

Lord's Day Worship
First Sunday after Easter
April 27, 2025
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Christ Laid in the Bonds of Death*J. S. Bach
Charles D. Frost, organ

WelcomeRev. Dr. Bettina Kilburn

Introit: *Let Trumpets Sound and Voices Sing!*.....John Hatton/John Danner
Sanctuary Choir
Let trumpets sound and voices sing! Let all the earth their praises bring!
For Christ has conquered sin and death. And given life eternal breath. Amen.

***Call to Worship**Ken Hiatt, Deacon
One: As we journey together, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, let us open our hearts to the risen Lord.
All: Lord, open our eyes to see you in the brokenness of our lives, in the familiar faces of our community, and in the unfolding of your word.
One: May our hearts burn within us as we hear your voice, and may we, like those at Emmaus, be filled with the joy of recognizing Jesus.
All: He is risen! He is risen indeed!

***Hymn of Praise:** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*.....No. 245

Prayer of ConfessionRev. Dr. Stephen Hasley
Almighty God, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we have walked with you, yet sometimes our eyes have been clouded, and we have failed to recognize your presence in our lives and in the lives of others. We confess that we have not always sought your wisdom, your guidance, or your love. We have often wandered from your path, and we have not always followed your teachings. We are sorry for our sins, our failings, and our lack of faith. Open our hearts and minds to see you in the everyday moments, in the scriptures, and in the faces of those around us. Help us to recognize your presence and to follow your path with renewed purpose and faith. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*..... No. 240 (stanza 3 and refrain)

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: *The Other Side of Easter*.....Rev. Dr. Bettina Kilburn

Anthem: *This Joyful Eastertide* George R. Woodward/Dale Grotenhuis
This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sadness! Our Lord, the crucified, has filled our hearts with gladness. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three day prison, our faith would be in vain. But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, but now has Christ arisen!

My being shall rejoice secure within God's keeping, until the trumpet voice shall wake us from our sleeping. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three day prison, our faith would be in vain.
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, but now has Christ arisen!

Death's waters lost their chill when Jesus crossed the river. His love shall reach me still; His mercy is forever. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three day prison, our faith would be in vain.
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, but now has Christ arisen!

Living Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Moment for School Uniforms: Dee Dee Finison

Offering

Offertory: *Christ Is Risen*Johann Pachelbel

***Response:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*.....No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn:** *The Day of Resurrection!*No. 233

*Charge and Benediction

***Response:** *Go Out in Joy*..... Milburn Price

Sanctuary Choir

*God of the journey, we ask for Your presence guiding our work as our gifts we employ for the fulfillment of Christ's great commission.
Singing Your praises, we go out in joy.*

***Postlude:** *Celebration*.....Charles Callahan

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (FPC)!

We're glad you're here! We don't look or act alike. God knows we don't think alike. We come with questions, burdens and joys. But every Sunday we worship as one—in person and online. We pray you'll experience God's presence and better understand your faith through today's service.

In-person worshipers: Complete the maroon fellowship register at the end of your pew and wear your name tag if you're a member or friend so we can greet one another by name. (If you need a new name tag, just contact the church.) After worship, enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the Gathering Space.

Online worshipers: Use the QR code you'll see on the screen at the beginning of worship or click on the blue "Connect" button on our website's homepage and complete the brief pop-up form so we can connect with you.

"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME"

We value children in worship and encourage them to sit with their parents/ guardians or to use the Family Worship Center (in James Chapel under the south balcony in the Sanctuary) which helps engage them in worship. We also offer a Sunday class at 10:30 AM for children ages 3-7. Please drop off and pick up children in the Children's Library (on the first floor across from the nursery). Children age 8 and older are welcome to sit with their parents/guardians in worship or to join staff in the Family Worship Center. A nursery is available for children through age 3.

THESE MAY HELP

Large-print bulletins are available; just ask an usher. Hearing devices are available as well. FPC also has a smartphone option that may work with your hearing aid. To use it, go to the App store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) and download WaveCAST Receiver by Williams Sound. Then log into the FPC Member wifi network (password firstpres [case sensitive]); open WaveCAST; click on FPC Sanctuary; adjust the volume and enjoy the service. Need help? Just ask an usher!

