



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.

Contemplative Prayer Hour Tomorrow. Monday at 10 am, Katie and Ryan Forsthoff will lead a quiet hour in SB 220 featuring guided silent prayer based on the reading of Scripture, as well as a brief reflection on the Sunday sermon. This prayer hour takes place every other Monday. All are welcome. More information at fpibr.org.

Lent Home Groups Forming Now! This year's Lent small groups will be smaller in size. By being more intimate, they will offer more opportunity to hear one another's thoughts on the daily readings as well as opportunity for prayer and shepherding one another toward understanding what it means to live in Christ alone. Please contact Kelly Wood (kelly@fpibr.org) to get connected with a group. Meetings begin the week of February 21.

Foto Sisters to Lead Worship Next Sunday. The talented sisters we love so much will lead 9 am and 11 am worship on Sunday, February 14. It is always a pleasure to hear them share Christ through song.

Ash Wednesday Worship. Join us as we kick off Lent February 17 with an Ash Wednesday noon service in the Sanctuary. All are welcome. Bring a coworker.

In Christ Alone: Books To Be Hand Delivered To You. Beginning February 14, your officers and pastors will begin delivering books to your home. It's a quick, safe drop off. But we wanted to be sure, in these COVID times, that every member gets a copy before February 21 when the daily readings begin. You can get extra copies at church and also sign up for daily emails.

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).

Join In! Sunday School provides great opportunity for connection and growth in Christ in 2021! Topics include Romans, the Pauline epistles and getting the most out of your personal Bible study using inductive studying principles. Visit the Connection Center for details.

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.

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Did You Get One? This month's issue of fpcNEWS is now available at the Connection Center as well as other spots throughout the church. Pick one up before you leave today. Don't miss out on the most up-to-date news and events.

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.

Assistance for the Hard of Hearing. We are pleased to offer headphones to assist the hard of hearing during our Sanctuary services. Headsets and packs are available to check out at the Connection Center.

Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. R. Brooks Van Horn, Jr. by his mother and family.*

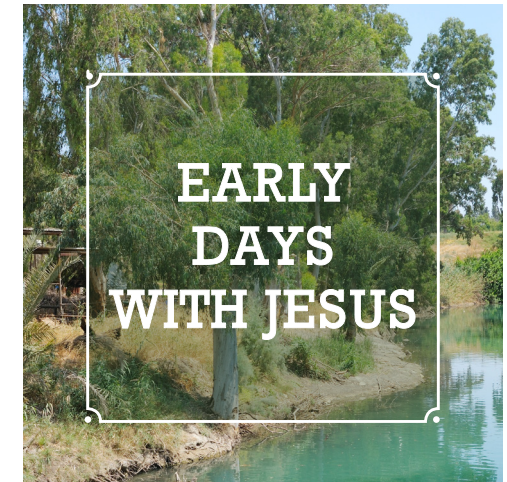
Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 133

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

February 7, AD 2021

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Barry Phillips

Prelude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arranged by Phillip Keveren
Joy Bedillion, cello

*Welcome and Call to Worship

Like Isaiah, hear O Church, the voice of the LORD echo in the Temple saying “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”
Here we are! Send us!

Hear the voice of Jesus echo across the waters of the Galilean sea saying, “Do not be afraid. Be fishers of men.”
Make us fishers of men.

Hear your Messiah, the Great Physician, offer cleansing to the unclean. See him stretch out his hand and offer healing to those who are paralyzed with the things of this world.
We are cleansed. We rise. We follow.

*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Almighty King” ITALIAN HYMN

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

From Common Worship

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
We have sinned against you and against our neighbor
In what we have thought,
In what we have said and done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
And marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
And repent of all our sins,
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Who died for us,
Forgive all that is past;
And lead us out from darkness
To walk as children of light, amen.**

*Standing

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

From Psalm 28: 6-7

**Praise to the LORD, for he has heard
The plea for mercy which I made.
He is my strength, he is my shield;
I trust in him who sends me aid.**

*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

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” arranged Dan Forest
Sherry Kadair, piano
Steve Gustafson, organ

I know that my redeemer lives. Glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives. Glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, press on, we’re gaining ground. Glory, hallelujah!
The dead’s alive and the lost is found. Glory, hallelujah!

He lives to bless me with his love, Glory, hallelujah!
He lives to plead my cause above; Glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground. Glory, hallelujah!
The dead’s alive and the lost is found. Glory, hallelujah!

He lives to crush the fiends of hell; Glory, hallelujah!
He lives and doth within me dwell; Glory, hallelujah!



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“The King in All His Beauty”

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Luke 5: 27-32

After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

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

Gerrit Dawson
“When Jesus Doesn’t Want You”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” BEECHER

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

“He Is Exalted” arranged by Phillip Keveren