

# GOLDEN THREADS

TRACING THE TAPESTRY OF SCRIPTURE



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

March 16, AD 2025 | 9 am

Second Sunday of Lent



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham*

### **\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

*From Isaiah 53*

He had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.

**He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;**

Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
**Yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.**

But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
**Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.  
So today we worship this Lamb of God slain for us.**

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

“Christus Victor”

“Holy Forever”

### **\*Blessing God**

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

“O Praise the Name”

### **\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

*\*Standing*



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*Isaiah 53:3–7; 10–12*

He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.  
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,  
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.  
Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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

“Golden Threads, Part 2: The Lamb of God”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### **Time of Reflection**

### **\*Offertory and Song of Response**

“Nothin’ but the Blood”

*Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.*

### **Scriptural Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

*From “The Book of Common Worship”*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. And we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy on us! Grant us grace according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus the Lamb of God. Amen.**

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**



## INTERCESSION

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



## BENEDICTION

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### **\*Song of Response**

“All I Have Is Christ”

### **\*Response**

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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@fpabr.org](mailto:prayer@fpabr.org), through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Congregational Meeting Today.** The session has called a congregational meeting for 10.10 am in the Sanctuary. We'll receive new members, elect at-large members to the nominating committee, hear the 2025 budget, receive a report from the pastoral search team and more! There will be no adult Sunday school classes today.

**Lenten Noon Services.** Each Wednesday of Lent we gather for a brief service at noon in Dunham Chapel. Invite a coworker to join you. We will not meet April 16.

**Mirabelle, A One-Act Opera by Terry Byars: Matinee Today!** Join us today at 3 pm in the Sanctuary for this free opera about redemption. Mirabelle and Martina are shipwrecked in a cave awaiting rescue. What is their fate? Cast members include Grayce Reynolds, Jennifer Ellis, Ray Gaspard, Lauren Honea and Dedrian Hogan.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Women's Spring Picnic, This Saturday.** Join us March 22 for our annual Women's Ministry Spring Picnic where we will enjoy a sweet time of fellowship, prayer, and picnic lunch. Come and be blessed by women of all ages and stages, as we seek to tighten the bonds of our union in Christ. Details and registration at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).



Spring Picnic

**Prime Time Club March Luncheon: Registration Closes on Tuesday!** If you're over the age of 60, you're invited to FPC Prime Time Club lunch at Café Americain and visit to the Botanic Gardens on Monday, March 24. Register online ([fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org)), or in person today in the Reception Room. Deadline for registration is March 18.

**Men's Skeet Shoot in Two Weeks.** This year's skeet shoot will be back in Saint Francisville on Saturday, March 29. Shooters and non-shooters are welcome. Visit [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) for details and registration.



Skeet Shoot

**Created for Connection Marriage Seminar, March 21–23.** Fight less and love more! Dee and Pete Adams are leading a Created for Connection marriage seminar Friday, March 21–23 at Como Retreat Center in St. Francisville. Past participants describe the weekend as enlightening, encouraging, revealing, hopeful, powerful, safe, loving and renewing. Visit [c4cbr.com](http://c4cbr.com) for more information.

**"Share Your Heart, Share Your Table" Lunch on Friday, March 21.** This lunch-n-learn is a great way to meet the students and support the amazing work being done by our mission partner, Gardere Community Christian School. Register online ([gardereschool.com/syh25](http://gardereschool.com/syh25)).

**Baptism Today.** Congratulations to the Zoghbi family! Wilder Zoghbi was baptized at the 7.45 am service today.

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*Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha Ann & Don Cunningham by their grandchildren, Mary Michael and Robert McDuff.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Ezekiel 37:21–28; Zechariah 2:10–11  
Sanctuary services are video recorded  
and livestreamed.*

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