



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 emailed (prayer@fpibr.org), sent through Facebook Live or by using the church app.

Ash Wednesday Service! This Wednesday at noon in the Sanctuary. A brief service preparing us for the season of Lent, with the distribution of ashes and holy communion. Due to Covid restrictions, there won't be lunch this year. Nor will we hold our weekly Lent services. But we hope to see many of you for this meaningful service.

In Christ Alone: Discovering Where You Truly Live is our theme for Lent this year. These beautiful guides will be hand to delivered by our deacons and elders this week! We're bringing a copy to each church member in your home. Of course, if we miss you, or you want more, they will be available next Sunday. You can also sign up to have the daily readings emailed to you.

Home Groups Forming. We hope to have hundreds of us meeting in small home groups this year fellowshiping, studying and praying through the Scriptures about our union with Christ. Contact Kelly Wood (kelly@fpibr.org) to get connected. Groups begin meeting next week!

In Christ Alone: Daily Emails During Lent. Get ready for 42 days of focus on where true, vivid life can be found: in Christ alone. In addition to the printed book each of us will receive, you may sign up for the daily lesson by email. Text INCHRISTALONE to 42828 to register or visit fpibr.org.

SIAC Seminary Grants. The Session Income Allocation Committee is accepting applications from February 15 to March 15 for financial grants for individuals interested in pursuing full time Christian ministry. Please contact Jaci if you have questions (jaci@fpibr.org or 620.0221).

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).

Why Do We Mask? At First, we insist on masks at our gatherings. Is it inconvenient? Yes! Is their effectiveness debatable? Yes! But . . . 1) It's the law, 2) We respect the medical minds in our own congregation and 3) *We love one another.* We have members who are at risk, fellow worshipers who, for safety concerns, would not come if we wore no masks. Scripture (1 Cor. 8) clearly calls on those who have more freedom to inconvenience themselves for those who have less. So, please, wear a mask inside and do it for love's sake.

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 James Howard and Emogene S. Elliott by their family, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Cenac (Elizabeth Elliott) and Dr. Clifton O. Bingham III.*

Scripture for Next Week: Acts 26: 9-18

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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11 am



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GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“It Is Well with My Soul”

We welcome the Foto Sisters, Katelyn and Gaylyn, who are leading music for us today.

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 84 and Hebrews 10

How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.
Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

Since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,
Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.

*Hymn of Praise

“How Deep the Father's Love for Us”

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Inspired by Romans 14, 1 Corinthians 13 and Hebrews 2

Father God, we have been very guilty concerning our brother and have not pursued what makes for peace or for mutual upbuilding. We have been ready to judge our brother and to despise him, forgetting that we must shortly stand before the judgment seat of God. Forgive us that we have boasted and been arrogant, have been rude and insisted on our own way. Forgive us that we have been irritable, have rejoiced at wrongdoing, and have been secretly glad at calamities. Thank you that Christ is not ashamed to call us brothers, and as our elder brother, became a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for our sins.

Silent Confession

**Standing*

Assurance of Pardon

*Response Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*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.*

Special Music

“O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119: 103, 105).

Sermon

Darin Travis

“Dwelling in Unity”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

*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.**

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.



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

“Solid Rock”