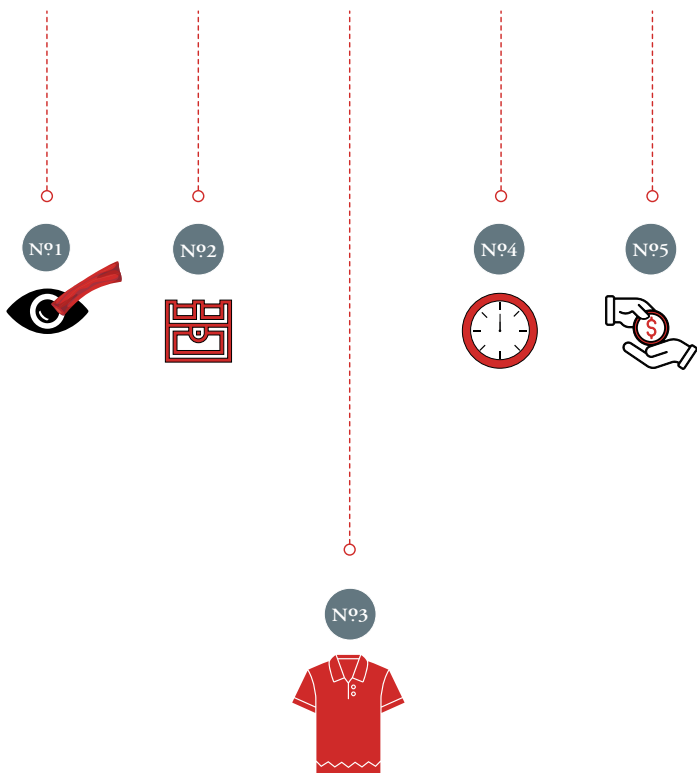


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For Heaven's Sake, Put Your Clothes On!

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, AD 2024

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jaime Carnaggio

***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.

***Songs of Praise**

“Your Love Awakens Me”

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“The King in All His Beauty”



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

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

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“Who You Say I Am”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

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



INTERCESSION

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

***Song of Response**

“O Church Arise (Arise, Shine)”

***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 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

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Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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@fpibr.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.

Youth Parents' Meeting Today. Join us for a Youth Ministry Parent meeting 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.

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.

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).

Vacation Bible School Is Next Month! Register today to join in Jerusalem Marketplace VBS on June 10–13. Visit fpibr.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. Applications are available at fpibr.org and are due by July 15, 2024.

