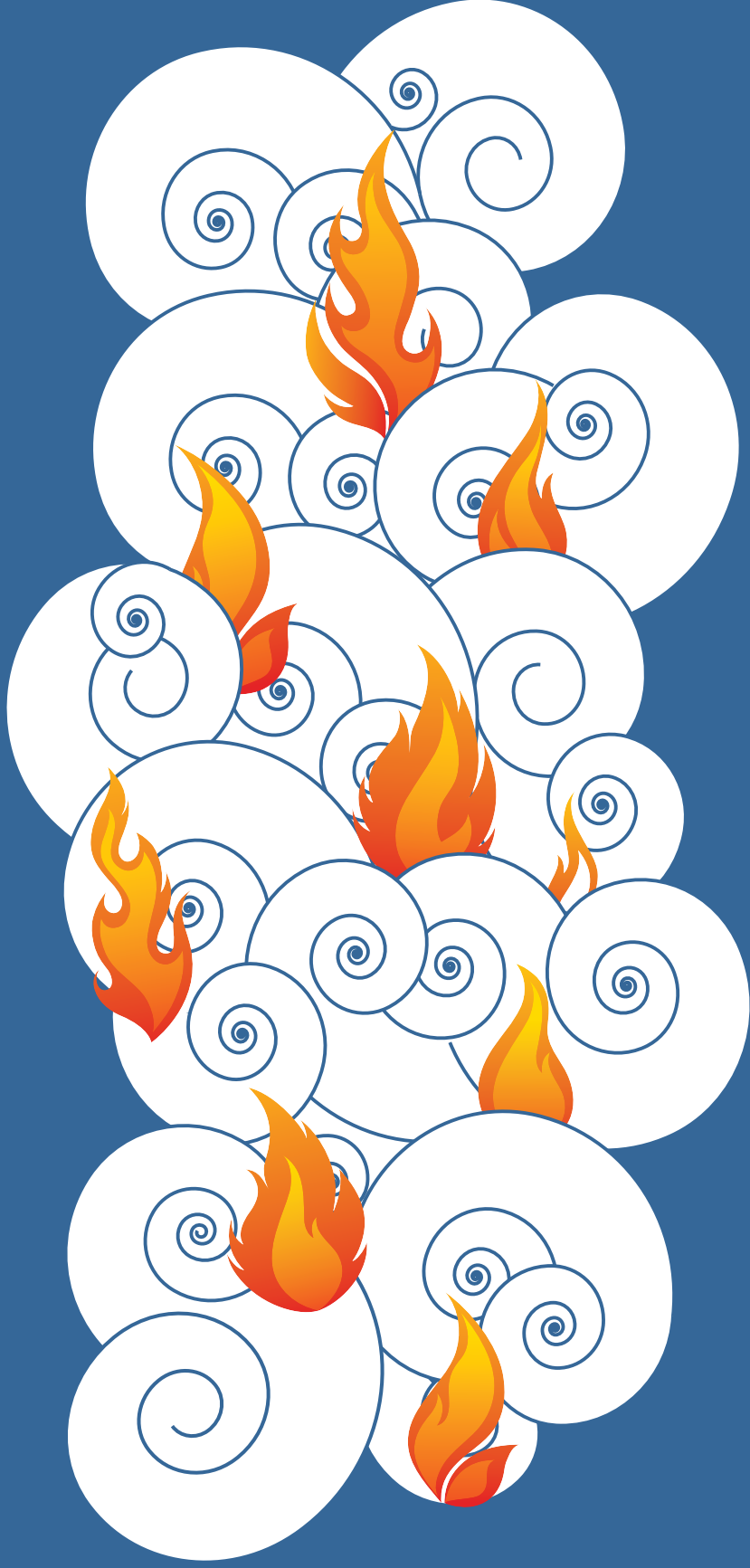


ORDER OF WORSHIP
July 12, AD 2026 11 am

WITH GOD IN THE WILDERNESS



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jaime Carnaggio

Prelude

“Two American Folk Hymns” arranged by Charles Callahan
Steve Gustafson, piano and organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 105 & 1 Peter 2

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Let us sing praises to him and tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

We seek the LORD and his strength; we seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his chosen ones!

