

Welcome TO FPC HOUSTON

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 26, 2022 | 11 AM

PRELUDE | *Andante sostenuto from Symphonie Gothique*

Charles-Marie Widor

CHORAL INTROIT | *Come, O King!*

John Yarrington

Come thou almighty king! Come, O King, help us sing. Help us thy name to sing! Come, O King, help us sing, our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless and give thy word success. Spirit of holiness on us descend.

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF PRAISE

Caitlin Rhodes-Karahadian

• OPENING HYMN | *Come Sing, O Church in Joy*

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2. Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns su - preme,
3. Let cour - age be our friend, Let wis - dom be our guide,
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
Em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
As we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Caitlin Rhodes-Karahadian

• **GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

• **PASSING OF THE PEACE & MOMENT FOR COMMUNITY**

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RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 145

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Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

People: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. His greatness is unfathomable.

Pastor: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

People: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds and will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

Pastor: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

People: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Pastor: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

People: The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works. The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Pastor: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

People: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Pastor: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

People: My mouth will praise of the LORD. Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. Amen.

• **HYMN OF PREPARATION | #281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM | *Speak, O Lord*

Getty, Townend, arr. John Ferguson

Speak, O Lord as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority;
Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us;
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

MESSAGE | Meant to Be Sent (Acts 13:1-3)

Jim Birchfield

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Caitlin Rhodes-Karahadian

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.

BLESSING AND SENDING: THE STEPP FAMILY

• **HYMN OF DEDICATION | *We Gather Here to Bid Farewell (Old 100th/Doxology)***

We gather here to bid farewell to friends who leave for other parts,
Our prayers we pledge, our love we tell, and lift to God our grateful hearts.

We bless the hand that brought you here and richly blest us all in you;
As now you leave for wider spheres God's cov'nant mercies we review.

Our God is sov'reign over all, His ways are right His promise true
Our Savior knows each sparrow's fall, He cares for us, He cares for you.

In friendship's bonds our souls unite. In prayer and praise and holy vow.
To God's great heart of love and light, Your friends in Christ commit you now.

God guide you, keep you, lead you on, in hope and strength for every task
Until, in God's all glorious dawn, we meet before the throne at last.

There made like Jesus Christ at last; we'll see His face and sing His praise.
All myst'ries clear all darkness past, we'll serve our God through endless days.

• **BENEDICTION**

Jim Birchfield

POSTLUDE | *Prelude on "OLD HUNDREDTH"*

Healey Willan

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of Rev. Dr. Andrew Stepp and Dr. Cauleen Stepp and their delightful children, Channing and Shepherd. FPC is most grateful for their 15 years of dedicated and inspired leadership and thankful for the many friendships made.

Caring Ministry Updates: Sympathy to Mary-Floye Federer for the loss of her cousin, **Marc Ellett**, who passed away on Monday, June 20, 2022.

And the family of **Hannah Smith** (Med-Center Apt. guest) who passed away on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

- *congregation please stand as able*

Special Worship Schedule for July 3 & 10

For the next two Sundays, there will only be one worship service at 11 AM.



The Stepp Family Celebration

This Sunday | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

Gather to celebrate Andrew, Cauleen, Channing, and Shepherd as they prepare for the next chapter in their lives in Jacksonville. We look forward to sharing memories, laughter, and gratitude with Andrew and his family for all they have shared with us during Andrew's fifteen years of service and leadership at FPC.



Evening of Prayer and Worship

This Sunday | 5-6 PM | Chapel

Would you like to see what happens when you devote an hour to prayer and worship? Draw near to God as He draws near to us during this special time. Different than a Sunday morning gathering, we will spend the whole service in focused, pastor-led prayer balanced with praise and worship led by our Contemporary band.



Holiday Cookout

Sun | July 3 | Following Worship | Sanctuary Lawn

Celebrating the Fourth of July in town this year? Please join us for a casual cookout immediately following worship on July 3 featuring hot dogs, chips, cold drinks, and dessert. Meet us in the green space next to the Sanctuary for food and fellowship.



Elder Recommendations

Deadline is Sunday, July 3

The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) seeks recommendations of Covenant Partners to serve as Elders who love Jesus Christ, have a strong faith, and are committed to Him as their Lord and Savior. We seek six people for the Class of 2026. Visit fpchouston.org/elder to make a recommendation.

Announcements

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