



LOVED BEFORE YOU WERE MADE

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 12, AD 2023
Thanksgiving Sunday
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

“Rejoice, Ye Pilgrim Throng!” arranged by Robert Hobby
Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Ephesians 4 & Deuteronomy 6

Come now, let all those whom God has called enter in!

The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

Humbly come before him. Be joined together in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Speak the truth in love.

There is one Spirit. There is one hope. There is one Lord. There is one faith.

There is one Father who is over all, through all, and in all.

Let us love the LORD our God with all our heart, soul and strength.

Holy Spirit, renew our minds and cause us to know the truth in Christ Jesus.

Filled with tenderhearted love, as those whose sins are forgiven in Christ, we join as one to worship our God and King.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 1 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

As we prepare to give thanks this Thursday, our hearts sadden to remember how ungrateful we have been. We take, as simply due to us, all these daily blessings of comfort and provision. We complain over little things we did not get. We walk through your beautiful world with eyes glued to our phones. While earbuds fill our heads with sound, we do not attend to birdsong, the greeting of neighbors, or the breeze through the branches. While news streams make us despair, we do not give thanks for the breath we take, the hands that touch us, or the love right in our midst. Forgive us. We know that thanksgiving is our first duty and enduring delight. Thank you, gracious Father! Thank you above all for sending your Son to redeem and remake us. Thank you.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

VILLE DU HAVRE

**My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Stewarding God's Grace

Offertory

"Prayer of St. Francis" by Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.
Where there is doubt, let there be faith.
Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there's despair let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let there be light,
Where there is sadness, let there be joy,
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek, to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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. 561 “We Gather Together”

KREMSER

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 4:25–32

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Christ, our head.
He makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Sermon

Colton Underwood

“Putting on the New Self”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Hymn of Response**

No. 89 “Our Great Savior” (1, 2 & 5)

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LORD'S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion 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.

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communing in Christ
Prayer of Thanks

Please come forward to receive communion.

Communion Meditation

Meditation on "Rockingham" arranged by Healy Willan



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

Recessional on "St. Anne" by Gordon Young



ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's Not Too Late! There's still time to rededicate your gifts and talents in reply to God's beautiful grace. Estimate of Giving cards are still available in the pews, online at fpcbr.org or use the QR code.



Stewardship Code

Youth Ministry "Friendsgiving" Tonight (Yes, It's Tonight!). Middle and high school students are invited to our "Friendsgiving" celebration from 5 to 7 pm at the church.

Christmas Bags for Malachi Dads. Items are being collected for Christmas bags to be distributed to the Malachi Dads (prisoners) at Hunt and Angola Penitentiaries. Please drop off donations at the Connection Center: soap, antiperspirant, toothpaste/toothbrush, shampoo, lotion, body wash, socks or baby powder. Cash donations also accepted.

Mid-Week Advent Services. Join us Wednesday, November 30, December 6 and December 13 for a short Advent service of Communion in Dunham Chapel. Our Scriptural focus will be on Mary's song in Luke 1:46-55 as a marvelous preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. Service times are 12-12.45 pm.

Live Nativity, Friday, December 1. Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, angels, wise men and shepherds will re-enact Jesus' birth. Join us Friday, December 1 at 5.30 and 6.30 pm in the Terraced Garden.

Women's Advent Brunch. Please join us for the Women's Ministry Advent Brunch Saturday, December 9 at 11 am at the home of Stephanie Bennett. We will enjoy food, fellowship and a special devotion led by Lauren Fowler based on Luke 2:15-20. Register online or use the QR code. \$10 per person.



Brunch Code

Christmas Poinsettia Orders. Help decorate the Chapel and Sanctuary by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or celebration of a loved one. The cost is \$35 per plant. Order deadline is Sunday, December 10. Order forms are at the Connection Center, online (fpcbr.org) or scan the QR code.



Poinsettia Code

Daily Advent Readings Start Next Sunday. November 26 is the first Sunday of Advent. Grab a daily readings flyer next Sunday and/or check your email inbox at the start of each week for the daily readings and passages.

Wanted: 5 More Teacher Encouragers. We have just 5 McKinley Elementary teachers left who would like an Encourager. Stop by the Connection Center or contact Laura Shaw (laura@fpcbr.org) to get involved.

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 her parents, Florence and Mack Gregorie and to honor of her dear aunt, Nita K. Harris, by Ann K. Gregorie.

Scripture for Next Week: Gen. 1: 3-5, 14-16; Rev. 21: 22-25

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