

Lord's Day Worship
Gospel of Luke: Greatest Hits!
September 10, 2023
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Near to the Heart of God*..... Cleland B. McAfee; arr. Gerald Anderson

Welcome

Introit: *Breathe On Me, Breath of God:* Words Edwin Hatch
Music: Robert Jackson; arr. Tom Fetteke

Sanctuary Choir
*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love and do what Thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.*

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 149.....Deacon Julie Hellman

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song!
All: We will rejoice in the Lord! We will praise His holy name!
Leader: Let us exult in glory! Let us sing for joy!
All: Praise the Lord!

***Hymn:** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*.....No. 310

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, You love us more than words, and You have given us Your Spirit to lead us in paths of right living. Yet, we sometimes stray, sinning against You in thought, word and deed, through what we've done and what we haven't done. Merciful God, as we remember our baptism, we praise You and thank You for forgiving us again and again and again. By Your Spirit, help us to die *daily* to sin and to rise *daily* to our new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You, and in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *Gloria Patri*No. 581

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: from Luke 3 and 4

Sermon: *Prayer and the Spirit: Unlocking Divine Power*..... Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

Anthem: *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*..... Words: Thomas T. Lynch
Music: Plainsong melody, 13th c.; arr. K. Lee Scott

Sanctuary Choir
*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be.
Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee.
And with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be.
Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee.
And with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be.
Show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee.
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be Give Him who gave me Thee.
Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be.
Help me now Thy pow'r to see, I would be like Thee.*

'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;

*Let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like Thee!*

***Affirmation of Faith** from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

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.

Minute for Mission..... Rev. April Havlin, House of Hope, Nicaragua

Offering

Offertory: *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*.....Southern folk melody
arr. Mark Hayes

***Response:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* No. 66

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response:** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Doris Akers

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove.
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

***Postlude:** *Praise Him, Praise Him*..... Chester G. Allen; arr. Laura Bergquist
(You're invited to remain in worship through the Postlude.)

**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 fuel your faith through today's service.

If you're worshipping in person, complete the maroon fellowship register at the end of the pew and wear your name tag if you're a member so we can greet one another by name. (If you need a new name tag, just contact the church.) If you're worshipping online, click on the blue "Connect" button on our website's homepage and complete the brief pop-up form so we can connect with you too. **After worship, enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the Gathering Space.**

"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME"

Children are welcome to sit with their parents/guardians in worship or to use the Family Worship Center located in James Chapel that helps engage children in worship. It has a bookcase of supplies, coloring pages, activity pages and parent information. We also

provide a Sunday School lesson for children at the beginning of worship in Creation Station (upstairs in Room 216). Bring children to Creation Station before the service begins, and children will return to the Sanctuary with FPC staff after the sermon. To learn more about our children's ministry, contact Jodi Gregg Krivda at jkrivda@fpchhi.org.

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? Ask an usher!

ABOUT WORSHIP

Join us next Sunday in person at this 10:30 AM traditional service here in the Sanctuary or at our 9 AM Crossroads contemporary service in Fellowship Hall. Or join us online via livestream or a recording of both services. To do so, on your electronic device or smart TV go to our website's homepage and click on "9:00 Livestream" or "10:30 Livestream," or go to our YouTube channel. Recordings are available after 2 PM today.

We welcome Rev. April Havlin, Executive Director of House of Hope (HOH), in worship! We've supported HOH in Nicaragua for several years, and we've also sent FPCers to Nicaragua to work with them. She and an associate will be in the Gathering Space to meet and talk with folks following both worship services.

Regarding the Lord's Prayer: as with the use of "sins," the use of "Your/s" is contemporary language that opens this prayer more to worshippers—in person and online—who aren't familiar with it. You may of course still use "Thy/Thine."

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor and celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary by Fred and Donna Manske. The memorial rose is in honor of Bill Hurd who entered the Church Triumphant on August 30, 2023.

Leading in worship: Gerald Anderson, piano; S. Russell Floyd, Minister of Music; Julie Hellman, deacon; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Dr. Will Robinson, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

See something, say something! If you have concerns in the church or on our campus, please notify an usher, a pastor or other staff.

"YOU'RE INVITED!"

You're invited to join FPC at a new member class ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, AT 11:45 AM IN JAMES CHAPEL (under the south balcony of the Sanctuary)!

