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July 5, AD 2026  
10.30 am

# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis*

## **Prelude**

“Old Hundreth: A Fantasy” arranged by Christopher Phillips

Borislava Ilcheva, violin	Blake Hanna, trumpet	Warren Griffin, trombone
Matthew Hakkarainen, violin	Nolan Wible, trumpet	Kevin Young, tuba
Aaron Farrell, viola	Lauren Braud, horn	Eli Williams, percussion
Susannah Knoll, cello	Ryan Gideon, trombone	Steve Gustafson, piano

## **\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

*From Psalm 33*

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
**Blessed are the people God chose for an inheritance.**

From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all the earth,  
**He who fashions their hearts and observes their deeds.**

No nation is saved by the size of an army;  
**Despite all its great strength, it cannot save.**

But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear God;  
**May God’s unfailing love rest upon us, for we put our hope in him.**

## **\*Patriotic Hymn Medley**

“God of Our Fathers”  
“America, the Beautiful”  
“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”  
“Jesus Shall Reign”

## **\*Blessing God**

## **\*Scriptural Call to Confession**

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have resisted living as free people serving you. We have too often used our liberty as an excuse to do what we want, rather than living as your faithful servants. We admit that we grumble against authorities we don’t like, rather than pray for them. We fail to honor everyone, and lack the deep love for our brothers and sisters in Christ that you command. In your mercy, forgive our foolishness and pride. By the power of your grace, help us to do what is right, so that our lives may silence the ignorant attacks of the world against you. Give us wisdom to honor our leaders and our nation, while giving our ultimate devotion to you, Lord Jesus.

*\*Standing*

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Offertory**

"If My People: A Musical Setting of 2 Chronicles 7:14" by Christopher Phillips

If my people which are called by my name,  
Shall humble themselves and pray!  
And seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways,  
Then I will hear from heaven  
And I'll forgive their sin. And heal their land.

*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**

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**Time with God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

*Psalm 33:8-22*

Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!  
For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;  
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.  
The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
the plans of his heart to all generations.  
Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

The LORD looks down from heaven;  
he sees all the children of man;  
from where he sits enthroned he looks out  
on all the inhabitants of the earth,  
he who fashions the hearts of them all  
and observes all their deeds.

The king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

The war horse is a false hope for salvation,  
and by its great might it cannot rescue.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
that he may deliver their soul from death  
and keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.

For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

*1 Peter 2:9–10, 13–17*

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

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**

Scott Graham

“Exercising True Freedom”

# LORD'S SUPPER

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## **Time of Reflection**

## **Sacrament of Communion**

### **The Exchange of Love**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## **Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

### **Words of Institution**

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Communing in Christ  
Prayer of Thanks

*Please come forward to receive communion.*

## **Pastoral Prayers and Prayers for the Nation**

### **\*Hymn of Response**

"O Church Arise (Arise, Shine)"

# BENEDICTION

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### **\*Response**

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

## **Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org) or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**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.** 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](mailto:darin@fpcbr.org)).

**Directory Drive Coming Soon!** Let's get ready while we wait for a new pastor. Help us build a photo directory that's full of faces. Download the Church Center app today and opt in to the directory. Need assistance? Visit the Directory Help Desk in the Reception Room starting Sunday, July 12.



**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.

**You're Invited: Women's Ministry Summer Study.** Women's Ministry will spend time looking at the stories of five unlikely women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. Come see how they uniquely prepare us for the gospel of Jesus Christ. We'll meet each Wednesday in July from 6 to 7.30 pm at the home of Suzie Thompson (13 Stones Throw). Light refreshments will be provided.

**College Scholarships Deadline Next Week!** The FPC Women's Ministry College Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to church members. Applications are online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) and are due by July 13, 2026.



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

**Growing Respect. Changing Lives.** Manners of the Heart, a First Presbyterian Church mission partner, is a rapidly growing ministry helping rebuild respect and civility in our communities. Through evidence-based programs that equip schools, encourage families, and engage the community, the ministry is building character, strengthening morals, and fostering respect among children and adults. Learn more at [mannersoftheheart.org](http://mannersoftheheart.org).

**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.

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*Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Florence and Mack Gregorie, and their aunt, Nita K. Harris, by Ann K. Gregorie and Nancy Sue Burton.*

Scripture for Next Week: Exodus 40:1–8, 33b–38

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