



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

“Overture” by G. F. Handel
Borislava Iltcheva, violin
Stefka Madere, violin
Aaron Farrell, viola
Susannah Knoll, cello



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.

Youth and Children's Summer Important Dates. *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.

College Scholarships: Applications Due Tuesday. 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).

Swing Dance Lessons. Swing dance lessons resume on Mondays beginning June 7 @ 6 pm. Call Sherry McKinley for details (225.772.0226).

Good Grief Seminar, Saturday, June 19. All are welcome to join us for this free seminar from 10 am to 12 pm which focuses on the psychological, emotional, physical, relational and spiritual effects of grief in our lives. Please contact Laura Shaw (laura@fpibr.org or 620.0222) to register. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Childcare will be available.

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.

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.

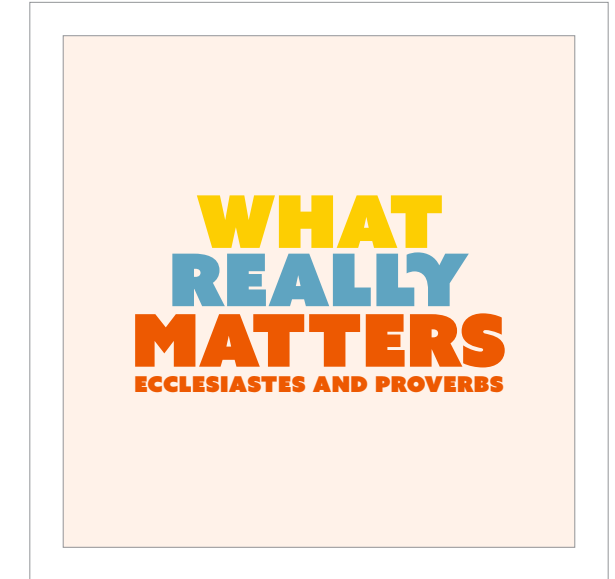
First Presbyterian Church and Social Media (Instagram, YouTube and Facebook). Sanctuary services are livestreamed on the web and we frequently post photos of members engaged in fellowship at our small groups, worship services and events. If you have any questions, contact Katie Robinson or Jay High.

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.

Scripture for Next Week: Proverbs 3: 1-8

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

May 30, AD 2021
10.30 am
Memorial Day Sunday



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GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

Var. No. 1, Allegretto scherzevole from Sonata for Trumpet and Piano by Norman Dello Joio

Blake Hanna, trumpet
Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 146

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind,

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

*Hymn of Praise

No. 8 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Blessing God

*Hymn of Praise

“Is He Worthy?”

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You, O LORD, are sovereign and mighty. You know all things and nothing is hidden from you. We are finite. We have very little power. We cannot see beyond the next moment. Yet in our pride and self-delusion, we have fancied ourselves gods and imagined that we were in control. We have mistaken the journey for the destination. We have confused what is temporary with what is eternal. Forgive us. Have mercy on us through Christ. Teach us to rightly fear you. Help us to receive any goodness and every delight as a gift from you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response

No. 26 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Offertory

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

Music by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, and Matt Papa

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; o sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good.

Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer’s blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, he lives!”

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ecclesiastes 3: 9-15

What gain has the worker from his toil? I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man’s heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God’s gift to man. I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

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 3: “Eternity in Our Hearts”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 43 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Remembering the Fallen

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.