



THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 27, AD 2025
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

Rachel Ciraldo, flute

Nick Ciraldo, classical guitar

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 24 & 47

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Our God is the King of all the earth!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors.
That the King of glory may come in!

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 228 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

DARWALL

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Our Lord and our God, our vision of you has been too small. We second guess your providence and question whether your way is right and good. We try to fit our lives in your Kingdom into the box that we've made with expectations of success, influence, and acclaim imported from the world. Our disappointments have left us stuck, frustrated, and fruitless. In all this and more, we confess that you have been small in our eyes. Forgive us for our weak faith. Bend down again and lift our heads that we might get a glimpse of the glory that is promised us in Christ, and make us like him. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

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. 17 “Ye Servants of God”

HANOVER

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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

Colton Underwood

“Kingdom on the Rise”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Hymn of Response**

No. 293 “Rise Up, O Church of God” (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

ST. THOMAS

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

***Response**

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

Postlude

“Rise Up, O Church of God”



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.

High School Senior Celebration Tonight! Youth Ministry is celebrating the class of 2025 and their parents tonight at Istrouma Eatery from 5 to 7 pm. 9th-11th graders are invited as well!

40s/50s Ladies Spring Social: Wednesday, April 30, 6-8 pm @ the home of Paula Begnaud (1962 Stuart Avenue). No agenda, just food, fun and fellowship! Intended for ladies in the 40s/50s age range, but anyone is welcome! Please bring an appetizer, dessert, or beverage to share. RSVP to jaimie@fpibr.org.

rEcess Is This Friday! rEcess is Friday, May 2. Once a month, volunteers spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. Contact Jess Concienne if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess (jess.concienne@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

High School Senior Sunday, May 4. We are excited to celebrate our seniors with a slideshow and special gift on Sunday, May 4 at the 9 and 11 am services. We hope you can join us as we send them off with prayer and best wishes.

Confirmation Celebration Next Sunday, May 4. Our 6th grade students prepare all year to make their public profession of faith at a special worship service. On Sunday, May 4 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.

Volunteer for the Returning Hearts Celebration, May 17. 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. Visit fpibr.org for details and to volunteer.

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@fpibr.org or 620.0245).

Vacation Bible School: Register or Volunteer Today! Jerusalem Marketplace VBS is in two months, June 9-12. Visit fpibr.org or scan the code for volunteer and camper 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 (fpibr.org or the church app) or via US Mail (763 North Blvd., 70802).

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.

The Chapel and Sanctuary flowers serve to honor a departed loved one or celebrate with thanksgiving cherished people or events. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.

Scripture for Next Week: Acts 2:1-13

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