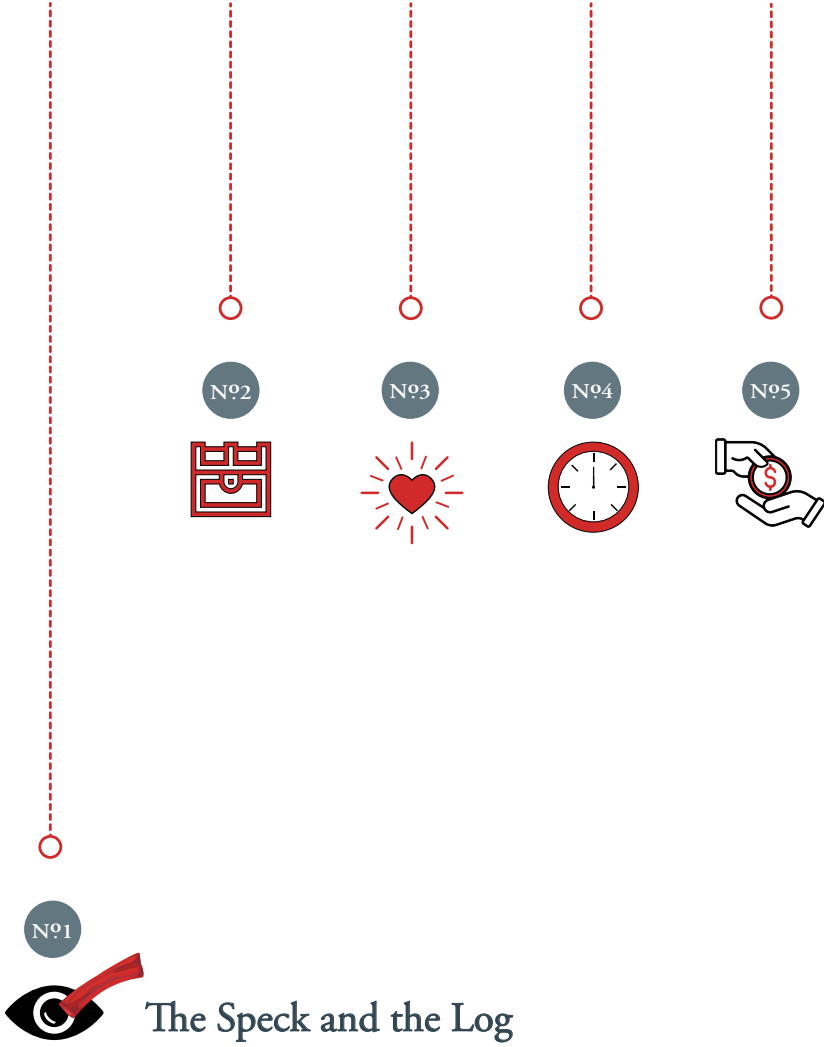


STORIES JESUS TOLD



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

May 5, AD 2024
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

I. Allegro from Divertimento in D major, K. 136 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Borislava Iltcheva, violin

Gergana Iltcheva, violin

Aaron Farrell, viola

Joy Bedillion, cello

***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. 1 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

***Blessing God**

High School Senior Recognition

***Greeting**

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

**Standing*

Offertory

“Show Me Thy Ways” by Walter L. Pelz

Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths;
Lead me in thy truth and teach me:
For thou art the God of my salvation.
And on thee do I wait all the day.

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. 379 “Take My Life and Let It Be” (vs. 1, 3, 5 & 6)

HENDON

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Matthew 7:1-5

“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.”

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

“The Speck and Log”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 455 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

BEACH SPRING



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

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

"Goodness of God"



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

III. Presto from Divertimento in D major, K. 136 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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 in loving memory of Mary Crosby McDuff and Martha Ann Ellison Cunningham by Ann and Michael McDuff.

Scripture for Next Week: Matthew 13:33–46

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.



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.

Confirmation Celebration Today. Our 6th grade students prepare all year to make their public profession of faith at a special worship service. They will profess Christ and be confirmed as active members of our church today at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. Come support them at this celebratory service! A reception follows.

Youth Lock-In and Fiesta on Friday, May 10. All 8–12 grade students are invited to a lock-in and fiesta with dinner, games and a surprise midnight movie! Drop off is Friday, May 10 at 6 pm at the Gym and pick up is Saturday, May 11 at 7 am. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow.

Aloha! Ladies' 60s+ Luau, May 15. 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 (jaimie@fpibr.org).

Vacation Bible School: Register or Volunteer Today! Jerusalem Marketplace VBS is June 10–13. Visit fpibr.org or scan the code for volunteer and camper details.



Youth Parents' Meeting, May 19. 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.

Memorial Weekend Worship. We will have one combined service on May 26 at 10.30 am in celebration of Memorial Day. There will be no Sunday school.

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).

Ways to Give. We are grateful you choose to be a part of God's economy with us. Gifts to First Presbyterian may be made via US Mail (763 North Blvd., 70802) or electronically (fpibr.org or the church app).

Habitat for Humanity Build Dates. Save the date for our 2024 Habitat for Humanity build: September 5–7, September 12–14, September 26–28.



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