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Experiencing the Frauenkirche

Welcome to our open congregation

We warmly invite you to worship as part of our open congregation. We hold our main church service, usually accompanied by vocal music, on Sunday at 11 a.m. We celebrate the holy communion once a month during our regular Sunday service, when we also hold christenings. Each Sunday at 6 p.m., we welcome you to an evening service with a theme sermon series, accompanied by organ music. Once a month, the evening service is held as an Anglican service in English. Wedding ceremonies take place exclusively on selected Saturdays and are arranged well in advance. If you wish to discover more about our Christian faith, we invite you to participate in a class »religion for curious people«, which we offer annually during the seven weeks preceding Easter.

Faith unites people

Daily, the peace bell Jesaja strikes, calling us to pause for a moment and pray for peace in the world, marking the beginning of our midday organ prayer service. Monday through Saturday at noon, the church comes alive with organ music, psalm prayers and the word of God. During the midday prayer services on Friday, we recite the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation. Evening prayer services are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 p.m. Following the prayer services at noon and in the evening, a church guide illustrates the church history, architecture, and

iconography from the pulpit. During the summer, on the first Saturday of the month at 6 a.m., we welcome you to an early morning prayer service on the dome. Accompanied by music, we welcome the day somewhere between heaven and earth.

Experiencing the Frauenkirche

We are an open house of God and humans. We welcome you to relish the beauty of this particular place and be inspired by its particular message of peace and reconciliation. Our volunteer church guides gladly respond to your questions. They will also know whether a guided tour is available at your requested time. For a small fee, we invite you to follow an audio guided tour and learn interesting details about our Frauenkirche. The lower church is a space dedicated to silence, offering time for your personal devotion and prayer. Usually, it opens during »Open Church« hours.



OPEN CHURCH

Mon through Fri 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
1 p.m – 6 p.m.
(Times may vary due to rehearsals)

Sat and Sun alternating times

Please, also refer to www.frauenkirche-dresden.de/kalender for current opening hours.

SERVICES

Sunday and holidays 11 a.m. with vocal church music
6 p.m. with instrumental church music
6 p.m. Anglican service (once a month)

On Sundays at 4 p.m., we invite you to enjoy an hour of spiritual Sunday music.

PRAYER SERVICES

Words and organ music with a central guided tour

Mon through Fri 12 p.m.
Mon through Wed, Fri 6 p.m.

Thur 6 p.m. ecumenical evening prayer service
Fri 12 p.m. Coventry Litany of Reconciliation
Sat 6 a.m. early morning prayer service (May through Sep, first Saturday of the month)

LECTURES

Varying lecture series like »Forum Frauenkirche«, the »Thursday forum« and other formats cope with a wide array of current and historical issues. Please, refer to our website or call in advance to get detailed information on specific dates and topics.

Diversity of Music

Music has always played its own special role in the Frauenkirche. It is an essential component during our services. Many works of church music are presented within the building's baroque setting. The musical ensembles of the Frauenkirche, its choir, chamber choir and the ensemble frauenkirche Dresden, all make an important contribution to the diversity and excellence of the church's musical life. Annually, we welcome guests to almost 100 concerts in the Frauenkirche Dresden. Many of them present internationally renowned soloists, ensembles, and choirs.

CONCERTS

Sat 8 p.m.

SPIRITUAL SUNDAY MUSIC

Sun 4 p.m.

ORGAN MUSIC ON WEDNESDAYS

Wed alternating with Kreuzkirche, the Catholic Cathedral, and Kulturpalast Dresden

Please, refer to our website or call in advance for specific dates.



Between heaven and earth

Ascending the dome of the Frauenkirche is a special attraction. The viewing platform at a height of 67 m offers a stunning view across the city of Dresden and its surroundings. Visitors make their way up the first 24 meters using a lift. Next, the route takes you via narrow stairs, a spiralling ramp and a steep ladder stairway up to the viewing platform.

ASCENDING THE DOME

Nov through Feb

Mon–Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sun 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Mar through Oct

Mon–Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sun 12:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Please note that constraints may occur due to weather conditions. Please refer to our website for specific access requirements or ask on site.

Admission fees

Adults 8 €

Dresden Card 6 € p.p.

Concessions 5 €

Student groups 2 € p.p.

Families 20 €

GUIDED TOURS TO THE DOME

(pre-booking required; outside regular opening hours)

Summer

Mar–Oct before 10 a.m.
after 7 p.m.

Winter

Nov–Feb before 10 a.m.
after 5 p.m.

Duration approx. one hour, pre-booking required

Admission fee 10 € p.p.

Group reservation 150 € (max. 25 people)

Please note that the construction of the Frauenkirche including the areas accessed when ascending the dome deviate from current building standards. Accordingly, we ask you to refer to our house regulations at www.frauenkirche-dresden.de/kuppelaufstieg/hausordnung or on site.

Guided tours

We invite you to take part in a guided tour and learn much about the history, architecture, religious significance, reconstruction, and present day life of the church (some guided tours are only available by pre-booking).

