



EASTER SUNDAY
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 31, AD 2024 9 am

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Assisting Pastors: Barry Phillips and Colton Underwood



GATHERING TO PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 30

We extol you, O LORD, for you have lifted us out of the pit and have not let our foes rejoice over us.

O LORD our God, we cried to you for help, and you have healed us.

O LORD, you have brought up our souls from the dead;

You restored us to life!

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,

But joy comes with the morning.

*SONGS OF PRAISE

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

“King of Kings”

*BLESSING GOD

“Christ Is Risen”

*GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to
the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O LORD,
you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!"

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth

and clothed me with gladness,
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

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

"You Have Drawn Me Up!"

Gerrit Dawson

PRAYER OF FREEING FAITH

Lord Jesus, how you rejoiced to see that everything sad was coming untrue. Your death became a resurrection. And now you reach out your rising hand to me! Give me courage to accept your grip. Give me faith to stop squirming away from you. Draw me out of the pit. Raise me up with you. Turn my mourning into dancing. Even today!

TIME OF REFLECTION



LORD'S SUPPER

WE ARE WELCOMED TO THE TABLE

WE GIVE THANKS FOR JESUS' MIGHTY ACTS

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

WE HEAR THE WORDS JESUS SAID AT SUPPER

WE COMMUNE WITH JESUS

***This morning we will come forward to receive communion. You may place your prayer card and offering in the baskets as you come forward. Ushers will direct worshipers. You may partake of the bread and wine after returning to your seat.*

SONGS OF RESPONSE

"This Is Our God"

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"



BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

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

Sanctuary flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Norman Saurage III, Maude & Norman Saurage Sr., Alma Lee & Norman Saurage Jr., and Flora & Gustave Spaht by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 116:1–9

Services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Easter! We are glad you're here. If you are visiting, please use the New Here card in the pews, or fill out the Connect Card in our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online.

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.

Join Us for Breakfast! Join us in the Courtyard for an Easter breakfast reception after worship.

Loving Our rEcess Families. rEcess is Friday, April 12. Once a month, volunteers spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. Contact Jess Concienne if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess (jess.concienne@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

Women's Spring Picnic, April 13. All ladies are invited to the annual Spring Picnic where we will enjoy fellowship with women of all ages, as well as feast on a delicious spread of salads and snacks. Join us Saturday, April 13 from 11 am to 1 pm at the home of Kelli Bankston. \$10 per person. RSVP at fpibr.org.

GriefShare®. A new GriefShare® group is forming on Monday evenings, 6.30-8.30, beginning April 15. Chris Phillips will lead the group which will meet at Phillip Juban's home near the State Archives building. Space is limited. Email Scott Graham (scott@fpibr.org) or Laura Shaw (laura@fpibr.org) if interested.

International Friendship Partners Game Night, April 19. IFP is hosting a Game Night Friday, April 19 from 6 to 8 pm in the Gym. There will be many games with food and fellowship. It's fun for the whole family! Please join us.

"We Cannot Cancel Hell: Finding Hope Through Final Judgment". We cannot avoid considering the reality of damnation but Gerrit makes three Scriptural observations that lead to one astounding hope in his latest article on desiringgod.org. Printed copies are at the Connection Center.

