



# GENESIS

STORIES FROM THE START

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
JUNE 25, AD 2023  
9 AM



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis*

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

*From the Gospels*

When Jesus saw the great crowd, he had compassion for them.

**He saw the truth of us, that we are harassed and helpless, sheep who need a shepherd.**

When Jesus saw the widow who had lost her only son, his heart went out to her.

**He saw the truth of us, how frail we are and how fast life goes.**

When Jesus saw the rich young ruler, he loved him.

**He saw the truth of us, that we need more than we get through money or power.**

When the Son of God stepped into the world as Jesus Christ, he looked upon us and saw through to the truth of us. He knows, and he loves.

**So we rise in worship to look back at Christ, in love and gratitude.**

### **\*Songs of Praise**

“Behold Our God”

“Jesus the Mighty One”

### **\*Blessing God**

### **\*Song of Praise**

“The King in All His Beauty”



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### **\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

### **Time with God's Word**

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*Genesis 16: 1-16*

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**

Gerrit Dawson

"The God Who Sees"



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### **Time of Reflection**

#### **\*Offertory and Song of Response**

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

*Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.*

### **Scriptural Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Ah Lord God, we are masters of appearance! We know how to present well to others. Our posts are all smiles, our clothes appealing and our good humor smooths every path. We get along and we do well. But so much remains hidden. Therefore, we remain lonely. Frightened of exposure. Fearful the shell will crack. You see all of that. For you see within. You see us when our worst nightmares are realized and you rush to hold us. When we are discarded, you pick up the pieces tenderly. When the truth of us is revealed, you are not surprised. You are ready to mend us. Forgive our hiding. Give us courage to come to you before it all falls apart and to know the pleasure of your loving gaze in Jesus.**

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**



## INTERCESSION

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### **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**



## BENEDICTION

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### **\*Song of Response**

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

### **\*Response**

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Women's Summer Luncheon, This Thursday.** The Women's Ministry “So, I've Got a Question . . . Counseling Edition” summer luncheon is Thursday, June 29 at 11 am. Join us for a time of fellowship and thoughtful discussion led by Sherry Kadair, Director of the Baton Rouge Christian Counseling Center, along with Kaci Treadaway, Dr. John Otzenberger, Joel Gilbert and Stacy House. Details and registration are online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**“Pack a Backpack” in Two Weeks.** 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 our 10.30 am services July, 9, 16 and 23. More information is at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**July Combined Services.** Each Sunday in July we will gather and worship together for one 10.30 am service in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school. Gerrit's sermon for July 2 will be, “Message to American Christians: Live Like a Narnian!”

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, *cont.*

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**Rehearsals Begin Wednesday.** Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sing in the choir at First Presbyterian? The month of July is your chance! Beginning Wednesday, June 28, join us in the choir room at 6.30 pm for an hour of casual, joy-filled rehearsal. No audition. Young and old are welcome. Sing for just one Sunday or for the entire month of July.

**Praying for RYM Middle School Campers.** Reformed Youth Ministries encourages and challenges students to know Scripture with the hope that they grow closer to God and to each other. Please be in prayer for our 6th through 8th graders headed to camp June 26-30.

**Hallowed Be Thy Name: Women's July Bible Study.** Join Women's Ministry this summer as it explores God's lesser known, but powerful names found in Scripture and contemplates the ways in which each name draws us into a unique, personal relationship with him. We will meet each Wednesday in July from 6.30 to 8 pm at Amber McConnell's home (4352 Woodside Drive). Fellowship starts at 6.15 pm.

**S.T.A.R.S. Sports Camp Needs Volunteers.** July 5-7 are the dates of the annual S.T.A.R.S. soccer camp with Abounding Love Ministries. Consider volunteering to coach the children and share the gospel with Baton Rouge inner city kids. Contact Whitney Alexander to volunteer (225.810.2607).

**Officer Nominations 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](http://fpcbr.org).

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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 our parents, Dorothy & Joachim Aubert and Emma & Pete Ramos, by Fé and Murphy Aubert.*

*Scripture for Next Week: 2 Kings 6: 8-17*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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