



LORD, ENLARGE MY VISION

ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 26, AD 2025 | 10.30 am
Mission Sunday


GLOBAL MISSIONS



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson

Prelude

“All Creatures of Our God and King” arranged by James Curnow

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

***Hymn of Praise**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE’S STREET

***Blessing God**

***Hymn of Praise**

“All Hail the Pow’r of Jesus’ Name”

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Whitney Alexander

"Legacy of Missions: Spreading Goodwill Across the World"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Song of Response**

“O Church Arise (Arise, Shine!)”

A Celebration of the Ministry of Whitney Alexander

Reflections from Gerrit Dawson

Reflections from Abounding Love Ministries

Video Tribute

Prayer



BENEDICTION

***Response**

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

Postlude

Musicians

Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin
Kristina Graham, violin
Joy Bedillion, cello
Blake Hanna, trumpet
Janet Schoonmaker, trumpet
Steve Gustafson, piano and organ
Jordan Tupper, bass
Charles Myer, electric guitar
Eli Williams, drums

Today's flowers are given in honor of Whitney Alexander's years of service, his discipleship of my family, and the fact that he introduced us to each other 44 years ago, by Kevin and Mary McKee of The Chapel on the Campus.

Scripture for Next Week: Luke 15:11-24

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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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.

Reception for the Alexanders after Worship. Help us celebrate Whitney's many years of ministry at First Presbyterian. Join us after worship for a reception honoring Phyllis and Whitney.

Women's Social, January 31. Come warm up from the winter cold at our next Women's Ministry Soup Social! This social is intended for ladies 60 and older, but truly anyone is welcome! Friday, January 31, 11.30 am–1.30 pm at Dadie Bardwell's (3512 Stanford Oaks Avenue). Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert plus a copy of your favorite soup recipe! RSVP to jaime@fpibr.org.

Jeffrey Marx to Speak at Men's Event on February 4. Pulitzer Prize winning author Jeffrey Marx will be at First Presbyterian to talk about his classic *Season of Life: A Football Star, a Boy, a Journey to Manhood*. This is a great event to bring your son, your father, or your friend from work. Dinner and door prizes will be involved. \$20 per person until midnight tonight. Price increases to \$25 tomorrow. Register online at fpibr.org or scan the code.



Blood Drive Is Next Sunday. You have the most precious resource of all: the ability to save a life by donating blood! First Presbyterian is hosting a blood drive on Sunday, February 2 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm! Stop by the LifeShare blood mobile before or after worship and help share this invaluable gift with someone in need.

Discover First Dinner Is Next Sunday. This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpibr.org).

MDO Registration Deadline Is Tomorrow. Church member priority registration for the Mother's Day Out 2025–2026 school year is Monday, January 27. Contact Whitney Weiner at mdu@fpibr.org or 225.620.0245 for more information.

Joyful Noise Children's Choir Starts Today! Make a Joyful Noise with us Sunday evenings at 5 pm. Children ages kindergarten through 5th grade are invited! We are excited to begin rehearsals tonight for our "Donkey Tales" musical in April. Join us!

Subscribe to Daily Lent Emails and Podcast. This year's Lent guide, *Golden Threads: Tracing the Tapestry of Scripture*, includes a published book, daily emails and a daily podcast. Visit the Resources tab at fpibr.org to subscribe to the emails. Lent guides will be distributed in worship on Sunday, February 23 and March 2.

Lent Community Groups Forming Now. Community Groups for *Golden Threads: Tracing the Tapestry of Scripture* are forming now. Contact Blake Fowler to be a member or leader of a group (blake@fpibr.org). Groups begin meeting the week of March 5.

Gerrit's Latest Article on Desiring God. "Is It Good That You Exist?" is Gerrit's recent article for desiringgod.org based on his Christmas Eve sermon. Copies available at the Connection Center.

