



ORDER OF WORSHIP



April 19, AD 2026
11 am





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

Prelude

I. Allegro from Concerto No. 2 in E major by J. S. Bach
Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin
Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

Christ is risen from the dead!
Trampling down death by death,

Christ is risen from the dead!
And upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life,
The one who believes in me will never die."

Christ died for all, that those who live
Might no longer live for themselves, but for him who for their sake died and rose.

So let us worship Jesus, the risen Lord of all.

***Hymn of Praise**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

***Blessing God**

Commissioning of Scott Graham as Interim Pastor

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

“Take My Life and Let It Be” arranged by Craig Courtney

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee;
Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

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

*Response Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 455 “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” (vv. 1, 3 & 4)

BEACH SPRING

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Mark 12:28-34

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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 Matters Most”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

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

AUSTRIAN HYMN



LORD’S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Communing in Christ

Prayer of Thanks

Please come forward to receive communion.

Communion Meditation

II. Adagio from Concerto No. 2 in E major by J. S. Bach



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

Allegro from Suite from Appalachian Spring by Aaron Copland

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 in honor of our grandchildren, Robert Wilson Russ IV (25), John Boydston Russ (23), Corinne Elizabeth Boydston (17), James Ryan Whittington (15), John Herbert Boydston III (11), Kirby Elaine Boydston (8), and Katharine Elizabeth Boydston (6) from their loving grandparents Nan and Herb Boydston.

Scripture for Next Week: 1 Peter 1:3–5

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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@fpcbr.org or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Combined Worship & Farewell Reception Next Sunday. Gerrit's last sermon with us before he retires is next Sunday, April 26. Come celebrate his 22 year ministry with First Presbyterian at a combined 10.30 am service and special reception following. We'll share memories, and express our gratitude for his leadership, preaching, and care for our church family. There will be no Sunday school.

Congregational Meeting, April 26. The session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 26, during the combined worship service, to discuss the motion of bestowing the title of Pastor Emeritus on Rev. Dr. Gerrit Dawson. Please join us!

Confirmation Celebration Sunday, May 3. Our 6th grade students prepare all year to make their public profession of faith at a special worship service. On Sunday, May 3 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary, they will profess Christ and be confirmed as active members of our church. Come support them at this celebratory service! A reception follows.

Senior Blessing, April 26. Youth Ministry is having a dinner on Sunday, April 26 to celebrate, encourage, and pray over our high school seniors. All seniors and their parents are invited to attend. Contact Jessica for more details (jessica@fpcbr.org).

Volunteer for the Returning Hearts Celebration, May 16. Returning Hearts is a fun and Spirit-filled annual event where children and their Angola inmate fathers can begin to allow God's healing and reconciliation in their lives. Men are needed to volunteer. Visit fpcbr.org.

"Nehemiah Now". Women's Ministry continues its journey through Nehemiah with a four-week study exploring how God still builds the Church today through unity, holiness, and Christ-centered leadership. Meeting options are Wednesday at 6.30 pm or Thursday at 9.30 am. Visit fpcbr.org for details.

Ways to Give. We are grateful you choose to be a part of God's economy with us. Gifts to First Presbyterian may be made online (fpcbr.org or Church Center) or via US Mail (763 North Blvd., 70802).

Vacation Bible School Camper and Volunteer Registration. Jerusalem Marketplace VBS is back! Dates are Monday, June 8 through Thursday, June 11. Visit fpcbr.org for volunteer and camper details.

Mother's Day Out Is Hiring. MDO is hiring a teacher for the two year old class for next year. Contact Whitney Weiner to inquire (mdo@fpcbr.org or 620.0245).

