



BENEDICTION

*Song of Response

“Amen”

*Response

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



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 Facebook Live and the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Parents: We want to give each family an amazing gift to help spiritually lead your children! Come to the alcove for your free copies of *The Gospel Story Bible* and *Long Story Short*.

Building Up Presentation: Come hear the plans for our campaign to take missions to the next level. Join us from 5-6 pm Sunday, September 26 in the Reception Room. See the new video. Hear the vision. Get in early on the excitement of what God is leading us to build for our mission partners.

Discover First Dinner Scheduled for September Is Postponed. Stay tuned for information on a new date.

Workers Needed! FPC is hosting its seventh(!) Habitat for Humanity build. Build dates are Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Oct. 7-9 and Oct. 21-24. Please register online (fpcbr.org) to volunteer as a worker or help with food.

Buchanan Elementary School Opportunities. Sign up at the Connection Center to be a Buchanan Teacher Encourager or a K-1st grade tutor! Supplies are also being collected.

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High School Seniors Sunday School Class. Meet Gerrit in his office at 10.10.

Youth Group and Bible Studies. High school youth group meets tonight from 6-7.30 pm (new time) at Noah Pourciau's home (7335 Sevenoaks Ave.). Middle school youth group meets tonight from 5-7 pm in the gym. Contact Jessica for more information or to join a Bible study (jessica@fpcbr.org).

Children's Choirs. JAM and Joyful Noise children's choir rehearsals are Sundays from 5-6.30 pm. Join us as we learn about the names of Jesus and the promise he brings. We will also present a musical this fall called, "Table for Five . . . Thousand." For more information, please contact Lauren Honea (lauren@fpcbr.org).

Weekly Houma/Thibodaux Hurricane Relief Trips. Whitney Alexander is coordinating relief trips to Houma/Thibodaux each Wednesday beginning next week, September 22. Those interested in joining him should meet in the Convention St. parking lot at 6.30 am. Wear sturdy closed-toed shoes and bring work gloves. You'll return at the end of the day. Contact Whitney if you have questions (225.610.2607).

Hurricane Ida Relief Donations. Disaster relief donations are being taken online (fpcbr.org) or by check (specify "hurricane relief" in the memo line).

Games Galore Is Postponed. Stay tuned for information on a new date.

The Death of Gandalf: The Night Tolkien Pierced My Heart is a new article by Gerrit at desiringgod.org. Hard copies are available at the Connection Center.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: *The 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.*

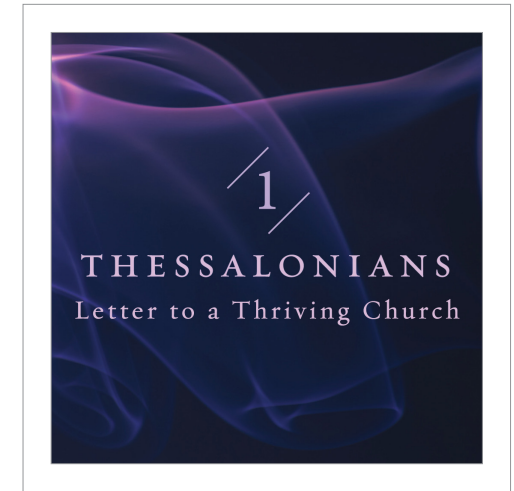
Scripture for Next Week: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12

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ORDER of WORSHIP

September 19, AD 2021

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Jim Solomon

*Welcome and Call to Worship

Based on 1 Thessalonians 1

Grace and peace to you, Church. We give thanks to God for you.
We have prayed constantly for you.

We give thanks to our God and Father for your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the wonderful news of Jesus come to us anew today.

May it come not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

May our faith in God go forth everywhere. May the Lord's message ring out!

Let us turn away from all our idols and serve the Lord our God only.

With patience and faith let us wait for the risen Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

In gratitude for our deliverance from sin, in hope of Christ's return to set all things right, and now in this present moment, we worship the living and true God.

*Songs of Praise

"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"

"Good, Good Father"

*Blessing God

*Song of Praise

"Lord I Need You"

*Standing



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Lauren Darden, principal, Gardere Community Christian School

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

1 Thessalonians 1: 6-10

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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

"How You Turned to God"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Song of Response

"All I Have Is Christ"

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Your covenant with us, your chosen ones, makes it plain that we cannot serve two masters. This reality has not kept us from trying very hard to do that very thing. We have turned our backs on you, our Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer. We have bowed down to ineffectual, useless, base gods. We have enthroned our own desires, definitions and opinions. Have mercy on us, we pray. We would be changed. We would have undivided hearts. O wretched people that we are! Who will rescue us from this dilemma? Thanks be to God, who delivers us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



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.