



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

I. *Spring* from The Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Connect Card in 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 and placing in the offering basket as you exit worship today.

Women's Ministry Spring Picnic This Friday. Join us for our annual Women's Ministry Spring Picnic on Friday, April 16 from 12 pm-1.30 at the home of Connie Miller (6665 Burden Lane). We will gather in fellowship, enjoy an assortment of salads and sweets and be refreshed with God's Word. May we be planted firmly in the "good soil" and GROW up in every way into Christ. The cost is \$10 per person. Register at fpibr.org.

It's On! Men's Skeet Shoot Rescheduled. The Men's Ministry Skeet Shoot has been rescheduled to this Saturday, April 17. This year's location is on a beautiful 6,000 acre working sugar cane plantation in Morganza, LA. Prizes will be awarded for shooting and cooking abilities. \$25 per person. Further details and registration online at fpibr.org. Those who previously registered for the cancelled February skeet shoot will be contacted directly by Darin Travis.

Discover First Dinner, April 18 from 4-7 pm. This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Meagan Greene (meagan@fpibr.org or 225.454.2504)

Give Meaning to Your Spring Cleaning. The Purple Cow Thrift Stores significantly support the work of the Christian Outreach Center. They're eager to receive donations of clothing, housewares and furniture at both the Perkins and Jones Creek stores.

Lake Forest Ranch Camp: We're Going! Kids age 7-12 are eligible to join us at LFR July 18-22. Space is very limited so please let Kendra Bremer know (kendra@fpibr.org or 713.829.0828) if your child plans to attend. Registration and payment must be complete by May 23. Further details at fpibr.org/camp.

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Contemplative Prayer Hour Resumes Tomorrow. Every other Monday at 10 am, we have a quiet hour in the Sanctuary featuring guided silent prayer based on Scripture, as well as a brief reflection on Sunday's sermon. All are welcome.

"A Beautiful and Daring Duel Over Death" is a new article by Gerrit at desiringgod.org. In this celebration of the resurrection, he contrasts two famous "skull scenes" from English literature: Hamlet in the graveyard and Herbert's graphic poem "Death." Copies are available at the Connection Center.

Open Pews! There's room to spread out now that all pews are open. We hope this makes it easier to maintain social distance while still being able to sit with those in your "circle." We love this move toward normalcy, even as, for a while longer, we continue to mask and limit the total number in each worship venue. And enjoy those cushions!

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! Also, relief items continue to be collected in the gym. Immediately needed items: contractor bags, buckets and cleaning supplies (Fabuloso and bleach).

Need a Pastor After Hours? Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

Give Online. Visit fpibr.org or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail. Email prayer@fpibr.org if you have online giving questions.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lamar Boydstun, Ms. Martha Wilbourne Nabers and Mr. Fred Foster Nabers, Jr., parents of Nan and Herb Boydstun.*

Scripture for Next Week: *Philippians 3: 12-16*

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ORDER of WORSHIP

April 11, AD 2021

11 am

First Sunday after Easter



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GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson

Prelude

“Rustle of Spring” by Christian Sinding
Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From 1 John 4: 7-11

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

*Hymn of Praise

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

*Blessing God

Baptism

David Michael Breard
Parents are Caroline and Luke Breard
Sponsoring Elder is Darin Travis

Olivia Mae Schell
Parents are Erin and Chad Schell
Sponsoring Elder is Pat Canfield
Sibling is Logan Schell

*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 Kindergarten and younger may go to Children’s Church.
Please place your offering in the baskets as you exit worship today.

Anthem

“They’ll Know We Are Christians” arranged by Mark Hayes

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“Take My Life and Let It Be” (vs. 1-3, 5)

HENDON

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 5: 21-33 (NIV)

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

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

Jim Solomon
“Resurrected Relationships”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“The Day of Resurrection”

LANCASHIRE

Please bring your prayer requests forward.

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.