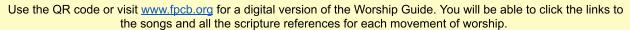
# August 31, 2025 . . . 10 a.m. Worship Guide It's a great day to live the gospel!

## The simple act of listening to God's Word, <u>with a shared commitment</u> to believe and obey it, unites a church.





#### We Gather to Seek, Speak, and Sing God's Grace...

^Unison Affirmation Phil 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

^Song: <u>He Will Keep You (Ps 121)</u>

based on Ps 121

#### God Offers Grace by Calling and Uniting Us in Worship...

#### ^Call to Worship

Heb 4:16, Ps 100:5, Ps 95:2, Ps 145:18

**Leader:** Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**All:** For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

**Leader:** Therefore, let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song!

**All:** For the Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love, listening to the cry of His people.

**^Song:** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

click for the scripture basis of the lyrics

#### God Offers Grace in the Confession of Sin and Offerings of Gratitude...

#### **Call to Confession of Sin**

Is 1:18

#### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly Father, we confess we have sinned —by nature and by choice—have fallen short of Your glorious standard (Rom. 3:23) and rebelled against Your holy law. Our sins deserve judgment (Rom. 6:23), for You are perfectly just and cannot ignore wrongdoing (Deut. 32:4). Yet in Your mercy, You made a way through grace (Eph. 2:8–9), and when we confess, You are faithful to forgive (1 Jn. 1:9). That forgiveness came at a great cost—paid by the blood of Jesus, who became sin for us (2 Cor. 5:21), bore our penalty, and by whose wounds we are healed (Isa. 53:5). Through His sacrifice, justice is satisfied and mercy is revealed; we are forgiven because He paid it all. So we ask, Father, for Jesus' sake, forgive us and renew us by Your Spirit to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:4), all for Your glory. Amen.

Assurance of Grace Rom 5:1

The Offerings of Our Hearts: 10,000 Reasons click here to see the lyrics in parallel with scriptures

God Offers Grace Through His Word...

Scripture Readings: Matthew 6:9-13 and Acts 2:42-47 Pew Bible, p. 1083 & 1079

Sermon: Prayer as a Means of Grace

^Benediction

God Sends Us to Live in the Power of His Grace...

**^Song:** Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Ps 103)

Matthew 11:28–30

Ps 103

^Please stand. if able.

### **Journey Notes**



Join us on a journey to follow Jesus, grow together, and make disciples.

#### Welcome!

Welcome, Guests! Please fill out a Welcome Card, located in the pew racks. They are behind the offering envelopes and can be placed in the offering plate or left on your pew after worship. Thank you!

**We offer childcare during worship** for infants through Pre-K students. See anyone in the Church Entryway with a name tag for directions to the childcare room.

Bring Your Children to Church. During the Offering each week, students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 are invited and led to Room 100 in the Education Wing for a Bible lesson. No sign-up is necessary. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Jeremy Collins at collins@fpcb.org.



**456** is our Sunday Ministry for Preteens in grades 4, 5, and 6. On Sunday mornings, when dismissed by Pastor Paul or Jeremy during worship, students will go to the Preteen room downstairs. They will be guided through <a href="The Gospel Project">The Gospel Project</a> curriculum by adult teachers, along with high school and middle school teaching assistants. Please note that **456** does not meet on Communion Sundays. Students will remain in worship.

**Learn more about our life together and how to get involved!** Subscribe to *The Map*, a brief weekly email that includes sermon summaries, announcements of upcoming events, discipleship groups, and news from our Disciple-Making and Mission Partners. To subscribe, contact Linda Smith at the office by email (smith@fpcb.org) or phone (724-443-1555, option zero).

#### Care...

**Is your household facing a health concern, hospitalization, or hospice?** Contact Member Care Minister Elaine Stuebgen at <a href="mailto:stuebgen@fpcb.org">stuebgen@fpcb.org</a> or 724-443-1555, ext. 241. You may also contact Pastor Paul at 724-443-1555, ext 222.

#### Notable...

Our sympathy is offered to the family of Jeanne Utz upon the death of John Utz on Tuesday, August 26.

Our sympathy is also offered to the family of Stan and Susie Boone upon the death of Stan's sister, Myra Boone Harris, who passed away on Thursday, August 14. She was a resident of Durham, NC.

Congratulations to Linda and Chuck Smith on the birth of their grandson, Grayson Robert Kleckner, on August 17. Grayson is the son of Michelle and Bob Kleckner.

The Sacrament of Communion will be observed next Sunday. Please prepare your heart to receive our Lord's grace, which sustains you and the body of Christ at FPCB.

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