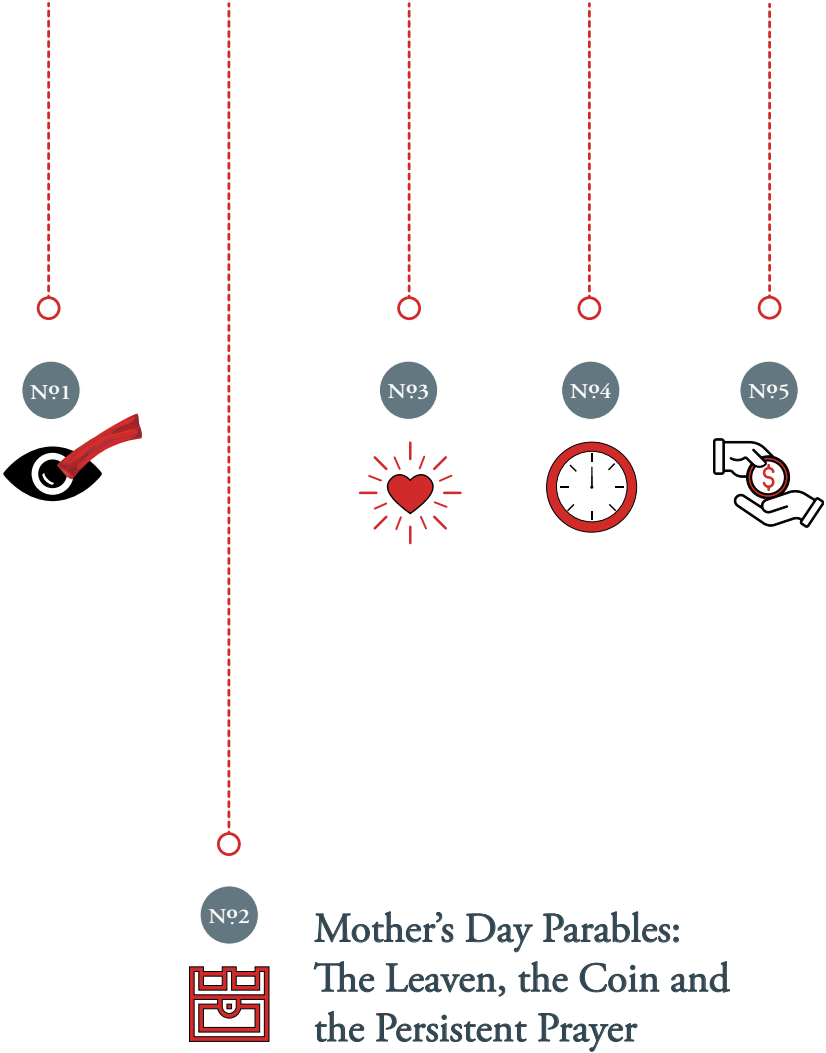


STORIES JESUS TOLD



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

May 12, AD 2024

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“Sheep May Safely Graze” by J.S. Bach
Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 78 & Matthew 13

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
You, Lord Jesus, have shared with us the secrets of the kingdom of heaven.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old.
Give us ears to hear!

Many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see.
Give us eyes to see!

Do not hide these things from your children.
We will tell them of your glorious deeds and sing of the wonders you have done!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 560 “For the Beauty of the Earth” (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5)

DIX

***Blessing God**

Infant Baptism

Evelyn Anne Bailey
Parents are Melinda and Rich Bailey
Sisters are Natalie and Lydia
Baptizing Pastor is Richard Bailey
Sponsoring Elder is Suzie Thompson

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

"Can't Keep-a That Glory In" by David Lantz III

Can't stop-a that shoutin', won't hush-a that praise!
King Jesus is risen, right out of-a that grave.
Can't quench-a my spirit, won't let it end.
Just gotta tell it ev'rywhere, can't keep-a that glory in!

He is alive! Lord, can it be?
Out of the grave from death set free.
No power could hold him, no force of might.
Just gotta sing praises to Jesus' name!
He shattered the darkness of sin and shame with a mighty resurrection light!

The angels shout, the heavens roar, and sing with joy, like never before!
Join in the anthem, come add your voice,
For he is the Lord and the King of kings.
Let all of creation his glory sing! Ev'rybody in the world rejoice!

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

***Doxology**

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**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

***Hymn of Preparation**

No. 117 "We Come, O Christ, to You" (vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

DARWALL

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Luke 13:20–21, 15:8–10, 18:1–8

And again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.”

“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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

“Mother’s Day Parables: The Leaven, the Coin and the Persistent Prayer”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 51 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” arranged by Paul Manz

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 with love and thanksgiving as we are blessed with the birth of Martha Jane Miller, by the Miller families.

Scripture for Next Week: Matthew 22:1-14
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.

Single Service in Two Weeks. We will have one combined service on May 26 at 10.30 am in celebration of Memorial Day. There will be no Sunday school.

Aloha! Ladies' 60s+ Luau This Thursday. Let's kick off summer Hawaiian-style with leis, laughter, food and fellowship at Cate Heroman's (3904 Blecker Dr.) from 5.30 to 7.30 pm on Wednesday, May 15. This social is intended for ladies 60 and older, but truly anyone is welcome. Feel free to bring a friend! RSVP to Jaime (jaime@fpibr.org).

Vacation Bible School Is Next Month! Register today to join in Jerusalem Marketplace VBS on June 10–13. Visit fpibr.org or scan the code for volunteer and camper details.



Youth Parents' Meeting Next Sunday. Join us for a Youth Ministry Parent meeting on May 19 from 10.10–10.55 am in Dunham Chapel. We can't wait to share a recap from our busy year as well as our plans for the rest of 2024.

Collections for the Food Bank. Our local pickleball community is accepting non-perishable donations for the Food Bank with a collection box in the Gym today through Monday, May 13.

College Scholarships Available! The FPC Women's Ministry College Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to church members who anticipate having difficulty meeting the obligations of continued education. Applications are available at fpibr.org and are due by July 15, 2024.

So Loved Is Seeking Volunteers. What a blessing! We have had an increase in the number of children in our So Loved hall each Sunday. Volunteers are needed to care for and play with the young ones. Please contact Candace Walker to volunteer (candace@fpibr.org).

Baptisms Today. Congratulations to the Bailey, Miller and Perez families! Martha Jane Miller, Lucas Lorenzo Perez and Evelyn Anne Bailey will all be baptized today.

Grab a Tag-Along Kit Today! When you take a tag-along kit on your spring and summer adventures, you have the opportunity to expand the horizons for Gardere Community Christian School students. Take a picture with the class cutout and send it to the school with a donation of \$100 or more. Tag-a-long boxes are available at the Connection Center. Contact Cheryl Lott for questions or details (cheryl@gccs.com).

Crying Babies/Nursing Mother's Room. Our Bride's Room doubles as a Crying Babies and Nursing Mother's room on Sunday mornings. This location, as well as the Parlor, are available with closed circuit TV simulcasting the 9 and 11 am services.

First Presbyterian Church and Social Media (Instagram, YouTube and Facebook). Sanctuary services are livestreamed on the web and we frequently post photos of members engaged in fellowship at our small groups, worship services and events. If you have any questions, contact Katie Robinson (katie@fpibr.org) or Jay High (jay@fpibr.org).



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