



LESSONS FOR LIFE
from Ephesians

Walking in Love • Walking in Light
Mutual Submission • How to Work Well
Suiting Up for Battle

ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 28, AD 2024
9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Colossians 3

Let those who have been raised with Christ seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

We are God's chosen ones. We are holy and beloved.

You are the Body of Christ. Bound together by love. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

We are thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to one another with thankfulness in your hearts.

Whatever we do, in word or deed, we will do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

***Songs of Praise**

“Rejoice”

“Not to Us (One Name Forever Shall Be Praised)”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“Be Thou My Vision”



ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Calling of Officers	Judy McGimsey
Introduction to Church Offices	Gerrit Dawson
Questions to the Candidates	Gerrit Dawson and Scott Graham
Questions to the Congregation	Judy McGimsey
Prayer of Ordination and Installation	Gerrit Dawson
Declaration of Ordination and Installation	Gerrit Dawson



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Greeting and Announcements**

Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children's Church.

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 6:1-9

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord,

whether he is a bondservant or is free. Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with 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

“The Secret to Freedom at Home and Work”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.



INTERCESSION

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.



BENEDICTION

*Song of Praise

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

*Response

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



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 at the Krewe of Mutts parade.

40s & 50s Women’s Social This Thursday. Women in their 40s and 50s are invited to join us for a social at 6 pm on Thursday, February 1 at Jenny Civello’s home. Mardi Gras appetizers and king cakes will be provided. Feel free to bring a beverage of your choice! RSVP to Jaime (jaime@fpcbr.org).

Loving Our rEcess Families This Friday! On February 2, volunteers will 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 monthly rEcess (jess.concienne@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

What Christian Men Need Most. Join us Monday, February 5 at 11.45 am for lunch and a presentation by Pastor Steve Savelich in the Reception Room. Cost: \$10. RSVP for lunch at fpcbr.org. Pastor Savelich is a popular speaker who travels the world teaching about Jesus Christ. He will help our men focus on life’s most important priorities.

Glove and Sock Drive: Jonathan’s Joy Winter Ministry. It’s the last two weeks for Jonathan’s Joy Winter Ministry, a sock and glove drive organized by Cathy Pugsley. Needed: socks and gloves of all sizes for men, women and children. Donation baskets are located in the Kingdom Kids and So Loved halls until February 4.

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Ash Wednesday Noon Service in Sanctuary. The season of Lent begins February 14 with a traditional service of the reception of ashes and the Lord's Supper, followed by a light lunch in the Reception Room (\$5 per person). Wednesday noon services will continue throughout February and March in Dunham Chapel without lunch.

Two New Church Portals. FPC has launched two new safe and secure sites to help you manage your church membership data online: the Member Portal and the Giving Portal. Links to each are at fpcbr.org or the church app. Separate login information is required for each site. Contact Laura Shaw (225.620.1222) if issues setting up your account.

Subscribe to Daily Lent Emails and Podcast. In addition to the printed book, this year's Lent guide, *Lyrics for His Life: Praying the Psalms with Jesus*, includes both a daily email as well as a daily podcast. Visit the Resources tab at fpcbr.org to subscribe. Lent guides will be distributed in worship on Sunday, February 18.

Lent Community Groups Forming Now. Being a part of a community group deepens the entire Lent experience. Community Groups for *Lyrics for His Life: Praying the Psalms with Jesus* are forming now. Contact Kelly Wood to be a member or leader of a group (kelly@fpcbr.org). Groups begin meeting the week of February 18.

MDO Registration Tomorrow. Church member priority registration for the Mother's Day Out 2024–2025 school year is Monday, January 29. Contact Whitney Weiner (mdu@fpcbr.org or 225.620.0245).

Prayer Time: Join us at 10.10 am for additional prayer in the Prayer Room. Pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

Scripture for Next Week: Revelation 5:1–12
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