He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever.

We are a holy priesthood. We are living stones. Let us be the house of God and offer spiritual sacrifices to him through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 345 “Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

You, O LORD, faithfully lead us in cloud and fire, in the counsel of your Word and in the counsel of your Holy Spirit who dwells in us. You continually abide. We see you. But we turn away and wander off into the wilderness where famine and thirst await. How foolish! Christ have mercy! We would go when you say, “go.” And we would wait when you say, “wait.” Guide us, Holy Spirit, all the way home. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

**Standing*

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Introducing New Pastoral Care Staff

Chan Willis, Parish Visitor

Offertory

“O Draw Me, Lord” by David Baroni

Oh, draw me Lord. And I'll run after you.

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Hymn of Preparation**

No. 51 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Exodus 40:1–8, 33b–38

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “On the first day of the first month you shall erect the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. And you shall put in it the ark of the testimony, and you shall screen the ark with the veil. And you shall bring in the table and arrange it, and you shall bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps. And you shall put the golden altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and set up the screen for the door of the tabernacle. You shall set the altar of burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and place the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it. And you shall set up the court all around, and hang up the screen for the gate of the court.

So Moses finished the work.

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

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

Ron Hicks

“When God Moves In”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Song of Response**

“Rise, My Soul, the Lord Is Risen”

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

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

“He Is Exalted” arranged by Fred Bock

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. John W. Hoppe, now in his heavenly home, given by his wife Kay and family.

Scripture for Next Week: Numbers 11:4–6, 10–17, 24–25

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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.

Directory Drive Today! Let's build a photo directory full of faces while we wait for a new pastor! Stop by the Directory Help Desk in the Reception Room after worship. Volunteers are available to help get you connected to the online directory.



Officer Suggestions Now Being Accepted. The Officer Nominating Committee nominates elders and deacons by receiving suggested names of members from the congregation, prayerfully preparing a slate and presenting the slate at the annual October congregational meeting for election. Scan the code or use a card in the pew rack to suggest someone. Please turn in all suggestions by July 31.



Israel Trip Meeting Next Sunday. Yes, we are moving forward with our plans for a church trip to Israel. Dates are January 12–20, 2027. Those who have expressed interest, as well as those just now considering, are invited to an informational meeting on Sunday, July 19 immediately after worship (11.30 ish) in Dunham Chapel. Contact Darin Travis if you have immediate questions (darin@fpcbr.org).

High School Swim Party Next Sunday! All high schoolers are invited to a swim party at the Fabres' (5700 Sandalwood Dr.) on Sunday, July 19 at 6 pm.

Summer Combined Worship Continues. Each Sunday in July, as well as August 2, we will gather for one 10.30 am service in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school.

Aloha Friends! The Prime Time Club (ages 60+) is having a Hawaiian Luau on Thursday, August 6 at 11.30 am in the Gym. Island-style food, tropical décor, and the St. Alban's Ukulele Orchestra! \$35 per person. Register on Church Center, fpcbr.org, or visit the Reception Room Sunday, July 19 and 26. Consider blessing someone else (a musician or another attendee) by purchasing an extra lunch. Registration closes Wednesday, July 29 at midnight.



College Scholarships Deadline Is Tomorrow! The FPC Women's Ministry College Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to church members. Applications are online at fpcbr.org and are due by July 13, 2026.



A Partnership That Brings Hope. Open Air Ministries is an ecumenical ministry of Christians in Baton Rouge that grew out of the Community Outreach Program of the A.C. Lewis YMCA. The aim of this ministry is to provide both spiritual growth and development and practical needs for the homeless in and around downtown Baton Rouge. First Presbyterian is pleased to partner with Open Air Ministries.

Jewelry Found. A piece of jewelry was found on Sunday, June 7. If you believe it may be yours, please contact Laura Shaw in the church office at 387.0617 with a description of the item to claim it.

