

*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.**

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

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” arranged by Robert Hobby



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.

Mission Sunday Next Week. Tom Lin, President of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, will be our guest preacher next week at 9 and 11 am worship and guest teacher at combined adult Sunday school. Q & A lunch at 12.15 in the Gym.

No Chapel Communion Worship Next Sunday. We invite you to join us at 9 or 11 am worship for Mission Sunday with Tom Lin of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

Youth Super Bowl Party Tonight. Calling all middle school students! Join us for a Super Bowl party tonight from 5.30 - 8 pm at the Jones' home (2065 Ferndale). We hope to see you there!

Asking Jesus Is Our Theme for Lent. We'll be engaging 42 encounters with Jesus in which we made requests. We'll see how, then as now, Jesus always answered our deeper need. The officers will deliver your books before our official launch Sunday, March 6. Those who live outside the Metro area will receive their copy via US Mail.

Subscribe to Lent Daily Emails. Online registration for daily Lent readings is now available at fpibr.org or by texting ASKINGJESUS to 22828. Emails begin Saturday, March 5.

Lent Small Groups. Those interested in leading or participating in a Lent small group may contact Kelly Wood (kelly@fpibr.org). Groups begin meeting the week of March 6.

Ash Wednesday Worship and Shelton's Famous Gumbo. Join us March 2 as we kick off Lent with an Ash Wednesday noon service in the Chapel. Please stay after worship for some gumbo made by our beloved Sexton Emeritus, Shelton. Suggested donation of \$5. All are welcome. Bring a coworker. Noon services continue throughout the Lent season.

Prayer Time. Join us at 10.15 am for prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building) each Sunday. One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

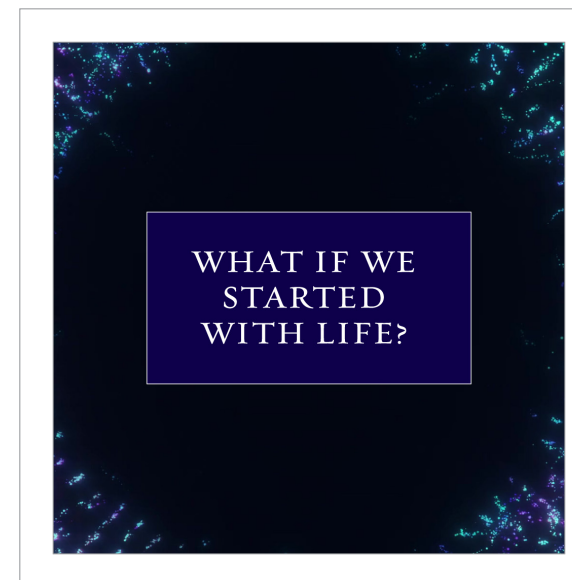
Give Online. Visit fpibr.org or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the US Mail. Email prayer@fpibr.org if you have online giving questions.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our father Mack Gregorie Sr. by Ann K. Gregorie and Nancy Sue Gregorie Burton.*

Scripture for Next Week: *Genesis 12: 1-5*
Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.
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February 13, AD 2022
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” by Fred Bock
Steve Gustafson, keyboard

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 139

You, O LORD, formed our innermost being. You knitted us together in our mother’s womb.
How wonderful are your works! Our souls know this very well.

Our frames were not hidden from you, when we were being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
All the days ordained for us were written in your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to us are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

Search us, O God, and know our hearts! Try us and know our thoughts!
See if there be any offensive way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting!

*Hymn of Praise

No. 9 “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You know us, O LORD. You know our thoughts, words and ways. You see us when we presume to be self-made. You hear the lies we tell ourselves about you—that you are distant or indifferent. Or worse . . . that you are cruel and vindictive. You know when we have chosen death over life. Forgive us. Turn us from these confused, evil paths and lead us in the everlasting way. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Standing

*Response

**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 Kindergarten and younger may go to Children’s Church.

Minute for Mission

Kevin Hoy, Director of The Smiles Foundation, Romania

Offertory

“Psalm 139” arranged by Christopher Phillips

GREATOREX

HAMBURG

Lord, you have searched me, and you know where’er I rest, where’er I go.
You search my thoughts and know my plans and all my ways are in your hands.

If deepest darkness cover me, to you the darkness light shall be.
If light about me be as night, to you both night and day are bright.

Within the womb you knitted me, so fearfully and wondrously;
I give my Maker thankful praise, whose wondrous works my soul amaze.

Your thoughts, O God, how manifold, more precious unto me than gold!
They number more than all the sand; awaking still I’m in your hand.

O search me, God, my heart discern and try me,
God, my thoughts to learn and lead me if in sin I stray, to choose the everlasting way.

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

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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. 43 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Job 10: 8-12

Your hands fashioned and made me, and now you have destroyed me altogether. Remember that you have made me like clay; and will you return me to the dust? Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese? You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. You have granted me life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved my spirit.

Luke 1: 39-45

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from 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

“What If We Started with Life?”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

ROYAL OAK