



LYRICS FOR HIS LIFE

Praying the Psalms
with Jesus

ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 3, AD 2024
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

Prelude

“O Worship the King” arranged by Lani Smith
Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

Jesus came to heal, forgive, save and restore his people.
Yet over and over we resisted our Savior.

He forgave sinners and dined with them.
We called him guilty by association.

He came to destroy the works of the evil one.
Yet we said he had a demon!

Even his own family said he was out of his mind.
Jesus was grieved at the hardness of our hearts.

Only a few believed and rejoiced and honored him.
Do we have the courage to be among those few?

If so, let us lift our voices to worship the King of kings and the Prince of Peace.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 87 “May Jesus Christ Be Praised” (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5)

LAUDES DOMINI

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

You, Almighty God, would be our light and salvation. You would replace all our fear with confidence and courage, no matter the size or strength of our enemies. And all you ask us to do is wait on you. So, we have no excuse for scurrying in the dark, shivering in dismay, doubting you. Forgive us. Change our fear to faith that we might be counted among those who dwell in your house and gaze upon your beauty. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Standing*

**Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.**

**It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Minute for Mission

Kevin Hoy, CEO & Founder of The Smiles Foundation

Offertory

"Psalm 27, a Promise of God's Goodness" by Heather Sorenson

Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

Oh, do not hide from me, do not turn from me.
God, you are my helper.
Do not reject me, do not forsake me.
God, you are my Savior. Wait on the Lord.

I will remain confident in this: that I will see the goodness of the Lord.
Be of good courage, and he will give you strength,
As you wait on the Lord, your God.

Though enemies oppress me,
Though family may forsake me, wait on the Lord.
Though evil rise against me,
Though witnesses accuse me, wait on the Lord.

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
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***Hymn of Preparation**

No. 275 "How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 27:1-6, 11-14

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

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

“Because of My Enemies”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn of Response**

No. 51 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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LORD'S SUPPER

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

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

Adagio from Organ Sonata No. 1 by Felix Mendelssohn



BENEDICTION

***Response**

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

Postlude

Epilogue on "St. Denio" arranged by James Southbridge



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.

Let's Fiesta! 20s and 30s Women's Social. Women's Ministry is hosting a social for women in their 20s and 30s on Thursday, March 14 at Claire McVea's house from 6 to 8 pm. Mexican-inspired appetizers provided. Bring a beverage of your choice. Please RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio (jaimc@fpibr.org). Hasta luego!

Lenten Noon Services. Each Wednesday of Lent we gather for a brief service at noon in Dunham Chapel. Invite a coworker to join you. We will not meet Wednesday, March 27.

Palm Sunday Festival and Fish Fry, March 24! Join us for our Palm Sunday festival! We will process around North Boulevard at 10 am before our combined worship service in the Sanctuary. All are invited to a fish fry lunch after worship with fun activities for the children. Casual dress is encouraged. Register by scanning the QR code or visit fpibr.org. Cost is \$5 for children 12 years old and younger and \$15 for adults.



Holy Week Events. Make your holy week plans and join us for three special services: Palm Sunday, March 24 at 10 am with a fish fry after worship (further details above), Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows on March 28 at 7 pm and Easter Sunday, March 31 at 6.30 am, 9 am or 11 am worship.

Volunteer for VBS! Jerusalem Marketplace VBS is back again and we need your help. VBS dates are June 10–13. Visit fpibr.org for volunteer and camper details.

Masquerade Ball Friday, March 15! Lagniappe Historic Dance and Pastime Society reenacts the social pastimes of the 18th and 19th centuries, including dance. All members of FPC are invited to join the Society for a Masquerade Ball in the Reception Room on Friday, March 15 at 6 pm. Contact Roxanne Struppeck for details or for free historic dance lessons prior to the ball (202.6044 or roxannestruppeck@gmail.com).

Attention Parents of Seniors. We are preparing for Senior Sunday. Be sure to contact Jessica (jessica@fpibr.org) and send your senior's photos by April 7.

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 Linda & Wayne Barker's parents, Helen & Wayne Harvey Barker, and Christine & Sam Orwin, as well as Wayne's sister, Kitty Barker.

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 69:6–13

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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