# March 23, 2025 . . . 10 a.m. Worship Guide It's a great day to live the gospel!

A digital version of the Worship Guide is available at <a href="www.fpcb.org">www.fpcb.org</a>. John 17 records the prayer of Jesus for all who follow him. Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them by the truth; <a href="your word is truth">your word is truth</a>." Worship at FPCB is a journey through God's Word that renews our thoughts, reaches our hearts, and transforms our lives to love God, one another, and our neighbors. Welcome to the high calling of worship!



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

^Unison Affirmation Eph 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

**^Song:** *Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love* 

Jn 15:13; Ps 145:3-13; Rom 5:8

### God Offers Grace by Calling Us to Worship...

^Call to Worship from Ps 145

Leader: The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

All: The Lord helps the fallen and lifts those bent beneath their loads.

Leader: The Lord is close to all who call on Him, yes, to all who call on Him in truth.

All: I will praise the Lord, and may everyone on earth bless His holy name forever and ever.

^Song: How Deep the Father's Love

Eph 3:14-18

#### God Offers Grace in the Confession of Sin...

Call to Confession of Sin

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

Mt 26:40

Heavenly Father, just as the disciples fell asleep when Jesus asked them to watch and pray with him, we admit our tendency to succumb to spiritual laziness and neglect our relationship with you. Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Help us to remain steadfast in prayer, to submit to your will, to resist temptation, and to trust fully in Your plan of redemption. Strengthen our desire to be led and follow in Your ways. Amen.

Assurance of Grace Is 41:10

We Offer Our Hearts: Grace That Is Greater Than All Our Sin Romans 5:12-2

#### **God Offers Grace Through His Word...**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:36-41 Pew Bible, pg. 985

Sermon: The Cup of Suffering: Jesus' Solitude and the Weight of Bearing Our Sins

Sermon 2/4 in a series called *Gethsemane: Learning to Pray in Darkness*.

The Sacrament of Communion

Lord's Prayer

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

^Benediction

^Please stand. if able.

# **Journey Notes**



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

# Welcome!

All: Please fill out a yellow welcome card found in the pew racks for communion Sunday. They are behind the offering envelopes and can be placed in the offering plate or left on your pew. Thank you!

**We offer childcare during worship** for infants through pre-k students. See anyone with a name tag for directions to the childcare room.

Bring Your Children to Church! Each week during the offering, children in kindergarten through third grade are invited to join a Bible lesson in Room 100 of the Education Wing. No sign-up is necessary. If you have any questions, please 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, Preteens will go to the Preteen room downstairs. They will be guided through **The Gospel Project** curriculum by adult teachers and high school and middle school teaching assistants. Please note that **456** does not meet on Communion Sundays. Students will remain in worship.

To receive *The Map*, our weekly email, or to have something related to church life published in *The Map*, contact our Communications Director, Julie, at <a href="mailto:kastelic@fpcb.org">kastelic@fpcb.org</a> or 724-443-1555, ext. 224.

## Care...

The Flowers today are dedicated to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 85th birthday yesterday of Bonnie J. Blackstone.

**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.

**The Elders are available to pray with you in two ways: 1)** Submit prayer requests using the link at the bottom of our weekly emails (<u>click here</u>). **2)** Before worship, speak to a Pastor to request prayer from the Elders in accordance with James 5:14, which says, "Is anyone among you sick? <u>Let him call for the elders</u> of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."

#### Notable...

Stay for Lunch today! Enjoy a sandwich and learn more about our all-new Summer Serve Week being held July 21-26. Come to the Cafe after worship, choose from the grab-and-go lunch table, sit, eat, and be ready to learn about Summer Serve Week! This summer, we will be going into the community to serve and love our neighbors with the love of Christ. There will be daytime and evening projects, and there will be projects for different levels of ability. Come to the Cafe to find your place to serve!

**Blessed to be in Christ with You.** When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, the cards we all complete are a tangible way to express our union with Christ and with one another. We are individual branches made one with the Vine, who is Jesus. On Sunday, March 16, 96 people completed these cards. These cards encourage one another as a way of saying, "I'm one with you, in Christ." **Thank you for declaring our union in Christ!** 

### **Looking Ahead**

March 30	Fourth Sunday of Lent - Communion will be observed.
April 17	Maundy Thursday service with communion at 7:00 p.m.
April 11-12	Spring Campus Workdays