



**LESSONS FOR LIFE**  
from Ephesians

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Walking in Love • Walking in Light  
Mutual Submission • How to Work Well  
Suiting Up for Battle

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

January 21, AD 2024

11 am



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham*

## **Prelude**

*I. Le Majesté* from *Marches Héroïques* (Heldenmusik) by Georg Philipp Telemann  
Blake Hanna, trumpet  
Steve Gustafson, organ

## **\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

*From Ephesians 5*

Wake up, O sleepers, rise from the dead!  
**And Christ will shine upon us!**

Your Lord Jesus Christ loves you and has given himself up for you.  
**Cleanse us, Lord Jesus, and make us holy.**

He nourishes and cherishes you. He is your husband and head.  
**We are members of his body. In reverence, we bow to him and submit to one another.**

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen!**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

No. 267 “Come Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

## **\*Blessing God**

## **\*Scriptural Call to Confession**

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

**You, O God—Father, Son, and Spirit—have enjoyed boundless love and mutual submission for all eternity as blessed Three-in-One. This is a wonderful, mysterious reality. Shockingly, you have invited us to join you in the bliss of this reality. But to us, submission might as well be slavery. The thought of handing over any amount of control to someone else terrifies us. We stubbornly resist. We insist that individual autonomy is best. Holy Spirit, make us like Jesus and cause us to love as he loves that we might know the joy and freedom of yielding and abiding. Amen.**

## **\*Silent Confession**

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Standing*

**\*Response**

BUNESSAN

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me,**

**\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Offertory**

"I Surrender All" by Joseph M. Martin

All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.  
I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender; make me, Savior, wholly thine;  
O let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine.  
I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee;  
O fill me with thy love and power; let thy blessings fall on me.  
I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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

**\*Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### \*Hymn of Preparation

No. 292 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

### Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Ephesians 5:21–33*

. . . submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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

“Wives and Husbands”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

### \*Hymn of Response

“Trinity Song”



## LORD'S SUPPER

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### Sacrament of Communion

#### The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

#### Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

#### 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

*IX. Die Sanftmut* from *Marches Héroïques (Heldenmusik)* by Georg Philipp Telemann



## BENEDICTION

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#### \*Response

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

#### Postlude

*XII. Die Freude* from *Marches Héroïques (Heldenmusik)* by Georg Philipp Telemann



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Discover First Dinner Today.** Come learn how you can be part of our mission and ministry. Join Gerrit and staff members at 4 pm today for our Discover First Dinner. Please contact Emily Viguerie ([emily@fpibr.org](mailto:emily@fpibr.org)) for more information.

**International Friendship Partners Game Night This Friday.** IFP is hosting a Game Night Friday, January 26 from 6–8 pm in the Gym. It'll be fun for the whole family with an evening of games and community building with our international friends.

**Get Your Mutt Blessed Next Sunday!** The annual Krewe of Mutts parade passes down North Blvd. Sunday, January 28. Join Scott Graham and his sheepadoodle Schubert, in front of the Sanctuary beginning at 12.30 pm to have your dog blessed!

**MDO Registration.** Church member priority registration for the Mother's Day Out 2024–2025 school year is Monday, January 29. Contact Whitney Weiner ([mdu@fpibr.org](mailto:mdu@fpibr.org) or 225.620.0245) for more information.

**40s & 50s Women's Social, February 1.** Save the date for our next social for 40s and 50s on Thursday, February 1. We'll gather from 6 to 8 pm at Jenny Civello's house. Mardi Gras inspired appetizers and a variety of king cakes will be provided but feel free to bring a beverage of your choice! Please RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio ([jaime@fpibr.org](mailto:jaime@fpibr.org)).

**What Christian Men Need Most.** Join us Monday, February 5 at 11.45 am for lunch and a presentation by Pastor Steve Savelich in the Reception Room. Cost: \$10. RSVP for lunch at [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org). Pastor Savelich is a popular speaker who travels the world teaching about Jesus Christ. He will help our men focus on life's most important priorities.

**Glove and Sock Drive: Jonathan's Joy Winter Ministry.** Children's Ministry is participating in Jonathan's Joy Winter Ministry, a sock and glove drive organized by Cathy Pugsley. Needed: socks and gloves of all sizes for men, women and children. Donation baskets are located in the Kingdom Kids and So Loved halls until February 4.

**Youth Group Tonight.** Middle school Youth Group meets tonight at 5 pm in the church Gym. High school students will meet at 5 pm at the Wilsons' home (2077 Ramsey Drive).

**Glorious Christmas Offering.** You contributed over \$51,166 to our Christmas offering for city ministry! The Christian Outreach Center and Gardere Community Christian School send their heartfelt thanks for your contributions.

**Needed: Lent Community Group Leaders.** Community Group leaders are needed for our Lenten study, *Lyrics for His Life: Praying the Psalms with Jesus*. Please contact Kelly Wood ([kelly@fpibr.org](mailto:kelly@fpibr.org)) for details. Groups begin meeting the week of February 18.

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*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 to celebrate the marriage of Mollie Thompson and Drew Nyman and to honor the memory of Graham Thompson, by the Thompson family.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 6:1–9*  
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