



ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 20, AD 2025
10.30 AM





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson

Prelude

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Colossians 3 & Revelation 3

People of God, you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Let us set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.

Behold, Jesus stands at the door and knocks.

We hear your voice, Lord Jesus, and open the door. Come in and feast with us!

***Hymn of Praise**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

CRUSADERS’ HYMN

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Fairest Lord Jesus, with singleness of heart, you endured the cross, disregarded the shame, and completed the course of salvation. You blazed the trail. You call us to follow. But we try to run after you in flip flops or high heels. We dress for a party and not for a contest. We fix our eyes on our screens and not on our Savior. We stumble. Forgive us. Be for us our source and goal, our beginning and our end. Breathe in us the breath of endurance that might receive from you the laurels of victory at the end of the race. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Hymn of Preparation**

“Come Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing”

NETTLETON

***Greeting and Announcements**

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrews 12:1–2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Sermon

Albert White

“Run Your Race”

Please welcome Albert White to the pulpit. Albert is the founder of Abounding Love Ministries where he serves with his wife and co-founder, Adraine.



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Song of Response**

“Rise, My Soul, the Lord Is Risen”



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 bring your prayer requests and offerings forward during communion.

Communion Meditations

"Fix Your Eyes upon Jesus" arranged by Christopher Phillips
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"



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, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Burgers & PoBoys Congregational Lunch Next Sunday. Our newest members will join the congregation on Sunday, July 27 during the service. Help us warmly welcome them at a burgers and poboy's lunch after worship. Sign up today! Cost is \$10 for both an adult and a child's plate.



Barnyard Bash, August 1. Children's Ministry invites families with children in 5th grade and younger to hoot and holler with some western dancing, BBQ eating and good old-fashioned fun! Wear your best western wear. \$10 per family. Please register online by noon July 28.

Prime Time Club Is Going to the WWII Museum! The Prime Time Club (those 60+ years old) is headed to the WWII Museum on Thursday, September 11. We have chartered a bus for those interested. Online registration is available at fpcbr.org. You may also register at the Prime Time Club table in the Reception Room on Sunday, July 20, July 27 and August 3. Registration closes Friday, August 8.

Come Pray for our Pastoral Search. Following our worship service on August 3, join us in room 220 for a time of intercession as we call on the Lord's guidance and power to find our next head of staff. "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known" (Jer. 33:3). We expect to spend about 30 minutes. Let's come together in prayer!

Officer Nominations for the 2028 Class. 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. Please be in prayer about who you might suggest. Suggestion cards are available in the pew racks or online and are due July 31.

July Is McKinley School Supplies Month. We are helping the teachers and families of McKinley Elementary get ready for the 2025-2026 academic year by collecting supplies in July. Visit the Connection Center or fpcbr.org for further details and a list of needed items. A handy Amazon link to needed items is online at fpcbr.org.

The Most Intriguing Stay Treat Ever! Artist, theologian and pastor Christopher Powers will give three dynamic presentations on Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23. The theme of his talks will help us better understand the overarching narrative of God's salvation in Christ through the events of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter. Further details to come.

We Want Your Input. The Campus Plan Task Force, which formed as a result of our recent 5-Year Strategic Plan, welcomes your input in helping plan future campus renovations. Please contact Kelly Wood (kelly@fpcbr.org) if you would like to participate in a focus group.

"Do You Long to Be the True You?" Gerrit's new article for desiringgod.org. Through the lens of George MacDonald's character of Lilith, Gerrit exposes two insistent contemporary lies: 1) We get to create our own identity and 2) If there's more God in my life, there's less of the *real* me. Printed copies are at the Connection Center.

Sanctuary services are video recorded
and live streamed.



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