



# GENESIS

STORIES FROM THE START

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
JUNE 18, AD 2023  
9 AM



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson*

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

*From Galatians 3*

This morning we rise in trust that God has called us here.

**We remember that those who are of faith become the children of Abraham.**

For Abraham believed the God who called him, and it was counted to him as righteousness.

**In Abraham's faith, we see how God justifies us by faith.**

For God preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."

**So then, those who believe are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. In such joyful belief, we rise and worship our Lord!**

### **\*Songs of Praise**

"10,000 Reasons"

"Great Are You Lord"

### **\*Blessing God**

### **\*Song of Praise**

"Goodness of God"



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### \*Greeting and Announcements

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

### Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*Genesis 12: 1-5*

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan.

*Hebrews 11: 8-10*

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

*Romans 4: 3*

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

All Scripture is breathed out by God, and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.

**So the person of God might be equipped for every good work.**

### Sermon

Barry Phillips

"By Faith"



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### **Time of Reflection**

#### **\*Offertory and Song of Response**

“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”

*Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.*

### **Scriptural Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**You call. We run. You light a path. We scurry back to darkness. You reach to lift us up and out of ourselves. We pull away, back into the den of self. We are, so very often, faithless. So, we are lonely for you, gracious Father. We are empty, lost and exhausted. But still stubborn, fearful and defiant. Forgive us! Crack through our hard shell and lead us, in the heart, back to you, through Christ who went before us. Amen.**

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **“To the Fathers” Video Presentation**



## INTERCESSION

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



## BENEDICTION

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### **\*Song of Response**

“Almost Home”

### **\*Response**

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Vacation Bible School Starts Tomorrow!** Please be in prayer for the children attending and the adult volunteers at Jerusalem Marketplace VBS. There's still time to register by visiting [fpcbr.org/vbs](http://fpcbr.org/vbs).

**International Friendship Partners Social.** The June IFP Social is this Friday, June 23 from 6 to 8 pm at the Kozans' home (3565 Cole Drive). Please join us in developing relationships with our international friends.

**Women's Summer Luncheon, June 29.** The Women's Ministry "So, I've Got a Question . . . Counseling Edition" summer luncheon is Thursday, June 29 at 11 am. Join us for a time of fellowship and thoughtful discussion led by Sherry Kadair, Director of the Baton Rouge Christian Counseling Center, along with Kaci Treadaway, Dr. John Otzenberger, Joel Gilbert and Stacy House. Details and registration online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**Combined Services in July.** Each Sunday in July we will gather and worship together for one 10.30 am service in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school. All three regular services resume Sunday, August 6. Gerrit's sermon for July 2 will be, "Message to American Christians: Live Like a Narnian!"  
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**Attention Music Lovers:** Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sing in the choir at First Presbyterian? The month of July is your chance! Beginning Wednesday, June 28, join us in the choir room at 6.30 pm for an hour of casual, joy-filled rehearsal. No audition. Young and old are welcome. Sing for just one Sunday or for the entire month of July.

**Hallowed Be Thy Name: Women's July Bible Study.** Join Women's Ministry this summer as we explore God's lesser known, but powerful names found in Scripture and contemplate the ways in which each name draws us into a unique, personal relationship with him. We will meet each Wednesday in July from 6.30 to 8 pm at Amber McConnell's home (4352 Woodside Drive). Fellowship starts at 6.15 pm.

**"Pack a Backpack" for McKinley Kindergartners.** We need your help to fill 110 kindergartners' backpacks for the newly forming McKinley Elementary! Before and after our 10.30 am services July, 9, 16 and 23, deacons will be in the Reception Room to help you "adopt" an empty backpack to take home and fill. More information is at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**S.T.A.R.S. Sports Camp Needs Volunteers.** July 5-7 are the dates of the annual S.T.A.R.S. soccer camp with Abounding Love Ministries. Consider volunteering to coach the children and share the gospel with Baton Rouge inner city kids. Contact Whitney Alexander to volunteer (225.810.2607).

**Officer Nominations for the 2026 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 [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

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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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Lindley Spaht Dodson on the occasion of her 46th birthday, June 30, by Susan & Frederic Billings.*

*Scripture for Next Week:  
Genesis 16: 1-14*