Guided main church tour **

Duration approx. 50 min (prayer service, guided tour)

Admission fee free (we kindly ask for your voluntary contribution)

group reservations are available at 3 € p.p.

Guided church galleries tour **/**

Duration approx. 50 minutes

Admission fee 5 € p.p./ min. 100 € per group

Audio guide tours **/**

Duration approx. 25 to 45 minutes

Admission fee 2 € p.p./ 3 € p.p. for group reservations

Guided children church tours **

Duration approx. 60 minutes

Admission fee free

Church learning excursions **

Duration approx. 2,5 hours

Admission fee free

Guided tour with organ music *

Duration approx. 1 hour

Admission fee 10 € p.p.

* single guest reservation

** group reservations

History of the Frauenkirche

FASCINATING FRAUENKIRCHE

With stunning images, the film »Fascinating Frauenkirche« presents how a wound in the heart of the city of Dresden and in the hearts of many citizens is healing visibly. The 25 minutes long **documentary** copes with the history and architecture of the church that signifies reconciliation, hope and faith. You will receive incredible insights into the life of the Frauenkirche, in and around this exceptional church building.

Access	church interior via entrance B
Duration	approx. 25 minutes
Admission fee	3 € p.p.
Language	German, English upon request

During »Open Church« hours.

REMEMBERING THE RECONSTRUCTION

We are presenting an **exhibition** in the lower church area. Original documents give witness to the history of destruction, reconstruction, and the impressive active citizenship then and now. Selected exhibits, drafts, drawings, and photographs portray stages of the reconstruction process, from the first initiatives all the way to the consecration of the church in October 2005. Our objective is to honor those who have supported the reconstruction and the preservation of the church building in whatever way possible.

Access	church interior via entrance F
Admission fee	free

During »Open Church« hours.

Your Donation

The Frauenkirche has regained its space in the heart of the city of Dresden. People from around the world accept our invitation to attend church services and concerts, come for prayer and silence, enjoy the architecture and join the dialogue for peace. It is our heartfelt desire as well as the foundation's mission to open up the church to such manifold activities and to simultaneously preserve the reconstructed building. Electricity and heating, organ tuning and maintenance of the climate technology and electrotechnology, repair work and cleaning add up to approximately one million Euro annually. This does not include the extensive costs for our numerous activities and offerings within the church.

Thus, we cordially ask for your donation or endowment, thus supporting that the peace message of the Frauenkirche will continue to spread on an international scale and that the church may be preserved for future generations.

DONATION ACCOUNT

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DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

... annually, approximately 2 million people visit the Frauenkirche Dresden?

... the Frauenkirche Dresden is active in promoting peace and reconciliation in many different ways?

... daily, we need approximately 3.000 € of private donations for our activities in the church and the preservation of the church building?



PIVOTAL MOMENTS

- 11th century** A first chapel is built on the site of today's Frauenkirche.
- 1726** The foundation stone is laid for the new baroque-style church designed by master carpenter George Bähr.
- 1734** The unfinished building is consecrated without an organ and with a provisional altar.
- 1736** Johann Sebastian Bach plays the Silbermann organ.
- 1743** The construction is completed as the cross is placed on the spire.
- 1843** Richard Wagner conducts and premieres his Biblical scene »The Feast of Pentecost«.
- 1945** The gutted ruins of the church collapse two days after the bomb attacks on Dresden of February 13th.
- post-1945** The Church of Saxony calls for a rebuilding of the Frauenkirche; initial investigations regarding its possible archaeological reconstruction are carried out by the Saxon Regional Office for the Preservation of Historical Monuments; GDR politics and ideology block that the reconstruction may be considered any further.
- 1982** For the first time, participants of the Ecumenical Peace Forum form a procession to the ruins, carrying candles.
- 1990** The »Appeal from Dresden« calls for reconstruction.
- 1993** Archaeological clearing of the rubble starts.
- 1994** Official archaeological reconstruction starts; the first stone is laid.
- 1996** The lower church is consecrated.
- 2000** The spire cross financed by British donations is presented by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, as a gift by the British people.
- 2003** The bells are consecrated.
- 2004** Completion of the main dome: the cupola and cross are placed on the spire.
- 2005** Consecration of the reconstructed Frauenkirche Dresden on October 30th.
- post-2005** Sermons by all current chairmen of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD), bishops of many State churches of Germany and of churches from around the world.
Lectures by the Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Martti Ahtisaari, Mohamed ElBaradei, Ahmet Üzümcü, Frederik W. de Klerk.
Concerts featuring the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, Cecilia Bartoli, Anne-Sophie Mutter, David Garrett and many others.
Visits by the former Federal Presidents of Germany Horst Köhler and Joachim Gauck as well as by the current Federal President of Germany Frank-Walter Steinmeier and by the former US-American president Barak Obama.

Our service for you

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VISITOR AND TICKET SERVICE

Your contact for all issues regarding your visit of the
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Mon through Fri 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sat 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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