

ORDER of WORSHIP
February 23, AD 2025
9 am

EARLY STORIES

LATE PARABLES





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 104

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, you are very great!

**You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
Covering yourself with light as with a garment,
Stretching out the heavens like a tent.**

You set the earth on its foundations,
So that it should never be moved.

**You cause the grass to grow for the livestock
And plants for man to cultivate,
That he may bring forth food from the earth.**

You made the moon to mark the seasons;
The sun knows its time for setting.
You make darkness, and it is night,
Sunrise, and it is light.

**O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all!
So in this glad hour, we worship you.**

***Songs of Praise**

“Rejoice”

“Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“This Is Our God”

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Albert Ratkin, Word of Life School in Kaluga, Russia



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Ecclesiastes 3:1

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

Psalms 31:14-15a

But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."
My times are in your hand.

1 Corinthians 11:25-26

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Ephesians 5:15-16

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

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

"What Time Is It?"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“It Is Finished”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, from your abounding love, you brought forth our world. You created place and time and set us in it. We keep time as your world turns every day. We mark the years as we wind around the sun. Clocks are everywhere. Yet we do not know the meaning of the hour. Calendars are everywhere. Yet we do not know where we are in history. We know time is short, yet we waste our days. We feel the clock ticking, but neglect eternity. Forgive us. Ground us. Orient us to your mighty deeds and eternal promises, through Jesus our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

"It Is Well"

***Response**

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We're so glad you could join us today. Each week we seek to press deeper into Christ and then follow his lead to go further into the world with his love. As part of that mission, we'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpcbr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

GriefShare® Group Starts Today. A new GriefShare® group begins today at 4 pm. Text Scott Graham to participate (412.480.4108). There is still time to sign up.

Lent Guides Are Here! This year's Lent guide, *Golden Threads: Tracing the Tapestry of Scripture*, is now available. Be sure to grab a copy for you and for a friend. Information about subscribing to the daily emails and podcasts can be found under the Resources tab at fpcbr.org.

Lent Community Groups Begin in Two Weeks: Sign Up Today! Community Groups for *Golden Threads: Tracing the Tapestry of Scripture* are forming now. Contact Blake Fowler to be a member or leader of a group (blake@fpcbr.org). Groups begin meeting the week of March 5.



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Ash Wednesday Noon Service, March 5. The season of Lent begins with a traditional service at noon in the Sanctuary followed by lunch in the Reception Room. Please email Emily (emily@fpabr.org) to RSVP. Wednesday noon services will continue throughout Lent in Dunham Chapel without lunch.

March 2: Boys Hike & Girls Movie Night. On Sunday, March 2 at 12.30 pm, middle and high school boys and their fathers are invited to a hike at Clark's Creek. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Colton (colton@fpabr.org). Later at 5.30 pm, middle and high school girls are invited to watch "Wicked" at Jessica Saffell's home (7622 Lane's End). Please RSVP to Jessica (jessica@fpabr.org).

Offices Closed for Mardi Gras, March 3 & 4. Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

Colombia Mission Trip Informational Meeting. The Colombia trip dates are July 19-24. All interested in learning more are invited to attend an informational meeting at 10.15 am in the Chapel on Sunday, March 9.

Accessing the Church Portals. FPC has a Member Portal and an Online Giving Portal. Click the link at the top right corner of the church homepage to set up your portal credentials. Contact Laura Shaw (laura@fpabr.org) if you have questions about setting up your account.

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 memory of our father, Mack Gregorie Sr., by Ann K. Gregorie and Nancy Sue Gregorie Burton.

Scripture for Next Week: Matthew 20:1-16
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