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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*April 5, AD 2026 11 am*

# CHRIST IS RISEN!

*Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood*

*Borislava Ilcheva, violin*  
*Carlos Suarez, violin*  
*Emil Ivanov, viola*

*Dragoş Filip, cello*  
*Blake Hanna, trumpet*  
*Eli Williams, timpani/percussion*

*Sherry Kadair, piano*  
*Steve Gustafson, organ and piano*



## GATHERING *to* PRAISE

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### PRELUDE

“Easter Glory”..... arranged by James Curnow

### \*WELCOME *and* CALL *to* WORSHIP

The Lord is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say:  
**“Hell today is vanquished; heaven is won today!”**

Free the souls long imprisoned, bound with Satan’s chain;  
**All that now is fallen raise to life again.**

Show your face in brightness; shine in every land,  
**As in Eden’s garden when the world began.**

Lo, the dead is living, God forevermore!  
**Christ, their true Creator, all his works adore.**

### \*HYMN *of* PRAISE

No. 217 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”..... EASTER HYMN

### \*BLESSING GOD

*You may place your prayer requests and tithes in the baskets as it is passed during the Offertory.*

### CHORAL OFFERTORY

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” ..... arranged by Dan Forrest

I know that my Redeemer lives, glory hallelujah!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives, glory hallelujah!  
Shout on, press on, we’re gaining ground, glory hallelujah!  
The dead’s alive, and the lost is found, glory hallelujah!

He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead my cause above;  
Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground, glory hallelujah!  
He lives to crush the fiends of hell; he lives and doth within me dwell;  
Glory, hallelujah!

\*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

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



PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

\*HYMN of PREPARATION

No. 227 "Thine Is the Glory" ..... MACCABEUS

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.  
And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.  
He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.  
**For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.** *(from I Corinthians)*

SERMON

"Blowing the Lid Off!" ..... Gerrit Dawson

PRAYER of FREEING FAITH

**Risen Lord Jesus, you are the love I was born to find. You are here offering me your life, asking for mine in return. You have given me freedom to say, "No". Today I use my freedom to say, "Yes". I surrender all I am to you. I renounce Satan, sin, the spirit of despair and the lie that I am unloveable. I ask you to forgive me and those who have hurt me. You are the Lord of the universe. Be Lord of my life. I say, "Yes" to you. Amen.**



RESPONDING *to the* WORD

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TIME *of* REFLECTION

\*SONG *of* RESPONSE

No. 226 "The Day of Resurrection"..... LANCASHIRE



LORD'S SUPPER

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SACRAMENT *of* HOLY 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

WORDS *of* INSTITUTION

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Communing in Christ

*\*\*This morning we will come forward to receive communion. Ushers will direct worshipers. You may partake of the bread and wine after returning to your seat.*

COMMUNION MEDITATION



## BENEDICTION

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\*BENEDICTION *and* RESPONSE

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

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Hallelujah!” No. 44 Chorus from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel

*All are invited to join the choir in the Chancel Loft in singing the “Hallelujah” chorus.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Happy Easter!** We are glad you're here. If you are visiting, please fill out the Connect Card in the pew rack or visit [fpcbr.org/new-to-fpcbr](http://fpcbr.org/new-to-fpcbr). Each week we seek to press deeper into Christ and then follow his lead to go further into the world with his love. Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@fpcbr.org](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org).

**We're Having a Gala!** Join us for "From Generation to Generation: A Night of Celebration & Vision" on April 17 at Boudreaux's. This special evening will joyfully honor Gerrit's 22 year ministry and celebrate his faithful leadership while also sharing our new Master Campus Plan. Scan the code to register by Friday, April 10. Suggested price is \$75 per person. If cost would prevent you from attending, there is an option to "pay what you can." Those under the age of 21 are welcome to attend with an adult.



**Combined Worship and Farewell Reception on April 26.** Sunday, April 26 is Gerrit's last sermon with us before he retires. Come celebrate his 22 years with us at a combined 10.30 am service and special reception following. Let's express our gratitude for his leadership, preaching, and care for our church family. There will be no Sunday school.

**Prime Time Club Trip to Jefferson Island.** The Prime Time Club (60+) is going to Prejean's Seafood, Jefferson Island and the Rip Van Winkle Gardens on Wednesday, April 15. Registration ends Tuesday, April 7 at 11.45 pm. Scan the code for details and to register.



**Nehemiah Now.** Women's Ministry continues its journey through Nehemiah with a four-week study exploring how God still builds his church today through unity, holiness, and Christ-centered leadership. The study meets on Wednesday or Thursday beginning the week of April 15. Visit [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) for further details.

**Special Children's Lesson Next Sunday.** Jill Garner of Manners of the Heart will join us for a special Sunday school lesson for 1st-5th grades! Join us Sunday, April 12 at 10.10 am in Sanctuary basement room 36.

**Church Office Closed Tomorrow.** Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

**Attention Parents of Seniors.** Please send your senior's baby and graduation photos to Jessica ([jessica@fpcbr.org](mailto:jessica@fpcbr.org)) by April 17. Senior Sunday is May 3.

**VBS Camper and Volunteer Registration.** Jerusalem Marketplace VBS is back! Dates are Monday, June 8 through Thursday, June 11. Visit [fpcbr.org](http://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](mailto:mdo@fpcbr.org) or 620.0245).

**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. Volunteers are needed. Visit [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) or email [lindsay@fpcbr.org](mailto:lindsay@fpcbr.org).

*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: John 20:19-31  
Services are video recorded and livestreamed.  
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