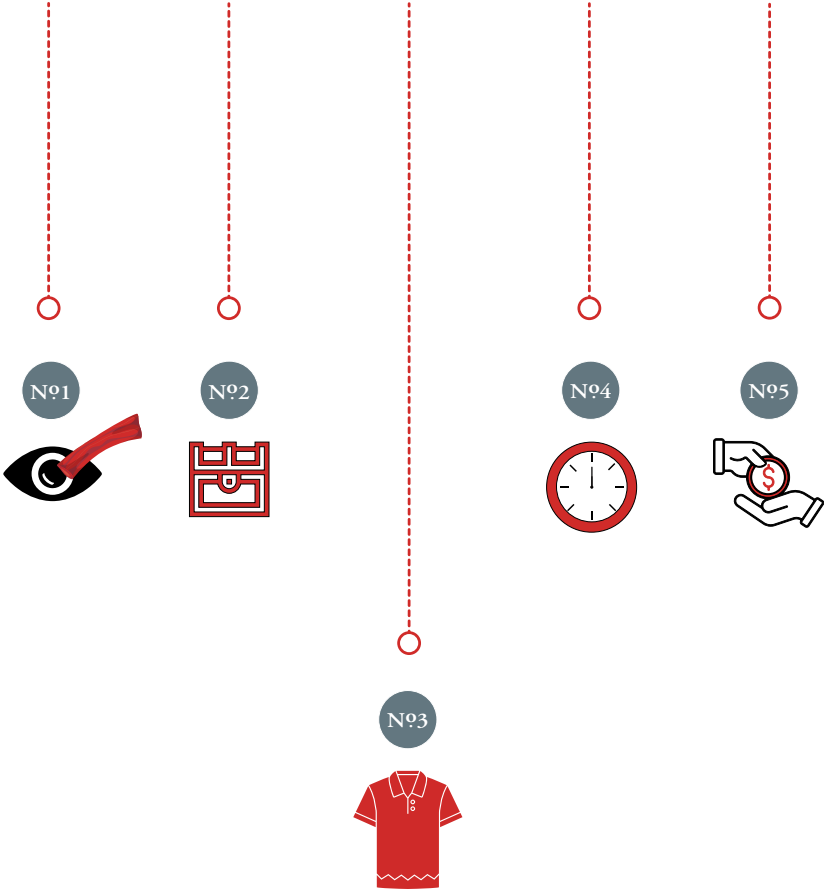


# STORIES JESUS TOLD



For Heaven's Sake, Put Your Clothes On!

## ORDER *of* WORSHIP

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, AD 2024

11 am



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham*

## **Prelude**

*I. Allegro* from Concerto for Two Violins in A minor by Antonio Vivaldi

Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin

Kristina Graham, violin

Steve Gustafson, organ

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

*From Joel & Revelation*

The LORD I AM says to his people, “And it shall come to pass that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

**Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams.**

And I, the LORD, will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

**And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”**

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.”

**Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

No. 267 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

## **\*Blessing God**

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

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

**We have received your invitation, O LORD, to come to the feast of salvation. We have enjoyed the rich food and fine wine of your loving-kindness. We have lived like those called. But we have not always lived like those who have been chosen. Forgive us, we pray. Holy Spirit, renew our gratitude for the honor it is to have a seat at the banquet. Amen.**

## **\*Silent Confession**

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Standing*

**\*Response**

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

**\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Offertory**

“Wake, Awake!” arranged by Christopher Phillips

Wake! Awake! For night is flying.  
The watchmen on the heights are crying.  
Awake, Jerusalem at last!

Midnight hears the welcome voices and at the thrilling cry rejoices:  
Come forth, ye virgins, night is past.  
The Bridegroom comes, awake, your lamps with gladness take.  
Alleluia! Zion hears the watchmen singing and in her heart new joy is springing.  
She wakes, she rises, from her gloom.  
For her Lord comes down all glorious and strong in grace, in truth, victorious.  
Her star is ris'n; her light is come.

O come, you blessed one. Lord Jesus, God's own son.  
Alleluia! All the heav'ns and earth adore you!  
And saints and angels sing before you, with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.  
Zion's gates of pearl before us, resound as angels sing in chorus  
And lead us to your dazzling throne.  
No mortal eye nor ear can comprehend or bear such great glory!  
But we rejoice and sing the song, “Alleluia!” through ages long! Amen!

*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

“Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine”

HENDON

### Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Matthew 22:1-14*

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’” But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

“For Heaven’s Sake, Put Your Clothes On!”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

### \*Hymn of Response

No. 334 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

ARISE



## 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

“Wondrous Love” arranged by C. McMichael



## BENEDICTION

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#### \*Response

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

#### Postlude

“The Heavens Declare His Glory(Psalm 19)” arranged by John Wilson



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Welcome!** We're so glad you could join us today. Each week we seek to press deeper into Christ and then follow his lead to go further into the world with his love. As part of that mission, we'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@fpcbr.org](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org), through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

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

**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. Tag-along boxes are available at the Connection Center. Contact Cheryl Lott for questions or details ([cheryl@gccs.com](mailto:cheryl@gccs.com)).

**Confirmation Swim Party June 4.** The Youth Department is having a swim party for new students. This is a great opportunity for your child to get to know the youth staff and ask questions about confirmation. Join us Tuesday, June 4 at 3 pm at the Fabres' (5700 Sandalwood Dr.). Bring your swimsuit (one-piece for the girls) and towel.

**Vacation Bible School Is Next Month!** Register today to join in Jerusalem Marketplace VBS on June 10–13. Visit [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) or scan the code for volunteer and camper details.



**Additional Parking.** The Old Governor's Mansion parking lot across North Blvd. is now available to First Presbyterian churchgoers on Sunday mornings.

**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 [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) and are due by July 15, 2024.

**FPC App.** Sermon video, sermon audio, sermon transcripts, lectures, ESV Bible, news, announcements . . . if it's on the website, it's on the app. Download from your favorite app store by searching FPCBR.

**Take a Selfie!** Did you know you can update your photo in the church database? Log into your account in the membership portal, click the pencil (edit button) in the upper right corner, then follow the prompts in the picture section. Contact Laura Shaw (225.620.1222) if you have issues accessing your account.

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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 and in loving memory of three mothers, all very special to our family: our mother, Jackie Lee Airhart, her mother, Claudia Lee Tisdale and Kristen's mother, Becky Richardson, by the children of Jackie Lee Airhart.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Luke 11:5–13*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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