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REJOICING IN THE LORD

ORDER of WORSHIP
September 14, AD 2025
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

Rachel Ciraldo, flute

Nick Ciraldo, classical guitar

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

Inspired by Philippians 2

Paul tells the Philippians to put into practice the grace they have received. They are to work out in their own lives all the implications of salvation in Christ.

Because it is the triune God himself who is at work in his people! The Father has sent us Jesus his Son. The Spirit has joined us to Jesus. So we are in Christ! We live now for him.

So what is the first work of a saved people? To worship! Liturgy means “the work of the people.” It’s what we believers do in worship.

We tell the story. We hymn our Savior with beautiful words. We confess our sins and receive his forgiveness. We present ourselves before God as ready servants, eager to be part of his mission. It all begins by rising to open our hearts and lift our voices as an offering of praise.

So then beloved bride of Christ, raise a joyful song!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 234 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

***Blessing God**

Infant Baptism

Edmund Francis O’Rourke

Parents are Mary Frances and Colin O’Rourke

Brother is John Harman

Sponsoring Elder is Jamy Comeaux

***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.

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

“The Christ Hymn (O the Name)” by Christopher Phillips

As the head, so the body; as the master, so the slave;
As the Father, so the Son, then the Son as the slave!
As the Christ, so the cross; as the cross, so the shame.

Then the piercing and the dying;
Then raising and the rising; then the conquering and the naming!
Oh, the name! Then the bowing and declaring of the name.

As the heavens, so the earth; as the earth so the deep;
O let ev'rything that breathes all hail the name!

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**

“At the Name of Jesus”

KING’S WESTON

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking 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.

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

“The Problem and the Power of the ‘J’ Word”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Hymn of Response**

No. 203 “And Can It Be” (vv. 1, 2 & 3)

SAGINA

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

*Response

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

Postlude



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.

Ladies' Night of Testimony & Fellowship. Join us Thursday, September 18 from 6 to 8.30 pm for an evening of testimony and fellowship as some of our beloved sisters in Christ (Ashley Beck, Micaela Brokaw, Cate Heroman, Melissa Miley and Gerry Arnold) share how the Lord has worked in deeply personal and powerful ways in their lives. Scan the code or visit fpcbr.org to register.



New! Discover First Sunday School Series. We're now offering Discover First as a four-part series during the Sunday school hour on four consecutive Sundays (September 28, October 5, 12 and 19). Contact Emily (emily@fpcbr.org) to reserve a spot to learn more about how to become a part of our ministry and mission.



Men's Ministry BBQ, September 23. Join us for fellowship and ribs hot off the grill on Tuesday, September 23, 6 pm at the home of Calvin Fabré. There is no charge but we do need a headcount. Please RSVP by scanning the code.

Six Baptisms Today! In addition to Eddie O'Rourke being baptized in worship today, we had five other baptisms earlier today: Sidney, Maggie and Jack Harrigill, Lyla Jean Kisling and Lucie Anderson.

Youth Group. Tonight middle school will meet at 5 pm at the church. High school will meet at 5.15 pm at the McConnell's home (4352 Woodside Drive).

26 McKinley Teachers Need an Encourager. Stop by the Connection Center this morning and adopt a teacher. A friendly note, a small gift. The commitment is small but the rewards are huge!

Ways to Give. We are grateful you choose to be a part of God's economy with us. Gifts to First Presbyterian may be made via US Mail (763 North Blvd., 70802) or online (fpcbr.org).

First Presbyterian Church and Social Media (Instagram, YouTube and Facebook). Sanctuary services are livestreamed and we frequently post photos of members engaged in fellowship at our community groups, worship services and events. If you have any questions, contact Katie Robinson (katie@fpcbr.org) or Jay High (jay@fpcbr.org).

Need a Pastor After Hours? Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

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 Jerry Johnson by his wife LaNelle Johnson, and their daughters Debra Matthews, Joy Pennington and Jeri J. Cochran.

Scripture for Next Week: *Philippians 2:12-18*
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