

ORDER OF WORSHIP

JULY 16, AD 2023







GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Barry Phillips

Prelude

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

"Hallelujah to the Lamb!" by Don Moen and Debbye Graafsman

*Call to Worship

From Psalm 89, Jeremiah 33, Matthew 21 & Luke 1

Let us sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with our mouths let us make known his faithfulness to all generations.

His steadfast love is established forever; his faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

In faithfulness, our God, the God of Abraham, made a covenant with his chosen one; swearing to David his servant: "I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations."

"Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah."

"In those days I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land."

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

The Son of David will reign over the house of Jacob forever. **And of his kingdom there will be no end.**

Jesus is the Son of David.

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

*Hymns and Songs of Praise

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

"Revelation Song"

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, our God, we are assured by your steadfast love for us. You are a faithful promisekeeper. Your Kingdom stands forever. All of your plans will be accomplished. But if we are honest, we must confess that we have not lived like we believe these truths. We see our lives. We see many challenges. We are disappointed with ourselves. We project our disappointments upon others. We are terrified by the possibility that we have failed to be faithful friends, husbands, wives, fathers and mothers. Forgive us for our failures and forgive us for our fear. Cause us to rest in the truth that you will finish what you started. Remind us, Holy Spirit, that victory rests at the throne of Jesus who has been faithful and fearless for us. "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Offertory

"He Has Done Marvelous Things"

He has done marvelous things.

Praise the Lord!

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

*Hymn of Preparation

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

2 Samuel 7: 1-16

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

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

Darin Travis
"His House Is Forever"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 404 "The Solid Rock" (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

SOLID ROCK



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

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

Please come forward to receive communion.

Communion Meditation



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

MUSICIANS

Magnolia Strings Steve Gustafson, piano Bill McDonald, acoustic guitar Joey Carnaggio, bass guitar Chase Gillett, drums



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 *fpcbr.org/connect*.

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

Get Your Backpack Today! We need your help filling 110 kindergarteners' backpacks for the newly forming McKinley Elementary! Deacons will be in the Reception Room to help you "adopt" an empty backpack before and after worship today and next Sunday. Backpacks will be dedicated Sunday, July 30 in worship. Online donations can be made, and more information can be found at *fpcbr.org*.

Summer Picnic, July 30. Please join us for a summer picnic on the Terraced Garden on Sunday, July 30 from 12 pm to 2 pm! Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy fellowship, fun and a fish fry! Register online at *fpcbr.org*. Individuals: \$10. Families with two to four members: \$20. Families with five or more members: \$30.



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Officer Suggestions 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*.

Praying for LFR Campers. Please join us in praying for the young people, leaders and LFR counselors and staff attending Lake Forest Ranch in Mississippi July 17-21. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead hearts closer to Jesus, for safe travels, and for enjoyment and fun fellowship among all campers.

Three Services Resume August 6. We return to our regular three worship services on Sunday, August 6. Stay tuned for details on a Sunday school social on August 6! Classes resume August 13.

Related Media in the FPC Church App. The FPC church app now automatically feeds related media to the ESV Bible feature. For example, do you want to dig deep into Psalm 107? After reading the passage in the Bible feature, click one of the sermons related to Psalm 107. Search FPCBR in your favorite app store to download the app.

New Crying Babies/Nursing Mother's Room. Our Bride's Room now doubles as a Crying Babies/Nursing Mother's room on Sunday mornings. This location, as well as the Parlor, are available with closed circuit TV simulcasting the 9 and 11 am services.

Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Melissa and Mike Thibodeaux.

Scripture for Next Week: Genesis 15: 7-21

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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