken and waffles. Register early and pay less: \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 9 years and younger. Pick up your tickets at the Connection Center on Sunday, October 13 and October 20. Price increases day of Kirkin'.



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