

We Give Thanks for Jesus' Mighty Acts

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We Hear the Words Jesus Said At Supper

We Commune With Jesus

*** This morning we will come forward to receive communion. Ushers will direct worshipers from the back pews: outer sections first, center section next and the balcony last. You may partake of the bread and wine then drop the cup in the trash can before returning to your seat.*

*Song of Response

“Because He Lives”

“In Christ Alone”

Pastoral Prayer



BENEDICTION

*Song of Response

“Amen”

*Response

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



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.

Congregational Meeting. The session calls for a congregational meeting to be held during 9 and 11 am worship Sunday, January 17 to vote on electing Darin Travis as Associate Pastor for Discipleship, Men's Ministry and Young Adults.

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.

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.

Scripture for Next Week: Isaiah 6

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

January 3, AD 2021
9 am
Epiphany Sunday



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Jonah 2, the prophet's prayer from the great fish

I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me.
Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

When I was fainting away, I remembered the LORD,
And my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.

I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever,
Yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.

So I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have
vowed I will pay:
Salvation belongs to the LORD! Salvation belongs to the LORD!

*Songs of Praise

“The Lion and the Lamb”

“Your Great Name”

*Blessing God

*Song of Praise

“Great Are You Lord”

*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.*



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Jonah 1: 1-17

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.” Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. Therefore they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.” So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and

the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Message

Noah Pourciau
“Into the Storm”



LORD'S SUPPER

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful LORD, you said, “Go!” and I went—the other way! You gave me clear direction in your Word. I disobeyed. You gave me a mission, a life of purpose. I ran away. I wanted *my life my way*. I am still running. I try to close my ears to your voice. I keep the music loud. I major in trivia. I sleepwalk through life. I am so tired from running. So lonely without you. So hopeless and helpless. Catch me in my tracks, dear LORD! Outrun me. Lay hold of me and bring me back home to you in forgiveness and mercy.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We Are Welcomed to the Table