ABOUT WORSHIP

Worship the Lord with us each Sunday at our 9 AM CrossRoads contemporary service in Fellowship Hall or at this 10:30 AM traditional service here in the Sanctuary. Or worship online by livestream or through a recording (available after 2 PM Sunday) of these services via our website's homepage or on our YouTube channel.

From September 2024-June 2025, our sermons and worship are based on Scripture from the Narrative Lectionary (NL). The NL is a set of readings that walk us through high points of the Bible story from creation to Pentecost. You can watch the services and sermons in this series on our YouTube channel. If you'd like to see the full NL calendar we're using, go to our website. If you'd like to watch brief, engaging video overviews of the books of the Bible that are part of the NL, we recommend thebibleproject.com.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Anderson by his wife, Enid Anderson, and their family. (Contact the church to give flowers for Sunday worship in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a particular event.)

Leading in worship: Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Charles Frost, Guest Director of Music and Organist; Rev. Dr. Stephen Hasley, PC USA(HR); Ken Hiatt, Deacon; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Dr. Bettina Kilburn, Interim Associate Pastor of Congregational Care

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join FPC at a new member class on Tuesday, April 29, at 4:40 PM in the Gathering Space or on Sunday, May 18, at 11:45 AM in our church library!

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

PRAYERFUL STUDY

To learn *more* about faith formation for all ages and all stages of life and faith, go to fpchhi.org or contact the church.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

"Feed My Sheep" is the first Sunday of the month: bring non-perishable items to the Gathering Space for local food pantries, including our own PIN (People In Need), or drop off items at your convenience in the cart by the elevator. PIN especially needs small bottles of laundry detergent and dishwashing liquid, instant grits, canned fruit, pasta and meatballs, Spam, paper towels and one or two lb. bags of rice. Please no glass containers or opened items. Thank you!

Help us change lives and make disciples by giving via 1) a check made payable to FPC (540 William Hilton Parkway, HHI, SC 29928), 2) the Give button at fpchhi.org, 3) QR code (on the screen and the card in the pew racks) or 4) texting "FPCHHI" to 77977.

CARING CONNECTIONS

Visit the following Ministry Tables in the Gathering Space today:

- to sign up for the May 7 variety show and cookout;
- to learn more about FPC's school uniform initiative;
- to learn more about FPC's Stephen Ministry program;
- to sign up for the Men's Breakfast on May 9;
- Evangelism and Engagement representatives will be at the Welcome Center.

Submit prayer requests for our staff prayers and our confidential prayer chain via:

- Prayer boxes in Fellowship Hall and the narthex (the area outside the Sanctuary)
- Email info@fpchhi.org or a pastor (ejohnson@fpchhi.org, bkilburn@fpchhi.org, wrobinson@fpchhi.org)
- QR code (on the card in the pew racks)

If you or a family member will be in the hospital, had a recent hospitalization or would like pastoral care or to receive communion, contact Pastor Bettina Kilburn (404-771-7608) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 245).

Stephen Ministry is a vital ministry of compassion and care to others. To learn how a Stephen Minister might help you or someone you love, contact Gloria LaCoe (glacoe24@gmail.com).



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THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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Tuesday, April 29

- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Women Growing in Faith (Room 202/Zoom)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids Drama Program (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 PM **New Member Class (Gathering Space)**

Wednesday, April 30

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen (Room 219)
- 10:00 AM Women's Spiritual Exercise Group (Library/Zoom)
- 4:00 PM Son-Light Singers (Choir Room)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons (Zoom)

Thursday, May 1

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids (Various rooms)
- 4:00 PM Meditation Group (South Room)
- 5:00 PM FPC Kids Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)

Friday, May 2

- 2:00 PM Bill Sutherland Memorial Service (Honey Horn Chapel)

Sunday, May 4

- 8:30 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 8:45 AM Nursery opens (Room 109)
- 9:00 AM **CrossRoads contemporary worship (Fellowship Hall/livestream)**
- 9:00 AM Sunday School for ages 3-7 (Rooms 112 and 114)
- 9:00 AM Work In Progress class (Library/Zoom)
- 9:00 AM Adult Seekers class (Room 202/Zoom)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 10:30 AM **Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 10:30 AM Sunday School for ages 3-7 (Rooms 112 and 114)
- 11:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space)