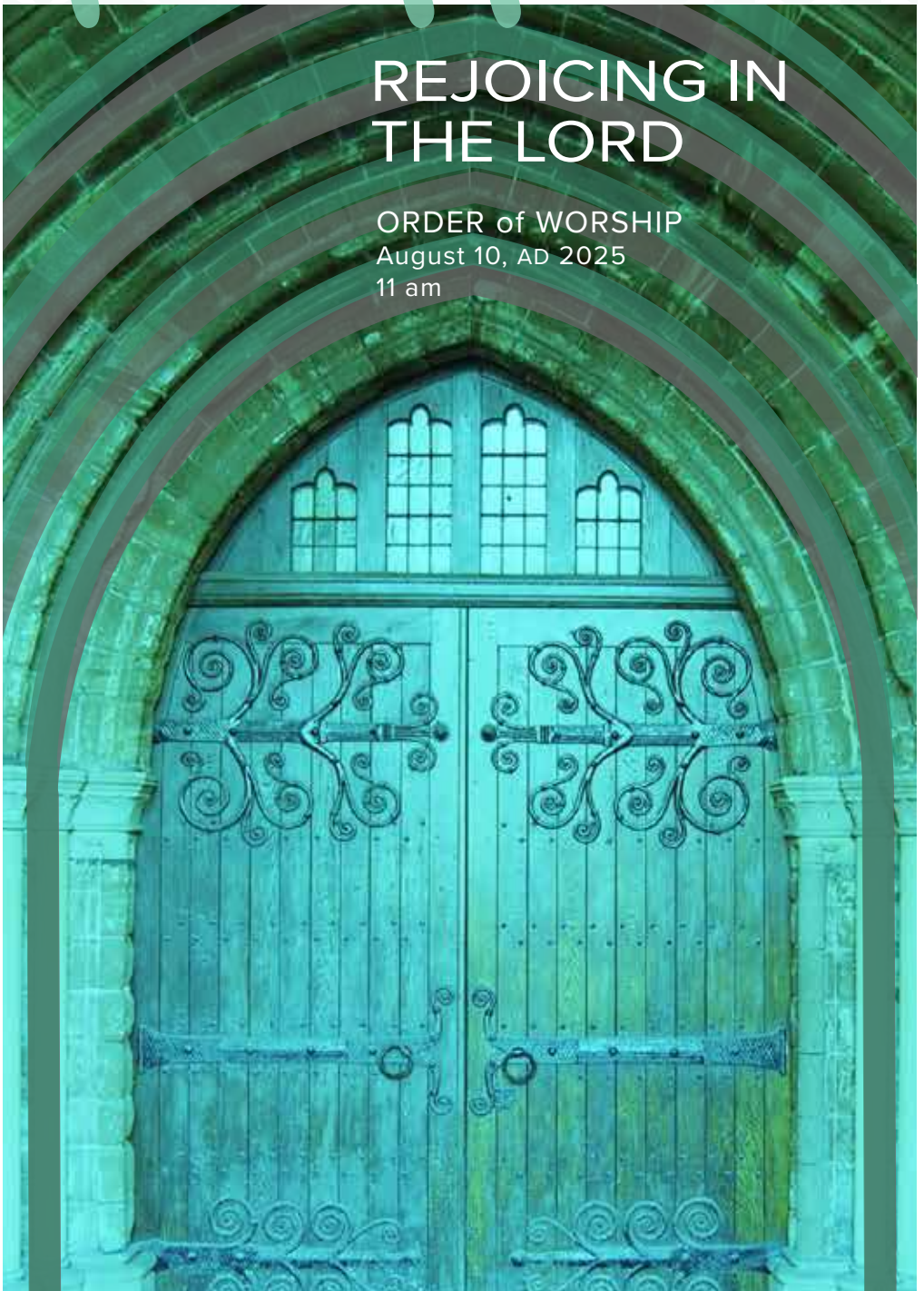


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REJOICING IN THE LORD

ORDER of WORSHIP
August 10, AD 2025
11 am





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Daniel Croskrey

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision” arranged by Fred Bock
Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Philippians 1

Holy Believers in Christ Jesus who live in Baton Rouge,
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

**We arrive as partners in the gospel with one another,
Eager for the gospel’s proclamation, defense and overflowing joy.**

Today may you grow in knowledge of Christ,
Increasing in discernment of his will
And abounding in love more and more.

