



ORDER OF WORSHIP

**January 22, AD 2023
11 am**



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson

Prelude

“O Worship the King” arranged by James Curnow

Blake Hanna, trumpet

Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From 1 John 5

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ.

He came not only by the water but by the water and the blood.

The Spirit is the one who testifies; the Spirit is the truth.

For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Whoever believes in the Son of God has this testimony in himself.

Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony of God concerning his Son.

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 88 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

CRUSADERS' HYMN

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

We hear you speak plainly, LORD, of the way to be born again. Born from above. But we easily misunderstand and misconstrue. We ask silly questions and get confused because your answers do not match our expectations. Forgive us for our willful ignorance and spiritual blindness. Spirit of God, fix our eyes firmly upon the suffering symbol—the rugged cross—upon which our fairest LORD died. For we know that looking upon him will make us wholly new. Help us believe into him that we might be raised to eternal life on the last day. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

**Standing*

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

PLAINFIELD

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

"Who Has Gone Up to Heaven," A Musical Interpretation of Proverbs 30: 4
By Christopher Phillips

Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Whose hands have gathered up the wind?
Who has wrapped up the waters in a cloak? Who has established the ends of the earth?
What is his name? And what is the name of his son? Surely you know!
As Moses lifted up the serpent, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.

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

***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. 185 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (vs 1, 2 & 4)

HAMBURG

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

John 3: 1-15

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

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

“Nicodemus, Part 1”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 304 "Lift High the Cross" (vs. 1 & 3)

CRUCIFER

Pastoral 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.



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

No. 8 *Die Ausgelassenheit (The Exuberance)* from *Heldenmusik*

By Georg Philipp Telemann

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: The Chapel and Sanctuary flowers serve to honor a departed loved one or celebrate with thanksgiving cherished people or events. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.

Scripture for Next Week: John 3: 16-21

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.

Today! Discover First Dinner. This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpibr.org).

Register Soon! Stay-Treat Early Bird Special Expires Tuesday. A stellar team of mystery presenters will lead us to consider five treasures of the person of Jesus revealed in John. Join us Friday night, February 3 and Saturday morning, February 4. There's even a kids track! Early bird special expires at midnight Tuesday, January 24. Use the QR code below or visit fpibr.org to register.

Starts Today! Gerrit begins his high school seniors Sunday school classes today in his office at 10.10 am. Classes meet each week until February 12. All high school seniors are invited.

Fly-Fishing Trip Dates Confirmed. Men's Ministry has confirmed March 2-5 for a Fly-Fishing Spiritual retreat. QR Code is below or details and registration online at fpibr.org.

Daughters of the King Postponed. Today's Daughters of the King Ministry meeting has been postponed. Stay tuned for future information on a rescheduled day and time.

Introducing The Bridge! We are excited to announce The Bridge, a new young adult Sunday school class for ages 18-23. Katherine and Jade Tomeny invite all young adults to a launch party Saturday, January 28 at 6 pm at their home (9924 Foster Rd.).

Register Tomorrow for Mother's Day Out. Church member families may register beginning tomorrow for the 2023-2024 year. Please contact Whitney Weiner for more information (mdu@fpibr.org or 225.620.0245).

So Loved Parents' Night, February 9. Parents of So Loved (birth-PreK) children, it's your turn for a Parents' Social! Join us for a laid-back evening with other parents in the same stage of life on Thursday, February 9. No agenda; just fellowship and food! We'll meet from 6 to 8 pm at Hattie and Jonathan Guidry's (1401 Knottaway Drive, St. Gabriel). Please bring a dessert or bottle of wine to share. We will provide appetizers and finger food. RSVP to Jessica (jessica@fpibr.org).

Mentor & Prayer Partner Appreciation Month. Kids Hope USA wishes to honor and thank you for pouring into the children at Gardere Community Christian School. The kids and teachers so appreciate the difference you make! Additional mentors are needed. Please contact Annette Lamond (annette@fpibr.org) for information on how to become a mentor.

Lost and Found Clean Out. It's time to clean out the Lost and Found box in the Sanctuary building. Please be sure to check for your lost items by the end of January. Any unclaimed items will be "shared" with Purple Cow or thrown away.



Stay-Treat Code



Fishing Code