



EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

April 9, AD 2023

9 am Worship

HE IS RISEN!

Assisting Pastors: Barry Phillips and Colton Underwood



GATHERING TO PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

6th c. Easter Prayer

This is our happy morning!
With the ancient church, we speak Christ's sorrow ended.
We hail his triumph now.

Refrain:

Welcome, happy morning!

Age to age shall say:

"Hell today is vanquished, Heaven is won today!"

Come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy Word.
Tis thine own third morning; rise O buried Lord! (*Refrain*)

Lo! the dead is living, God forevermore!
Him, their true Creator, all his works adore! (*Refrain*)

*SONGS OF PRAISE

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*BLESSING GOD

"Is He Worthy?"

INFANT BAPTISMS

Leland Press and Pearson Glenn Brokaw

Parents are Micaela and Jeremy Brokaw

Sibling is Sutton

Sponsoring Elder is D.J. Davis

**Standing*

Anya Lucille and Jude Cole Kisling
Parents are Jessica and Aaron Kisling
Sponsoring Elder is D.J. Davis

EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from 1 Corinthians 15

**If Christ has not been raised,
Your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
Those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.
If in this life only we have hoped in Christ,
We are of all people most to be pitied.
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead!
He is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For as by a man came death,
By a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits,
Then at his coming those who belong to Christ.**

*GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 14: 1-7

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God.

And that by believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

“The Place and the Way”

Gerrit Dawson



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF FREEING FAITH

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Living One! You broke the power of sin and death, then claimed us as your own. We do not belong to ourselves! We were bought with a price, the price of your life. This morning we lay aside the illusion that we are our own. We accept your claim upon us. We receive your forgiveness of sins. We receive your new life in us. We desire to live for you and for your glory. Fill us with yourself as we partake of you through the bread and the cup.

TIME OF REFLECTION



LORD'S SUPPER

WE ARE WELCOMED TO THE TABLE

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. You may place your prayer card and offering in the baskets as you come forward. Ushers will direct worshipers. You may partake of the bread and wine after returning to your seat.*

CLOSING PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING SONG

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”



B E N E D I C T I O N

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

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

Prayer Time: Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Norman Saurage III, Maude and Norman Saurage Sr., Alma Lee and Norman Saurage Jr., and Flora and Gustave Spaht by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Scripture for Next Week: Romans 8: 37

Services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Easter! We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Visitor Card in the pew racks, our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at fpcbr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpcbr.org, through the church app or by filling out a pew rack card.

Discover First Dinner, Sunday, April 23. Senior pastor Gerrit Dawson hosts a Discover First Dinner several times a year. This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. Please contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpcbr.org or 225.333.9084) for more information.

Loving Our rEcess Families!! rEcess is Friday, April 14. Once a month, volunteers spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. Contact Jess Concienne if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess (jess.concienne@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

A Holy Week Prayer for the Heart. Does the cross seem more like a formula than an event? Explore Gerrit's collection of prayers and poems specifically gathered to help shake our indifference in his most recent article for desiringgod.org, "Break the Hardness in Me." Copies are available at the Connection Center.

Energizing Marriage Seminar. FPC will host Dee and Pete Adams leading a Created for Connection marriage seminar Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29. Past participants describe the weekend as "enlightening, encouraging, revealing, hopeful, powerful, safe, loving and renewing." Sign up at createdforconnectionbr.org. Visit fpcbr.org or scan the QR code to register. 50% discount to FPC church members. Just email jaci@fpcbr.org to let us know you're attending.



C4C Code

Meal Ministry Needs Volunteers. Our Meal Ministry provides meals and hospitality to those in need. The focus is on developing community among our members, guests and partner ministries as we live out our mission to go deeper in Christ and further into the world. Please contact Emily Viguerie to volunteer to prepare and deliver a meal (emily@fpcbr.org).



DEEPER IN CHRIST, FURTHER INTO THE WORLD

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