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January 19, AD 2025  
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# EARLY STORIES

## LATE PARABLES





## GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander*

### **\*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.**

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

"The Lion and the Lamb"

"Your Great Name"

### **\*Blessing God**

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

"Is He Worthy?"

### **Infant Baptism**

Lillian Claire Rogers and Tucker Alan Rogers

Parents are Katherine and Brian Rogers

Sponsoring Elder is Bob Tucker

## **\*Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
And born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\*Greeting and Announcements**

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



## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

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

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*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

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### Time of Reflection

### \*Song of Response

"Who You Say I Am"

*Please bring your offerings and prayer requests forward.*



## INTERCESSION

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



## BENEDICTION

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**\*Song of Response**

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

**\*Response**

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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 [jaim@fpcbr.org](mailto:jaim@fpcbr.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@fpcbr.org](mailto:emily@fpcbr.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 [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.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@fpcbr.org](mailto:mdu@fpcbr.org) or 225.620.0245 for more information.

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*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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