

# ORDER of WORSHIP

October 9, AD 2022 11 am



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

#### Prelude

"Come, Christians Join to Sing" arranged by Jeremy L. Strong Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin Steve Gustafson, piano

# \*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Isaiah 52 & 53 and 1 Peter 2

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

What is this Evangel—this Good News?

Jesus bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news.

#### \*Hymn of Praise

No. 97 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

**CORONATION** 

### \*Blessing God

#### **Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 2: 13-20

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

#### **Scriptural Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus—the second Adam, in your living you showed us and perfectly fulfilled for us the way of holy living that our most holy God requires. Lord Jesus—the suffering servant, in your dying you have given us true freedom by taking upon yourself the piercing, crushing and wounding that should have been ours to bear. But we have treated this blood-bought freedom to live abundantly as license to do as we please. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that the student is not greater than the teacher. Help us to do good, even if this results in suffering, for this makes us like you. Amen.

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

\*Response BUNESSAN

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Vast, unmeasured, boundless free! Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

# \*Greeting and Announcements

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

## **Minute for Mission**

Dorothy Wallis, Caring to Love Ministries

#### Offertory

"Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" from Messiah by G.F. Handel

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him.

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

#### \*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

# \*Prayer of Dedication



# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

# \*Hymn of Preparation

No. 379 "Take My Life and Let It Be" (vs. 1-3, 5-6)

HENDON

#### Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

1 Peter 2: 21-3: 7

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

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 "Take a Bow"



# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Time of Reflection** 

# \*Hymn of Response

"Rejoice"

#### \*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.

#### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



\*Response

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

# Postlude

III. L' Autunno from The Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi

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 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: 1 Peter 3: 8-17

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome and Prayer Requests.** 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 may be sent to *prayer@fpcbr.org*, through the church app or by using a pew prayer card.

**Foster Parent Orientation Meeting Today.** VINE BR is a foster/adoption support ministry of First Presbyterian Church. A free orientation meeting today from 2-3.30 pm is being offered at Bethany Church (11107 Honore Lane). Registration is available at *tinyurl.com/fosterparentorientation*.

**Ladies' Night of Testimony & Fellowship.** Come enjoy a night of great food, fellowship and a time to hear from Jess Concienne, Sharon Field, Chelsea Haskew, Lauren Honea, Tracy Martinez and Claire Zak about what the Lord has done in their lives. Join us Friday, October 14 from 6 to 9 pm at the home of Amber McConnell. Register online at *fpcbr.org*. \$10 per person.

**Men's Football Watch Party.** Come hang out and watch the LSU/Florida game October 15 at Jake Wood's home. There is no charge but we ask that you bring a dessert, side dish or app to share, as well as a lawn chair. We'll need a head count so please visit *fpcbr.org* to register.

**Hurricane Relief.** Donations may be made to EPC headquarters where funds will be used to assist fellow EPC churches. Navigate to *epc.org/donate/emergencyrelief*.

**Baptism Today.** Congratulations to the Lapeyrouse family. Frances Camille was baptized this morning at the 9 am service.

**Daughters of the King.** The Daughters of the King Ministry desires to build community for single/divorced women as we pursue our God-ordained identity for hope and abundance in the Lord. Our next meeting is Sunday, October 16 from 5-7 pm in the Bride's Room. Dinner will be provided! We will begin a study on 1 & 2 Kings as we seek to overcome our greatest struggles to trust God. Contact Sara Green Mele or Melissa Miley for more information.

**Bagpipes, Tartans and Brunch, Sunday, October 30.** 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 service October 30. After worship, all are invited to enjoy brunch and live music. A love offering will be taken for lunch, but we ask that you please register online at *fpcbr.org*.

**Marriage Seminar.** FPC will host Dee and Pete Adams leading Created for Connection, a seminar for married couples, Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22. Past participants describe the weekend as "enlightening, encouraging, revealing, hopeful, powerful, safe, loving and renewing." Sign up at *createdforconnectionbr.com*. Use the code FPC and your fee will be reduced to \$150.

**37th Annual Celebrate Life Banquet and Gala.** This year's Caring to Love Banquet and Gala features actor and film producer Kirk Cameron as the keynote speaker. Contact Jaci if you'd like a seat at the First Presbyterian table (<code>jaci@fpcbr.org</code>). The banquet will be held Thursday, November 3 at 7 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

