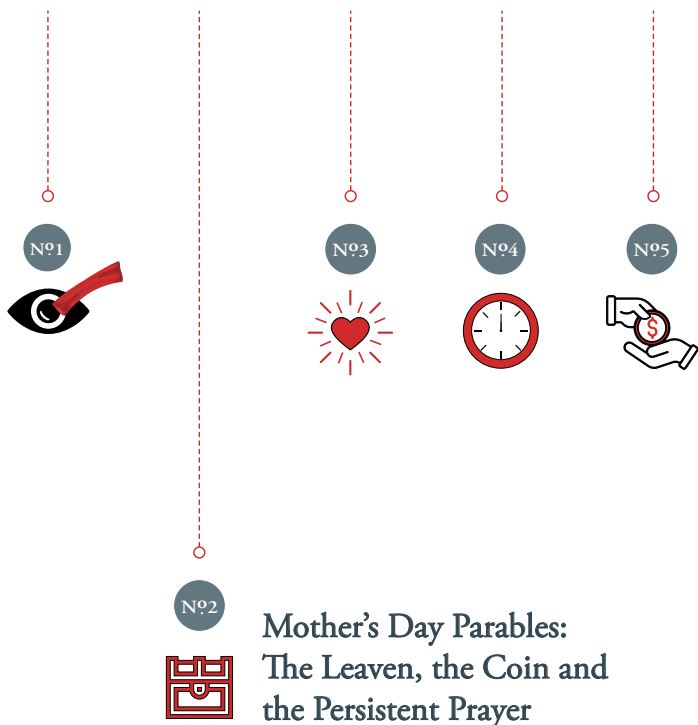


STORIES JESUS TOLD



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

May 12, AD 2024

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

***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!

***Songs of Praise**

“Rejoice”

“This Is Our God”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“Bless God”

Infant Baptisms

Martha Jane Miller

Parents are Shelby and Conner Miller

Sister is Annie Frances Miller

Sponsoring Elder is Hank Mills

Lucas Lorenzo Perez

Parents are Elizabeth and Eddy Perez

Sponsoring Elder is Jamy Comeaux

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

***Greeting and Announcements**

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

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

***Song of Response**

“Lord, I Need You”

Please bring your offerings and prayer requests forward.



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

“Almost Home”

***Response**

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

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 fpcbr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpcbr.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@fpcbr.org).

Vacation Bible School Is Next Month! Register today to join in Jerusalem Marketplace VBS on June 10–13. Visit fpcbr.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 pickle ball 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 fpcbr.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@fpcbr.org).



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