**We ask the Spirit to fill us with the fruit of righteousness
That comes through Jesus Christ
As we worship and adore him.**

O come let us adore him this glad hour.

***Hymn of Praise**

“O God beyond All Praising”

THAXTED

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus Christ, our life is in you. Our home is where you are. Our citizenship is in heaven. We know you have sent us here, to live our earthly lives in service, love and mission in this city. Forgive us when we confuse our true homeland. Forgive us when we think the worries and work, recreation and revelry of life in this town is all there is. Forgive us when we forget that we are ambassadors of your gospel. Remind us that we live to subvert pride with sacrifice, to undo hate with love, to overthrow indifference with heart-reaching compassion. Light up our daily duties with higher vision and greater service, amen.

***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.**

Recognizing Our First Graders

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

"Jesus My All to Heav'n Is Gone" arranged by Christopher Phillips

Jesus, my all, to heav'n is gone, he whom I fix my hopes upon;
His path I see, and I'll pursue the narrow way, 'til him I view.

This is the way I long have sought, and mourned because I found it not;
My grief a burden long has been because I could not cease from sin.

The more I strove against its pow'r, I sinned and stumbled all the more;
'Til late I heard my Savior say, "Come here my child, I am the way."

O glad I come and thou, blest Lamb, shall take me to thee, as I am.
Nothing but sin I thee can give, nothing but love shall I receive.

Then will I tell to sinners round what a dear Savior I have found,
I'll point to thy redeeming blood, and say, "Behold the way of God!"

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. 92 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Philippians 1:1–2

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is excellent, think about these things.

What you have learned and received and heard, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. (*from Philippians 4:8–9*)

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“Not from around Here”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Hymn of Response**

No. 382 “Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

***Affirmation of Faith**

From Philippians 2

Christ Jesus was in the form of God,
But he did not count equality with God
A thing to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself.
He took the form of a servant,
Being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
He humbled himself by becoming obedient
To the point of death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him and
Bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
In heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



BENEDICTION

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***Response**

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

Postlude

“He Who Began a Good Work in You” arranged by Mark Hayes



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 or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

The 3 Greatest Days Stay-Treat In Two Weeks! Artist, theologian and pastor Christopher Powers will give three dynamic presentations on Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23. The theme of his talks will help us better understand the overarching narrative of God's salvation in Christ through the events of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter. Register online at fpcbr.org!



Sitting at Jesus' Feet: Women's Bible Study. Women's Bible studies kick off the week of August 26. We will journey through Jesus' five major teachings in Matthew's Gospel. More details can be found on our website, or you can email jaime@fpcbr.org to learn more. Let us come and sit at the feet of Jesus as he calls us to live as beloved daughters of the Kingdom.

McKinley Elementary Volunteers Needed. Please consider joining this ministry as a Reading Friend, Teacher Encourager or Classroom Storytime Reader. No previous experience is necessary—all you need is a love for children and a willing heart. For more information or to sign up, stop by the Connection Center or email Laura Shaw at laura@fpcbr.org.

August 31 Worship Time. Worship will be at 10.30 am on Sunday, August 31 in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school.

Same Web Address, Different Look. The new church website has launched! It's more than a facelift. It's an updated, clean and sophisticated look honoring who we are as a historic downtown church. Visit fpcbr.org.

Baptism Today. Congratulations to the Shirley family. Mae Lewis Shirley was baptized at the 9 am service this morning.

Join a Women's Circle. Our Women's Ministry Circle book this year is *Women of the New Testament* by Phyllis J. Le Peau. Books will be available beginning Sunday, August 17 at the Connection Center free of charge. Circles kick off in September. Email jaime@fpcbr.org if you'd like to get connected to a Circle group. You can also find the Circle schedule on our website.

Gardere Seeking Substitute Teachers. Our ministry partner, Gardere Community Christian School is seeking classroom and nursery substitute teachers. Please contact Cheryl Lott for more information (387.5082).

The Chapel and Sanctuary flowers serve to honor a departed loved one or celebrate with thanksgiving cherished people or events. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.

Scripture for Next Week: Philippians 1:3–11

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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