



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Visitor Card in the pew racks, our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at fpibr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpibr.org, through Facebook Live and the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Officer Suggestions for the 2024 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 each Sunday in July as well as online at fpibr.org.

Magnolia Strings Free Concert This Thursday. Magnolia Strings is offering a free concert in our Sanctuary on Thursday, July 15 at 7 pm. Featuring our own Borislava and Aaron.

Contemplative Prayer Group, July 19. On Monday, July 19 from 10-11 am, we will have a quiet hour in the Chapel featuring guided silent prayer based on Scripture, as well as a brief reflection on Sunday's sermon. All are welcome.

Congregational Lunch in Two Weeks. We love congregational lunches! What a great opportunity to fellowship with members of the church you don't normally see as well as invite a guest. Join us Sunday, July 25 following our combined worship service. A love offering will be taken at the door.

Register for VBS 2021. We are taking the children on a wilderness adventure joining Moses as he and the Israelites escape Egypt! VBS dates are July 26-29, 9 am-12 pm. Both volunteer and student (1st-5th grades) registrations are available online at fpibr.org. Please contact Kendra Bremer (kendra@fpibr.org or 713.829.0828) with any questions.

"Rest: Genesis to Revelation" Women's Study Wednesdays in July. What does it mean to rest in the Lord? And what are we resting for? All ladies are invited to attend our four-week study on rest each Wednesday in July. We meet in Dunham Chapel at 6.15 pm for fellowship. The study begins at 6.30 pm. Those unable to attend in person are welcome to watch via ZOOM (link online at fpibr.org). Contact Jaime Carnaggio if you require childcare (jaimc@fpibr.org or 225.326.5151).

July and August Worship Schedule. First Presbyterian Church will continue just one 10.30 worship service in the Sanctuary through August 1. There will be no Sunday school. We resume the normal three service schedule on August 8.

Calling All Rising 6th Graders! Confirmation starts in August but we need to be sure your rising 6th grader is included. Please contact Jessica Saffell (jessica@fpibr.org or 225.921.2175) if you have a student who will be participating in the 2021-2022 Confirmation class. Important Confirmation Dates: Parents' meeting Sunday, August 8 at 10.10 am; Confirmation Lock-In August 13; First day of class Sunday, August 15.

Twice a Week: Hurricane Relief Day Trips. Whitney Alexander leads a group of relief workers each Wednesday and Saturday. Everyone is welcome. Meet him in the church parking lot at 6.30 am. Bring work gloves!

Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lewis Wilmot "Puna" Eaton, Jr. on the occasion of his July 11 birth date, given by Barbara Anne Eaton.*

Scripture for Next Week: Mark 8: 22-26

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

July 11, AD 2021
10.30 am



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GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Barry Phillips

Prelude

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus/Amazing Grace” arranged by Peter Leibensperger
By William Kirkpatrick/Traditional American Melody
Rachel Kollmeyer, violin
Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 96

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

*Hymn of Praise

No. 262 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Standing

Assurance of Pardon

Response

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

*Greeting and Announcements

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.

Offertory

“O, Love that Will Not Let Me Go”
Traditional, inspired by Keith and Kristen Getty

O love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

O light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be

O joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

O cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust's life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 379 “Take My Life and Let It Be” (vs. 1-3, 5)

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

TOPLADY

Exodus 19: 2–8

They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

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

Ben Cunningham

“Love and Lightning Come Down”

We welcome to our pulpit this morning the Rev. Ben Cunningham. A graduate of Wheaton College and Princeton Theological Seminary, Ben is the pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, a thriving EPC church plant in the lower garden district of New Orleans. Ben is married to Dr. Jenny Cunningham and is the father of Gabriel.



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

“The Old Ship of Zion” arranged by Kile Smith