



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

April 3, AD 2022

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

From Hebrews 4 and 7

Jesus, the Son of God, has ascended to heaven and there prays for us,
our Great High Priest.

Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Our high priest is merciful and sympathizes with our weaknesses.

He was tempted in every way as we are. But he was without sin.

Come then to the throne of his grace. Receive mercy.

Find help in time of need.

**Through him we will draw near to God for Jesus is able to save to
the uttermost! He lives forever to make intercession for us.**

***Songs of Praise**

“Blessed Assurance”

“King of Kings”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“Praise the Savior”

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Standing*



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Luke 22: 31-34

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

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

Darin Travis

“Permission to Sift”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we have made promises to be faithful but after the slightest bit of pressure from the Evil One we have fled. We are afraid to be sifted and tested. We have forgotten that you, Christ Jesus, God's chosen One, are on our side. We have confided in our own strength rather than believing that you will fight for us and win the battle. Remember us, O Great High Priest, and pray for us that our faith might not fail. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



LORD'S SUPPER

We Are Welcomed to the Table

We Give Thanks for Jesus' Mighty Acts

We Hear the Words Jesus Said at Supper

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

We Commune With Jesus

Offering and Communion Meditation

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Please bring your prayer requests and offerings forward during communion.



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

***Response**

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

Join us after worship 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.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lamar Boydston, Ms. Martha Wilbourne Nabers and Mr. Fred Foster Nabers, Jr., the parents of Nan and Herb Boydston.*

Scripture for Next Week: *Luke 19: 1-10*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palm Sunday In One Week! Our Palm Sunday Festival is back, beginning at 10 am on April 10 with our procession around North Boulevard. A jam-packed combined worship service occurs after the procession. After the service, the festival continues with an egg hunt, balloon artist, face painting and an amped up petting zoo with llamas and peacocks! Extra parking is available at the Old Governor's Mansion.

Palm Sunday Crawfish. Join us for a crawfish boil lunch after worship next Sunday. Early bird special is \$15 per person or \$50 per family. The price increases today at 1 pm to \$20 per person or \$60 per family. Register online at fpibr.org.

Ukrainian Refugee Assistance. The session has made a \$10,000 contribution to the EPC International Disaster Relief Fund. Our denomination will get the money to vetted pastors and churches in Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary who are assisting refugees from Ukraine. Visit epc.org to find out how you can join us!

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday. The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, April 10 during morning worship. The purpose of the meeting is . . . 1) to ask Gulf South Presbytery to dissolve the call of the Rev. Jim Solomon and 2) to elect the following as the search committee for the Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Prayer: Kyle Beall, chair; Pat Canfield; Melissa Fabré; Blake Fowler; Judy McGimsey.

40s and 50s Women's Gathering. Join Women's Ministry for an evening of fellowship for ladies ages 40-50 (but all ages are welcome). We will gather at Jessica Saffell's house Thursday, April 7 at 6.30 pm.

Energizing Marriage Seminar. FPC will host Pete and Dee Adams leading a Created for Connection seminar for married couples, Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. Past participants describe the weekend as "enlightening, encouraging, revealing, hopeful, powerful, safe, loving and renewing." Sign up at createdforconnectionbr.org. 50% discount to FPC church members. Just email jaci@fpibr.org to let us know you're attending.



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