



the gospel of luke



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20, AD 2026

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

Preludio: *Largo* by Arcangelo Corelli

Rachel Ciraldo, flute

Nick Ciraldo, classical guitar

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 116

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

He inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

The LORD has delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 8 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

***Blessing God**

Infant Baptisms

Clara Estelle Neely

Parents are Sandi and Christopher

Siblings are Olivia and William

Sponsoring Elder is Laurie Lemoine

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

“Lord of the Small” by Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
Who girds them with courage and lends them his aid;
He pours out his Spirit on vessels so weak
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,
To never be sick and never to die.

Praise him, O praise him, all ye who yet live,
Who’ve been given so much and can so little give,
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise:
He sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

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. 177 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Luke 5:12-16

While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

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

Dean Weaver

"And It Came to Pass"

We are pleased to welcome to the pulpit Dean Weaver, our Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Time of Reflection



LORD'S SUPPER

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

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.

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.

Communion Meditation

Sonata in A Major, K 208 by Domenico Scarlatti



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

“Come Again” by John Dowland



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. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to scan the visitor form code on the "New Here?" cards.

Conversations and Questions Meeting Tonight. Join us from 5.30 to 7 pm in the Sanctuary. EPC Stated Clerk Dean Weaver and the Rev. Dr. Sandy Willson will provide a synopsis of the SSA and ordination papers presented at this year's General Assembly. Extended time will be provided for Q&A.

Women's Stay Treat Friday, October 2 & Saturday, October 3. Join us for "More Than Conquerors," a stay treat exploring the hope and security found in Romans 8. Discover what it means to live loved, secure, and free in Christ — even in the midst of life's challenges. Scan the code to register by September 28 for the early bird special.



Puzzles & Frisbees. Middle School girls are invited to Puzzle Night on Friday, September 25 from 6 to 7.30 pm at Rebekah Struppeck's. On Wednesday, September 30, middle and high school boys are invited to Highland Road Park for Ultimate Frisbee from 6 to 7.30 pm. Contact Colton for details on both events (colton@fpcbr.org).

Loving Our rEcess Families on October 2! Once a month volunteers spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. Contact Sarah Keating if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess (sarahskeating@gmail.com) or scan the code. Volunteers are always welcome.



Young Adult Night of Worship, October 7. Young Adults ministry is having its monthly night of worship on Wednesday, October 7 in Dunham Chapel at 6.30 pm. Whether you're 18 or in your mid-20s, this is a night to glorify and worship our Lord while connecting with others of a younger demographic. Bring a friend. Contact Darin for more information (darin@fpcbr.org).

Couples' Workshop, Created for Connection on October 30 & 31. Join Dee and Pete Adams Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31 for an experience that can help bring greater closeness and connection to your marriage. This is a Christian couples' workshop designed to help you rediscover the joy of being together. FPC members receive a special rate of \$175. Scan the code to learn more.



A Team Effort for Every Kid: Young Life. Young Life is a FPCBR mission partner reaching middle school through college students. Their mission: introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. This is a team effort for every kind of kid. The Baton Rouge Young Life office is located here at First Presbyterian. To learn how you can get involved, contact Heather Blaylock (heather.btryounglife@gmail.com).

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Will Dixon by Shea and Tim Firnberg and Sharon Dixon.

Scripture for Next Week: Luke 5:27-32

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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