

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Connect 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 exit worship today.

Contemplative Prayer Hour Tomorrow. Every other Monday at 10 am, we have a quiet hour in the Chapel featuring guided silent prayer based on Scripture, as well as a brief reflection on Sunday's sermon. All are welcome. Tomorrow's meeting is the last while we break for the summer.

10.30 Worship Memorial Weekend. Join us for our single 10.30 am service Sunday, May 30. There will be no Sunday school.

Youth and Children's Summer Important Dates. *Lake Forest Ranch* (ages 7-12) is July 18-22. Registration must be paid in full by today. *A Great Escape* (rising 6th-8th graders) is July 26-31. Registration ends July 19. *Vacation Bible School* is July 26-29. Stay tuned for details and registration. More details can be found at fpibr.org.

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).

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!

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.

Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Gallaher Frey Eaton by her daughter, Barbara Anne Eaton.*

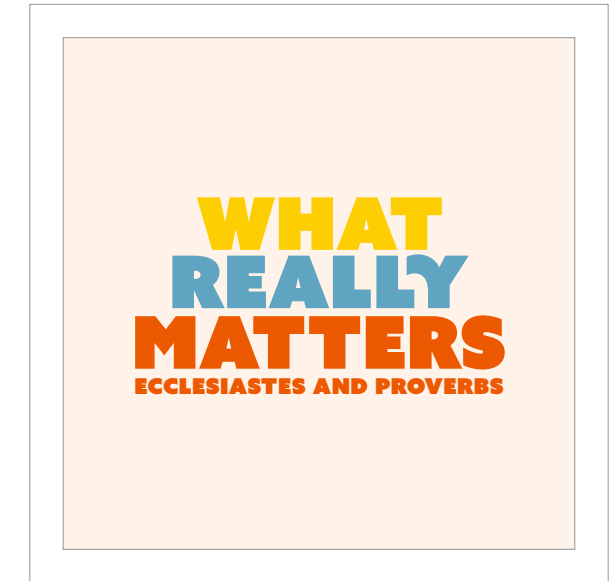
Scripture for Next Week: *Ecclesiastes 3: 9-22*

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

May 23, AD 2021

11 am

Pentecost Sunday



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Barry Phillips

Prelude

Borislava Iltcheva, violin
Aaron Farrell, violin
Grant Bedillion, viola
Joy Bedillion, cello

*Welcome and Call to Worship

Today is Pentecost. The Church around the world gives thanks for the gift of the blessed Holy Spirit!

He is the Spirit of Christ. He shows us who Jesus is.

He is God who comes down to dwell within us.

He cries out within our hearts, “Abba, Father!”

He is the power to make us witnesses to Jesus Christ.

He brings forth fruit in our lives.

So today we bless the Holy Spirit as we worship the Triune God of Grace who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Hymn of Praise

No. 267 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

From Acts 2: 22-24; 36

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. . . . Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Prayer of Confession

Blessed Holy Spirit, you are the Comforter. You lead us into all truth. You take the things of Jesus and give them to us. You enable us to understand the Word. You pray within us, directing us toward the Father. Your presence in our hearts is the guarantee of all that is to come. But how often we have ignored your gentle voice. How we have grieved you by our actions! We have tried to quench your heavenly flame by our sin, our inattention, our indifference, our distractions. Forgive us. Fan into flame once more the faith you created in us, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

From Acts 2: 37-40

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

*Response

**Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, Faithful in love.
My debt is paid, and the victory won.
The Lord is my Salvation.**

*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

“To Everything There Is a Season” inspired by the Anglican Chant tradition
Arranged by Chris Phillips

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.
A time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, a time to harvest,
A time to kill, a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build up.
A time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn, a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, a time to gather stones together.
A time to embrace, and a time to turn away, a time to find and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend,
A time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love, and a time to hate,
A time for war and a time for peace.
God has made everything beautiful. He has planted eternity in our hearts.
Even so who can fathom what God has done?



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 51 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

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

What Really Matters, Part 2: “Everything in its Season”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 2 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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