

ORDER of WORSHIP
January 19, AD 2025
11 am

EARLY STORIES

LATE PARABLES





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander

Prelude

“Kyrie” from *Messe pour les couvents (Mass for Convents)* by François Couperin
Edward Seyler, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Isaiah 61

Hear the prophet speak for the Messiah, who comes to save us: The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;

**He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;**

To proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

**To give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; in faith that Messiah has come in Jesus, we rise to worship in joy and hope.**

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 8 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

From Daniel 9

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, because we have sinned against you. O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

"Hosanna (What the Lord Has Done in Me)" arranged by Soweto Gospel Choir

Let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich."
Let the blind say, "I can see." It's what the Lord has done in me.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.
Hosanna! Hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.

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. 203 "And Can It Be?" (vv. 1, 3 & 4)

SAGINA

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Luke 4:16-30

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.

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

“They Turned On Him in a Heartbeat”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 462 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

BRADBURY



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

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

Prelude in C major from "The Well-Tempered Clavier" by J. S. Bach



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

Fugue from "Little Prelude and Fugue in Bb major" by J. S. Bach



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Conference January 24-26! Check out all the details below.

Friday: International Friendship Partners Game Night. Join us January 24 at 5.30 pm in the Gym as we fellowship with internationals. There will be plenty of games, food and fun for the whole family. We are especially excited to welcome back chalk artist Ben Glenn after many years!

Saturday: Global Missons Brunch and Dinner. Come have brunch with missionary Browning Wood at the Kozans' on Saturday, January 25 at 10 am. Then at 5.30 pm, missionaries to Lebanon, Elizabeth and Greg Mook, will speak at a dinner hosted by Melissa and Calvin Fabré. Both are free but registration is requested for the dinner (fpabr.org).



Sunday: 9.30 am Combined Sunday School. As part of our Mission Conference, you are invited to a special, combined Sunday School at 9.30 am next Sunday. The Adult Sunday school will be led by Browning Wood, from Africa, in Room 220. Children's Sunday school will be led by missionaries Elizabeth and Greg Mook in the Basement.

Sunday: 10.30 am Worship and Reception for the Alexanders. Help us celebrate Whitney Alexander's ministry at First Presbyterian. Whitney will preach at our 10.30 am service then we'll have a reception honoring him and Phyllis as we say farewell.

Women's Social, January 31. Come warm up from the winter cold at our next Women's Ministry Soup Social! This social is intended for ladies 60 and older, but truly anyone is welcome! Friday, January 31, 11.30 am–1.30 pm at Dadie Bardwell's (3512 Stanford Oaks Ave.). Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert plus a copy of your favorite soup recipe! RSVP to jaime@fpabr.org.

Blood Drive at First Presbyterian on February 2, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm! Stop by the LifeShare blood mobile before or after worship and help share this invaluable gift with someone in need.

Discover First Dinner, February 2. Come learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpabr.org).

Jeffrey Marx to Speak at Men's Event on February 4. Pulitzer Prize winning author Jeffrey Marx will be at First Presbyterian to talk about his classic *Season of Life: A Football Star, a Boy, a Journey to Manhood*. This is a great event to bring your son, your father, or your friend from work. Dinner and door prizes will be involved. \$20 per person until January 26. Price increases to \$25 on January 27. Register online at fpabr.org.

MDO Registration. Church member priority registration for the Mother's Day Out 2025–2026 school year is Monday, January 27. Contact Whitney Weiner at mdu@fpabr.org or 225.620.0245 for more information.

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 Helen and John Waldie, parents of Joann Thurston, and Robert Moore Thurston, father of Scott Thurston, given by Joann and Scott Thurston.

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.



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