

*Hymn of Going Forth

No. 217 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

“Molly on the Shore” by Percy Grainger



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 and placing in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion.

Stay-Treat This Weekend. The First Presbyterian “Stay-Treat” August 20-21 will feature three dynamic presentations by an expert in Critical Theory. Dr. Neil Shenvi brings the rigor of his background in theoretical chemistry along with his unique ability to present complex issues clearly. Read more about Neil at shenviapolitics.com. Please plan to join us for The Deeper Challenge in Cancel Culture. We can't afford not to understand what's going on in our current cultural conversations. Register online at fpibr.org.

Like to Bake? Consider entering the Cobbler Contest for our Stay-Treat! Bring a cobbler of your choice in a 9x13 disposable foil tray to the gym by 7.30 pm on Friday, August 20 (Contest begins at 8.30 pm). There will be a prize for the winner and runner-up! Sign up on the website or by contacting Jaime Carnaggio (jaimc@fpibr.org).

Come Back to Sunday School! Join one of our four adult Sunday school options: Kevin McCarter teaching on Romans (EB 202 at 9 am), Ryan Dickerson teaching on the Gospel of Mark (SB 220 at 10.10 am), Jeff Swarner teaching on church history (SB 219 at 10.10 am) and Barry Phillips teaching on the Gospel of John (EB 202 at 10.10 am).

Small Groups Forming Now. Groups will come in all shapes and sizes: married or single, coed, men or women, live or virtual, weekly or every other week. Topics will be either 1 Thessalonians or a Ray Vander Laan study. Contact Kelly Wood (kelly@fpibr.org) to join or lead a group.

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The Governor Has Instituted an Indoor Mask Mandate. Romans 13: “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.” It's not fun, but it's what's called for! We'll be masking during worship, Sunday school and indoor gatherings. We expect to bear this inconvenience cheerfully, resting in the guidance of the law and praying that the pandemic abates. Masks are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

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!

Kingdom Kids SS Teachers Needed! We are looking for Sunday School teachers grades 1-5. Please come join our team and share the love of Jesus with our children. Please contact Kendra Bremer if you are interested in teaching (kendra@fpibr.org or 713.829.0828).

Buchanan Elementary School Supplies are being collected at the Connection Center.

Nursery Helpers Needed. The So Loved ministry is looking for helpers for the nursery on Sunday Mornings. Volunteers typically serve for one hour, one Sunday per month. If you feel led to help minister to the precious children in our church, please sign up online at fpibr.org. You may contact Karah Guillory (karah@fpibr.org or 225.278.8753) if you have questions.

Calling All 6th Graders! Confirmation class starts today. 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.

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.
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Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nora Will Diehl and Joan Diehl Smith, grandmother and mother of Cathy Pugsley, by David, Cathy and Catherine Pugsley.*

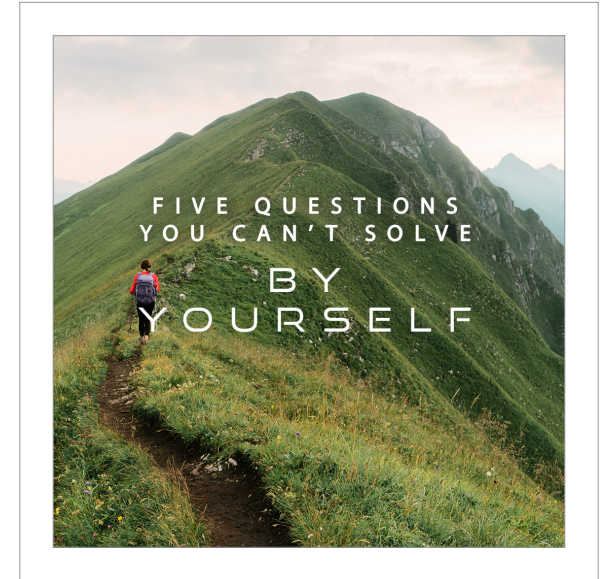
Scripture for Next Week: 2 Corinthians 5: 15

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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August 15, AD 2021

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Jim Solomon

Prelude

“Deep River” arranged by Maud Powell
Rachel Kollmeyer, violin
Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From 1 Corinthians 15

Behold! I tell you a mystery.
We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable.

So this mortal body must put on the imperishable,
Death is swallowed up in victory!

Thanks be to God who gives us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hymn of Praise

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

AZMON

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

How grateful we are, O Lord and Source of life, that you keep your covenant promises to the children of Abraham from generation to generation. When we hear that you have shared in our sufferings, we are humbled. When we hear that by your death you have freed us from the fear of the grave, we are astounded. We are ashamed to admit that too many times we have chosen to remain paralyzed by fear and uncertainty. We have falsely imagined, like the children of Israel in the wilderness, that our times are more secure when we are captives of the evil one. Have mercy on us, we pray. Holy Spirit, place our hearts into the nail scarred hands that hold the keys to death and grave. Renew us with a foretaste of that day when death is swallowed up in victory. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Standing

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 204 “Rock of Ages”

TOPLADY

*Greeting and Announcements

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Hebrews 2: 14-16

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

Revelation 1: 17b-18

But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

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

Gerrit Dawson
Questions You Can’t Solve by Yourself, Part 3:
“What About Death?”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Offertory

“All Shall Be Amen and Alleluia” by St. Augustine of Hippo
Music by Thomas Keesecker

All shall be Amen and Alleluia. We shall rest and we shall see.
We shall see and we shall know. We shall know and we shall love.
We shall love and we shall praise. Behold our end which is no end.

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



LORD’S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion 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.

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communing in Christ
Prayer of Thanks

*** This morning we will come forward to receive communion. Ushers will direct worshipers from the back pews.*

Communion Meditation

“Mercy” by Max Richter