

***Communion Hymn**

No. 345 "Blessed Assurance"

ASSURANCE



BENEDICTION

***Response**

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

Postlude

"How Firm a Foundation" arranged by Michael Burkhardt



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 come forward to receive communion.

What Are We Doing About Masks? Our session has decided to ask worshipers to wear masks through May 23. Why? Well, as Nick Saban might say, it's about respecting the process. A significant number of our attendees are still completing the vaccination process. As much as we all want to rip away these annoying coverings and sing out freely, we know that waiting just a bit longer allows anyone who wants to be immunized against COVID to do so. After May 23, we can each make our own personal decisions about attendance and masking.

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.

College Scholarships. College scholarships are available for entering or continuing students through the Women's Ministry Memorial Scholarship Fund. Applications can be emailed to interested students or are available online at fpibr.org. The deadline to apply is June 1. Contact Jaci Gaspard for more information (jaci@fpibr.org or 620.0221).

Pickleball Is Back! Pickleball resumes next Sunday, May 9 at 2 pm in the gym. All are welcome to join this group that plays mostly doubles and mixed doubles. A combination of tennis, badminton, and ping pong skills are beneficial, but the real skills needed are a willingness to just get out there, try something new, and have fun. It's also a great way to exercise and keep fit! Questions? Contact Mike Glisson (936.8994).

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"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.

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.

First Presbyterian Church and Social Media (Instagram, YouTube and Facebook). Sanctuary services are livestreamed on the web and we frequently post photos of members engaged in fellowship at our small groups, worship services and events. If you have any questions, contact Katie Robinson or Jay High.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Crosby McDuff and Jane Ellison Quinn by Ann and Michael McDuff.*

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

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11 am



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GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Chris Phillips

Prelude

“He Is Exalted” arranged by Fred Bock
Steve Gustafson, organ

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and not we ourselves.
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn of Praise

No. 108 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

*Blessing God

*Greeting

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Romans 12: 1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Hebrews 13: 15

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

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
“Worship Better!”



TAKING THE JOURNEY OF WORSHIP

Time of Reflection

Choral Meditation

“What the Lord Has Done for Me (Hosanna)” inspired by the Soweto Gospel Choir

Let the weak say, “I am strong.” Let the poor say, “I am rich.”
Let the blind say, “I can see what the Lord has done for me.”
Hosanna! Hosanna, to the lamb that was slain.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Jesus died and rose again.

*Hymn of Response

No. 228 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

DARWALL

*Litany “You Are My All” from Duncan MacQueen

You are my birth, my worth redeemed;
My self-control, my new esteem.
**You are my hope, my living word;
My endless joy, my risen lord.**

You are my death, my ransom price;
My pascal lamb, my sacrifice.
**You are my light, my door ajar;
My counsellor, my morning star.**

You are my good, my shepherd rod;
My gentle guide, my Son of God.
**You are my death, my ransom price;
My pascal lamb, my sacrifice.**

You are my bread, my sustenance;
My fallen crumbs, my banquet chance.
**You are my way, my sin laid bare;
My wrestled doubt, my heavenly star.**

You are my truth, my great high priest;
My advocate, my prince of peace.
**You are my life, my sap filled vine;
My grafted home, my endless wine.**

You are my love, my saviour king;
My bridegroom prince, my wedding ring.
**You are my God, my faithfulness;
My great I AM, my righteousness.**

*Hymn of Response

No. 88 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

CRUSADERS’ HYMN



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

Communion Meditation

“Remember and Proclaim” by Andrew Peterson
“He Is Lord” meditation on an American melody by Fred Bock