

ORDER of WORSHIP

October 23, AD 2022 11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

Prelude

"Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us" arranged by Paul Manz Steve Gustafson, organ

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Isaiah 54

People of God, your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; The Holy One of Israel is our Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off.

For a brief moment he deserted us, but with great compassion he will gather us and, with everlasting love, he will have compassion on us.

The LORD, your Redeemer, says, "This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but the steadfast love of the LORD shall not depart from us, and his covenant of peace shall not be removed."

*Hymn of Praise

No. 231 "Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

*Blessing God

*Scriptural Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

You, our Lord and very great Redeemer, have done so much to save us. You were without sin but became sin for us—the righteous for the unrighteous. With much compassion, you poured out your life unto death ensuring that your everlasting love would never depart from us. In the power of your resurrection, you have made us truly and spiritually free. We have not consistently lived in that freedom. We have sought the things of the flesh more than the things of the Spirit. From your exalted place in heaven where all authority and power are yours, hear our prayer for forgiveness and make us clean. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*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.

*Greeting and Announcements

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

A Word on Stewardship

Bonnie and Will Adams

Offertory

"Jesus, My All, to Heav'n Is Gone" arranged by Christopher Phillips Steve Gustafson, penny whistle Jim Wood, mandolin Jake Wood, guitar

Jesus, my all, to heav'n is gone, he whom I fix my hope upon; His path I see, and I'll pursue the narrow way, 'til him I view.

This is the way I long have sought, and mourned because I found it not; My grief a burden long has been, because I could not cease from sin. The more I strove against its pow'r, I sinned and stumbled all the more; 'Til late I heard my Savior say, "Come here, my child, I am the way."

O glad I come; and thou blessed Lamb, shall take me to thee, as I am. Nothing but sin I thee can give, nothing but love shall I receive. Then will I tell to sinners round what a dear Savior I have found, I'll point to thy redeeming blood, and say, "Behold the way to God!"

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** No. 233 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

1 Peter 3: 18-22

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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 "Events That Save"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response "Rejoice"

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.



*Response

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

Postlude

Ricercare on "St. Anne" by Gordon Young

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: Chapel and Sanctuary flowers serve to honor a departed loved one or celebrate, with thanksgiving, cherished people or events. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.

Scripture for Next Week: 1 Peter 4: 1-7; 12-19

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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.

Next Sunday: Kirkin' O' the Tartans. 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 with Jim and James Linden Hogg. A love offering will be taken for brunch.

Women's Self Defense and Awareness Class This Tuesday. Former BRPD Chief of Police and Security Training consultant, Greg Phares, will conduct a women's self-defense training class October 25 from 6 to 8 pm in our Reception Room. This is an opportunity to learn more about your own safety and protection and how to effectively respond to a bad situation. This is at no cost and provided by your Security Response Team. No registration required. Friends are welcome!

IFP "Falloween" Social. All are invited to this month's fall themed International Friendship Partners (IFP) social Friday, October 28 at Rosemary and Kyle Beall's (1452 Glenmore Ave.) from 6 to 8 pm. Come help us warmly welcome internationals to Baton Rouge.

Hurricane Relief. Cash donations are needed and will be used to assist fellow EPC churches. Visit *epc.org/donate/emergencyrelief*. Prayers are appreciated for a few traveling to assist First Presbyterian Church Ft. Myers October 24-28. Thank you for your generosity in helping our brothers and sisters in need.

Parents' Night, November 10. Parents of middle and high schoolers are invited to a Parents' Night Thursday, November 10. There will be food, fun and fellowship from 6.30 to 8.30 pm at Mary Ann and Steele Yeargain's (13412 Woodmont Court).

Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 13. Join us as we dedicate our estimates of giving for the work of Christ through our church in 2023.

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 (*jaci@fpcbr.org*). The banquet will be held Thursday, November 3 at 7 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

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