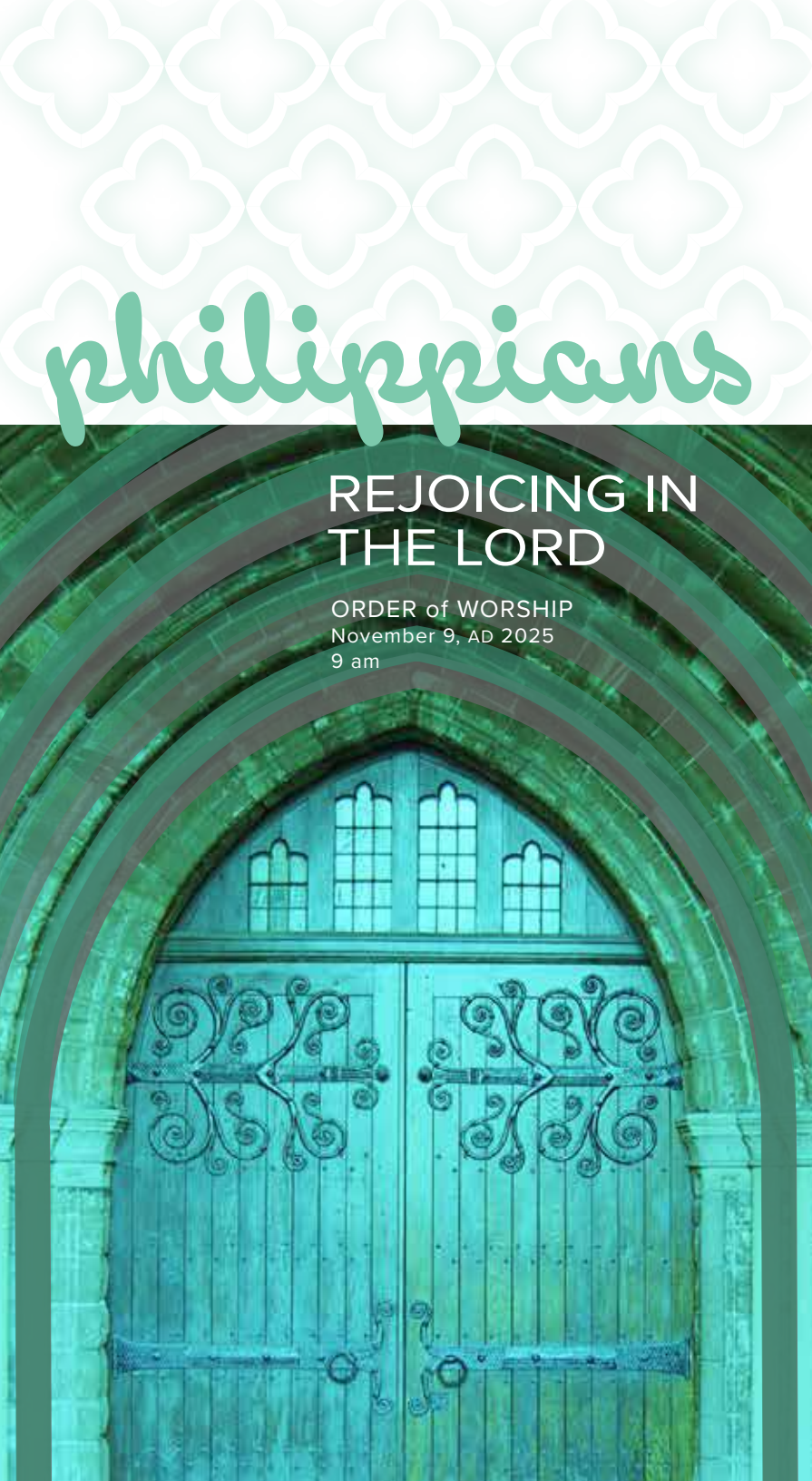




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REJOICING IN THE LORD

ORDER of WORSHIP
November 9, AD 2025
9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jaime Carnaggio

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalms 73 & 145

Come let us extol our God and King. Let us bless his name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. His greatness surpasses understanding.

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

Our flesh and our hearts may fail, but God is the strength of our heart and our portion forever.

It is good for us to be near God; we have made the LORD God our refuge, that we may tell of all his works.

Let us sing the praise of the Lord! Let us bless his holy name!

***Songs of Praise**

“Good, Good Father”

“Bless God”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“This Is Our God”

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Standing*

Stewarding God's Grace

Keely and Neal McMillin



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

"Peace That Guards"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Offertory and Song of Response

"I Set My Hope on Jesus"

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

***Philippians Affirmation of Faith**

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.**

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Through the years, Lord Jesus, your Church—your people—named seven sins most deadly to us: pride, greed, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, and sloth. Yes, the briefest reflection reminds me that I have done them all. Within the last day. Within the last hour! Give me awareness of these enemies which tempt me as they arrive under the guise of some felt need, or bogus justification. Help me flee them, face them, fight them. In the power of your Spirit and in full assurance of your saving atonement. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

“Goodness of God”

***Response**

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewarding God's Grace: Dedication Sunday Is Next

Sunday. On November 16, we want to rededicate ourselves as a reply to Christ's beautiful grace. We'll make our financial commitments and also offer the places where we might like to serve in the future. Estimate of Giving cards will be mailed to all members and are available in the pew racks. Scan the code to use the online form. You'll find a list of our service opportunities in our Stewarding God's Grace catalog at the Connection Center.



A Special Children's Sunday School Today. Children in grades 1st through 5th have a Veteran's Day-themed Sunday school hour today. Invited veterans will share how they have served God, our country, and others. Don't miss it! Located in Room 36 of the Sanctuary Basement.



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Communion Training Next Sunday, November 16. Kindergarteners through 5th graders and their parents are invited to attend Gerrit's Communion training session on Sunday, November 16 at 10.10 am in the Chapel.

Angels Are Landing Next Sunday! Help us bless the children of incarcerated parents this Christmas. Volunteers are needed to provide a Christmas present for children or to help with gift delivery. Visit Scott Kirkpatrick at the Connection Center Sunday, November 16 and 23 to pick up the name of a child. You may also contact him at k.scott.kirkpatrick@gmail.com or 225.978.0803 for details.

Sierra Leone Ministry Update Next Sunday. Scott Graham will provide an update on the ministry of the EPC and EduNations in Sierra Leone using pictures from his last trip as well as other times. Come to the Library (room 219) Sunday, November 16 at 10.10 am. See you there!

International Friendship Partners Open House, November 21. All are invited to the Kozans' home (3565 Cole Dr.) on Friday, November 21 from 6 to 9 pm for an open house to connect with our international friends. It's also White Light Night, so feel free to come and go as you stroll Mid City.

"The Rejoicing: A Concert of Worship" November 23. Join us Sunday, November 23 at 6 pm in the Sanctuary for *The Rejoicing: A Concert of Worship* — an evening of praise featuring the Joyful Noise Children's Choir and the Worship Ministry Team. Desserts to follow in the Reception Room.

New Church Center Portal! Be sure to check out the new Church Center portal. Communicate with your group members, sign up for an event, or give online. Visit <https://fpcbr.churchcenter.com/setup>.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jolie Berry who faithfully served the church as Deacon, Elder and Presbytery Moderator, by her husband Gene and their children Katherine Hearn and David Berry.

Scripture for Next Week: Philippians 4:8–13

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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