

A vibrant, painterly illustration of Jesus in a forest. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, is depicted in the lower right, wearing a brown robe with a sash, his arms outstretched in prayer. He stands in a lush green field with a flock of white sheep behind him. The background is a dense forest of tall, thin trees with vibrant green foliage. The sky is filled with numerous white doves in flight, creating a sense of peace and divine presence. The overall style is reminiscent of religious art, with a rich, textured appearance.

LYRICS FOR HIS LIFE

Praying the Psalms
with Jesus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 7, AD 2024

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

Prelude

Air, HWV 469 by G.F. Handel
Rachel Ciraldo, flute
Nick Ciraldo, classical guitar

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 116

The LORD, your God, has heard your voice and your pleas for mercy.
We love the LORD, our God.

He has inclined his ear to you.
We will call on him as long as we live.

The LORD is gracious and merciful. He has dealt bountifully with you.
Our souls are at rest.

He has delivered you from death!
As long as we have breath, we will serve him!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 10 "O Worship the King"

LYONS

***Blessing God**

***Greeting and Announcements**

Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children's Church.

Minute for Mission

John Norwood, Abounding Love Ministries

Offertory

"Be at Rest" by Jeremy Johnson

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

**Standing*

*Response Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 345 "Blessed Assurance"

ASSURANCE

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 116:1-9

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
The LORD preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;
I will walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,
**That through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might
have hope.**

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

"I Love the LORD"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 228 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

DARWALL



LORD'S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Communion Preparation

Thomas Aquinas, 13th century

**Almighty and ever-living God,
I approach the sacrament of your
Only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
I come sick to the doctor of life,
Unclean to the fountain of mercy,
Blind to the radiance of eternal light,
Poor and need to the Lord of all.**

**In your great generosity,
Heal my sickness,
Wash away my defilement.
Enlighten my blindness,
Enrich my poverty, and
Clothe my nakedness.**

**May I receive the King of kings
With humble reverence,
With purity and faith,
Repentance and love.
May I receive the sacrament of
The Lord's body and blood
In its reality and power.**

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communing in Christ
Prayer of Thanks

Please come forward to receive communion.

Communion Meditation

Prelude from *Prelude, Fugue and Allegro*, BWV 998 by J.S. Bach



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

Gigue from *Sonata No. 9, op. 5* by Arcangelo Corelli

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.

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

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 24
Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. 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 fpibr.org/connect.

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

Loving Our rEcess Families. rEcess is Friday, April 12. 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).

Women's Spring Picnic, April 13. All ladies are invited to the annual Spring Picnic where we will enjoy fellowship with women of all ages, as well as feast on a delicious spread of salads and snacks. Join us Saturday, April 13 from 11 am to 1 pm at the home of Kelli Bankston. \$10 per person. RSVP at fpibr.org.



Gardere Art Show Next Sunday! Gardere students have been working hard on preparing a special art show they will display in the Reception Room Sunday, April 14. As a thank you for your support, you may select one piece of art to take home with you. As a special treat, the students will sing for us at the 9 am service.

GriefShare® A new GriefShare® group is forming on Monday evenings, 6.30-8.30, beginning April 15. Chris Phillips will lead the group which will meet at Phillip Juban's home near the State Archives building. Space is limited. Email Scott Graham (scott@fpibr.org) or Laura Shaw (laura@fpibr.org) if interested.

International Friendship Partners Game Night, April 19. IFP is hosting a Game Night Friday, April 19 from 6 to 8 pm in the Gym. There will be many games with food and fellowship. It's fun for the whole family! Please join us.

Gardere Share Your Heart Lunch-N-Learn. Join our GCCS Eagles on their journey toward academic success, spiritual growth, and community and family stability at a luncheon Friday, April 19, 12-1 pm. A special lunch will be prepared by celebrity guest chef Tré of Tré's Street Kitchen! Scan the code for more information.



"Man Up!" Men's Conference, April 25-26 at Abounding Love Ministries. Abounding Love Ministries presents the "Man Up!" Conference Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26. Come worship and attend workshops on health and finance. Details and registration online at almstarsbr.com or scan the code.



"We Cannot Cancel Hell: Finding Hope Through Final Judgment". We cannot avoid considering the reality of damnation but Gerrit makes three Scriptural observations that lead to one astounding hope in his latest article on desiringgod.org. Printed copies are at the Connection Center.

Attention Parents of Seniors. Please send your senior's baby and graduation photos to Jessica (jessica@fpibr.org) by April 19.



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