

GOLDEN THREADS

TRACING THE TAPESTRY OF SCRIPTURE



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March 9, AD 2025 | 9 am

First Sunday of Lent



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jaime Carnaggio

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 19 & Psalm 8

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
**Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
**What is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?**

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
So, on behalf of all creation, we voice your praise this day.

***Songs of Praise**

“Not to Us (One Name Forever Shall Be Praised)”
“What a Beautiful Name”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“This I Believe”

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Standing*



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Genesis 2:7

... then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

Isaiah 43:1

But now thus says the LORD.
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.”

John 1:3, 14a

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us . . .

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Revelation 21:5a

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

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 1: From the Beginning to the End, God Creates”



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.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, creator of all things, we thank you that you have formed us in your image, and filled us by your Spirit with the breath of life. We confess that too often we have failed to look outwards and upwards to you. We have pretended that we belong to no one but ourselves. We have thought our worth depends on our production. We have despaired of finding a path of redemption for our messes. Forgive us. This day, our eyes are on you. We lean wholly on Jesus who died and rose to give us forgiveness and life.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

"Because He Lives (Amen)"

***Response**

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at 10.15 am. The Colombia mission 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.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday: New Members, Strategic Plans and Pastoral Search News. The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 16 at 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 that day.

Mirabelle, A One-Act Opera by Terry Byars Next Weekend! Join us on Saturday, March 15 at 7.30 pm or Sunday, March 16 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.

Women's Spring Picnic, March 22. Join us at 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.



Spring Picnic



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Prime Time Club March Luncheon. 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), or in person today in the Reception Room. Deadline for registration is March 18.

Men's Skeet Shoot, March 29. This year's skeet shoot will be back in Saint Francisville on Saturday, March 29. Shooters and non-shooters are welcome. Visit fpcbr.org for details and registration.



Skeet Shoot

Grab a Lent Guide! Printed copies of this year's Lent guide, *Golden Threads: Tracing the Tapestry of Scripture*, are available in the pews and entrances to both the Sanctuary and Chapel. Be sure to grab a copy for you and for a friend.

Podcast Golden Threads! The daily podcast is a great way to get a fresh perspective on your reading and prayers this Lent. If you use Apple Music or Spotify, simply search for Golden Threads in podcasts and subscribe. Similarly, on YouTube, search First Presbyterian Baton Rouge and hit subscribe. Your podcasts will be there every morning starting March 9. The trailer is live right now.

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 for more information.

TrainUp Parenting Resources. Thanks to a generous benefactor, our fall parenting TrainUp series is now available on our "Sermons and Lectures" webpage. For those who prefer, flashdrives of the video series are also at the Connection Center. Please share them with those who may be interested.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bart Bennett by Ruth Anne, Claire, Adriane, and Sarah.

Scripture for Next Week: Isaiah 53:7–12
Sanctuary services are video recorded
and livestreamed.

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