

The title '1 PETER' is rendered in a bold, sans-serif font. Each letter is filled with a vibrant, multi-colored pattern of reds, oranges, yellows, and blues, giving it a textured, artistic appearance. The '1' is a simple vertical bar, while the 'PETER' letters are more complex, with internal patterns.

**DRAWING TODAY  
FROM AN  
ETERNAL INHERITANCE**

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

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September 18, AD 2022

11 am



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood*

## **Prelude**

“Morning Has Broken” arranged by Fred Bock  
Steve Gustafson, keyboard

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

*From Psalm 34*

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
**Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!**

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!  
**Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!**

What man is there who desires life  
and loves many days, that he may see good?  
**Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn away from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.**

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.  
**The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

No. 8 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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## **\*Blessing God**

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

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

So many times we have tasted your goodness, O God. We have known the blessedness of sheltering under your wings. All our longings are granted in what you ordain. Your goodness and mercy daily attend us. We have felt your love lavished upon us, but have been stingy in showing that same love to others. We have been as cold and stalwart as the older brother of the prodigal son. We have not cared for our brothers and sisters. Nor have we been merely indifferent to them. We have envied, slandered and deceived them. Forgive us, we pray. Purify us with your Word and cause us to love one another earnestly and sincerely. Amen.

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response**

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

**Congregational Meeting and Announcements**

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

**Offertory**

“Ye Followers of the Lamb” arranged by Edwin Earle Ferguson

O brethren ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb?  
Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,  
Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

O sisters ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb?  
Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,  
Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

I'm glad I am a Christian, ye followers of the Lamb.  
Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,  
Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

*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

*1 Peter 1: 22-2: 3*

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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

“Shedding Scales”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

### \*Hymn of Response

“The Servant Song”

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## LORD'S SUPPER

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### 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

**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.**

#### 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

#### Instrumental Communion Meditation

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” arranged by Phillip Keveren



## BENEDICTION

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#### \*Response

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

#### Postlude

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” arranged by Robert Hobby



## 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.

**Discover First Dinner Today, 4-7 pm.** This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Emily Viguerie ([emily@fpcbr.org](mailto:emily@fpcbr.org)).

**Women's Ministry Social for 50s/60s!** Women's Ministry socials are extra opportunities to gather outside of church for food, fellowship and fun. Our Thursday, September 22 gathering is intended for women in the 50s/60s age range but truly anyone is welcome! The more the merrier! Join us 5.30-7.30 pm (please note time change) at Claire Wilson's (1150 Baird Drive). Please RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio ([jaime@fpcbr.org](mailto:jaime@fpcbr.org)).

**Faith Driven Entrepreneur Conference.** We want to highlight the interaction between our faith in Christ and our work in the business world. The Faith Driven Entrepreneur Conference will stream live in our Sanctuary Wednesday, September 28 from 9.30 to 3.30. In addition to a stunning array of presenters, lunch will be served and there will be break out groups as we consider what it means to belong to Christ and be engaged in business. Visit [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) to register. The conference is free with the special check out code available online. Contact Hank Mills, Blake Fowler or Darin Travis for more information.

**IFP September Social.** The International Friendship Partners (IFP) team welcomes and loves internationals in Baton Rouge. All are invited to the September social Friday the 30th at the Pourciau's home (7335 Seven Oaks Ave.) from 6 to 8 pm. This month's social is potluck. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre, main course or dessert. Stop by for 15-minutes or stay the whole time!

**Need a Pastor After Hours?** Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

**Give Online.** Visit [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail. Email [prayer@fpcbr.org](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org) if you have online giving questions. number, we'd like to know about it. Help us keep our membership database updated. Please call us with your changes, 225.387.0617.

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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 Gay and Dick Barnett, Alice and Nye Barnett, Frances and J.B. Meadors and Irene Bearden Meadors, parents and grandparents of Leah Edrington, by Leah and Billy Edrington.

**Scripture for Next Week:** 1 Peter 2: 4-8

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