

# A BUSTLING PLACE

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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.



# 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

## 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](http://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.

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# 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](http://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.

<b>Access</b>	church interior via entrance B
<b>Duration</b>	approx. 25 minutes
<b>Admission fee</b>	3 € p.p.
<b>Language</b>	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.

<b>Access</b>	church interior via entrance F
<b>Admission fee</b>	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

## Frauenkirche Dresden Foundation

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## VISITOR AND TICKET SERVICE

Your contact for all issues regarding your visit of the  
Frauenkirche, pre-booking of guided tours and  
concert ticket counter.

**Mon through Fri** 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Sat** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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