



ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 5, AD 2023

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander

Welcome

*Call to Worship

From Isaiah, Revelation, John, the Psalms

Let the one who is thirsty come;
With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Let the one who desires take the water of life without price.
To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life.

For there is a river, whose streams make glad the city of God.
The river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Whoever believes in me, says Jesus, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

Lord, give us this water always! Irrigate our praise with your Spirit as we raise our souls and voices to you.

*Songs of Praise

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

“Your Great Name”

*Blessing God

*Song of Praise

“Like Incense”

*Greeting and Announcements

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

John 4: 4-15

And he had to pass through Samaria. So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

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

"Sir, Give Me This Water!"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving heavenly Father, the prophet's words chill us, for they ring true. You spoke, "My people have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water." We have drunk from polluted wells, even teaching ourselves to like the taste. Wells fouled with distraction, avarice, envy, selfish ambition, ingratitude, revenge, unbelief and futile hiding of truth. Now we are so thirsty! Nothing satisfies but you. Give us to drink of Christ's blood this day, from the cup of his suffering that tastes to us like cool, clear living water. Forgive us, cleanse us and make our hearts true. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



LORD'S SUPPER

We Are Welcomed to the Table

We Give Thanks for Jesus' Mighty Acts

We Hear the Words Jesus Said at Supper

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We Commune with Jesus

Please bring your prayer requests and offerings forward during communion.

Communion Offering

“Living Waters”



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

“Amen”

***Response**

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

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.

The 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: John 4: 27-45

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Your Mutt Blessed Today! Join Scott Graham, and his sheepadoodle Schubert, in front of the Sanctuary beginning at 12.30 pm to have your dog blessed!

The Bridge Begins Next Sunday! The Bridge is a new Sunday school class for ages 18-23. Join Jade and Katherine Tomeny in EB 301 at 10.10 am starting February 12.

So Loved Parents' Night, Thursday, February 9. Parents of So Loved (birth-PreK) children are invited to an evening with other parents in the same stage of life on Thursday, February 9, 6- 8 pm at Hattie and Jonathan Guidry's (1401 Knottaway Drive, St. Gabriel). RSVP to Jessica (jessica@fpcbr.org).

Romania Road Trip Presentation. Come see—in pictures and stories—the power of Christianity at a special presentation of the last Romania mission trip. Gee Gee Hargon and Whitney Alexander will share their experiences and give a report on Thursday, February 9, from 6.30 to 8 pm in room 202.

Loving Our rEcess Families, Friday, February 10. Once a month volunteers spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. Contact Jess Concienne if you would like to participate in rEcess (jess.concienne@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

Love Is In the Air! We are celebrating women in the 40s/50s age range, but truly anyone is invited to a GALentine's social Thursday, February 16 from 6 to 8 pm at Mary Ann Yeargain's home. Please RSVP to Jaime at jaime@fpcbr.org.

Come and Get Come and See! In this year's Lent book, we will be engaging the conversations Jesus had with people in John's Gospel. Books will be available at church beginning February 19. Come and pick up a copy for you, a friend, and someone you know who has difficulty getting to church. We will not be delivering books this year, except to those who are homebound. If you can't get here, let us know. Meanwhile, sign up for the daily emails (fpcbr.org) and a homegroup by contacting Kelly Wood (kelly@fpcbr.org)!

"Journey" Class at the Chapel Starts Today. "Journey: God's Heart for the Nations" is a limited edition missions course offered at The Chapel-LSU. The course meets Sundays, February 5-March 26, 12.30 pm to 3 pm. More information is online (chapelbr.com).



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