THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ORDER OF WORSHIP JULY 13, AD 2025 10.30 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy" arranged by Douglas Court

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 124

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say—
If it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

Then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

*Song of Praise

"Rejoice"

*Blessing God

Infant Baptism

Warren Stephens McVea Parents are Claire and Stephens McVea Sister is Lilley McVea Sponsoring Elder is Ryan Dickerson

*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.

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Testimony

Steve Wilson

Offertory

"Be Still My Soul" arranged by Christopher Phillips

Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide. In ev'ry change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heavn'ly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake to guide the future as he has the past. Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know. His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul, begin the song of praise on earth believing to thy Lord on high. Acknowledge him in all thy words and ways, so shall he view thee with a well-pleased eye. Be still, my soul, the Sun of life divine through passing clouds Shall ev'n more brightly shine.

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

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Acts 16:20-34 (NIV)

They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

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 "Joy in Jail"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

"O Church Arise (Arise Shine)"

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.



*Response

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

Postlude

Musicians:
Steve Gustafson, piano and organ
Blake Hanna, trumpet
Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin
Stefka Madere, violin
Grant Bedillion, viola
Joy Bedillion, cello
Jordan Tupper, bass
Zach Bourque, drums

Prayer Time: Join us after worship for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

The Chapel and Sanctuary flowers serve to honor a departed loved one or celebrate with thanksgiving cherished people or events. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.

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

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.

International Friendship Partners Pool Party This Friday! IFP invites you to help them welcome internationals to Baton Rouge this summer. Join us for a pool party Friday, July 18 from 6 to 8 pm at Garland and Billy Wilson's (2077 Ramsey Drive). There will be swimming, games, hot dogs and burgers and watermelon.

Burgers & PoBoys Congregational Lunch, July 27. Join us Sunday, July 27 for hamburgers, poboys and great fellowship immediately following our 10.30 am worship service. Sign up today! Cost is \$10 for both adult and child's plate.



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.

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

Pray for Upcoming Colombia Mission Trip. Darin Travis will lead a team to Esther's House in Colombia on July 19. Let's keep this team in our prayers.

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*.

College Scholarships Applications Due Tomorrow! The FPC Women's Ministry College Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to church members who anticipate having difficulty meeting the obligations of continued education. Applications are available at *fpcbr.org* and are due July 14.

Purple Cow Needs Donations. Donation bins are in the Gym ready for gently used clothes and house ware items for the Purple Cow, a ministry of the Christian Outreach Center.

A Journey Through Psalms: 5 Weeks. 5 Psalms. 1 Faithful God. Women's Ministry continues its 5-week summer study of Psalms each Tuesday in July. We'll meet at 6 pm at the home of Martha Juban (1005 Carrollton Avenue). Light refreshments will be available.