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

JOYFUL WORSHIP

Singers and handbell ringers welcome! We're blessed with a long and glorious tradition of sacred music. Whether you're an accomplished musician or would just like to "explore" your musical gifts, now is an ideal time to join the Sanctuary and/or Carillon Handbell choirs. No audition is necessary. The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7 PM, and the Carillon Handbell Choir will rehearse on Thursdays at 5:30 PM, beginning September 14. If you're interested, contact Rusty Floyd (843-681-3696 or rfloyd@fpchhi.org). We're grateful that Dennis Smith will lead the Carillon Handbell Choir this year.

PRAYERFUL STUDY

To learn more about our children's ministry, email Jodi Gregg Krivda at jkrivda@fpchhi.org. To learn more about our youth ministry, email Jackie Wilhelm at jwilhelm@fpchhi.org. Adult Ministry classes and small groups meet on Sundays and throughout the week. To learn more, see "THIS WEEK @ FPC!" in this bulletin and go to fpchhi.org/adult-ministry/ or contact the church.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

What does it take to save a life? FPC's Health Ministry will host a free CPR/AED demonstration by Cinda Seamon, Fire and Life Safety Educator for Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue, on Tuesday, September 12, at 12:30 PM in the Gathering Space.

The first Sunday of every month is Feed My Sheep Sunday: Bring non-perishable items to our Gathering Space for local food pantries, including our own which is part of our People in Need (PIN) ministry. PIN is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM-noon to help people with utility bills, rent and food/supplies. PIN currently needs paper products.

Help us change lives and make disciples by giving via 1) mailing a check to 540 William Hilton Parkway, HHI, SC 29928 and made payable to FPC, 2) the Give button at fpchhi.org or 3) texting "FPCHHI" to 77977.

CARING CONNECTIONS

We live our Value of "Caring Connections" in many ways. We lived it in July and August through our Prayer Project—91 FPCers prayed for every member of our congregation. We're grateful to Prayer Project leaders, Deacons Rusty Brown and Charlie Deaton, and to all who participated in this ministry of prayer and caring.

FPC's Amazin' Grazin' is a "dining together" ministry that places couples and singles in a different dinner group each month. Enjoy fellowship, meet new people and get to know others better in the FPC family of faith! Visit their ministry table in the Gathering Space TODAY or call the church to sign up.

Prayer boxes are located here in Fellowship Hall and in the narthex. If you complete a prayer request card (beside the box) and drop it in the box, we'll include your prayer in our staff prayers on Tuesday and on our confidential prayer chain. You may also submit prayer requests to info@fpchhi.org or to a pastor (dknauf@fpchhi.org or wrobinson@fpchhi.org).

If you or a family member will be in the hospital, had a recent hospitalization or would benefit from pastoral care or like to receive communion, contact Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf (919-909-2660) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 245).

Visit the Memory Matters ministry table in the Gathering Space TODAY to sign up for Brain Boosters on September 11, 18 and 25 at 1 PM in Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK AT FPC!

*For more information about the ministries listed below,
go to fpchhi.org or contact the church.*

- September 11:** Memory Matters Brain Boosters at 1 PM (Fellowship Hall)
- September 12:** Book Talk at 10:30 AM (Library/Zoom)
Knitting Ministry at 1:30 PM (Library)
Weavers small group at 2 PM (Room 202/Zoom)
- September 13:** Men's Bible Study at 9 AM (Zoom)
Journeymen small group at 10 AM (Room 213)
FPC Kids program at 3 PM (various rooms)
Lowcountry Lessons at 4:15 PM (Zoom)
- September 14:** Chair Yoga at 11 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Bereavement support group at 2 PM (Gathering Space)
AiM Choir rehearsal at 4 PM (Choir Room)
Meditation group at 4:30 PM (South Room)
Carillon Bell Choir rehearsal at 5:30 PM (Bell Room)
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 7 PM (Choir Room)
- September 17:** Fellowship time at 8:30 AM (Gathering Space)
Nursery opens at 8:45 AM (Room 109)
CrossRoads contemporary worship at 9 AM (Fellowship Hall/livestream)
Work in Progress class at 9 AM (Library/Zoom)
Adult Seekers at 9 AM (Honey Horn Chapel/Zoom)
Living in the Word at 9 AM (Room 202/Zoom)
Fellowship time at 10 AM (Gathering Space)
Youth service project at 10 AM (Youth Space)
Traditional worship at 10:30 AM (Sanctuary/livestream)
Fellowship time at 11:30 AM (Gathering Space)
J.O.Y. Group at 11:30 AM (Zoom)
Middle School Youth Group at 4 PM (Youth Space)
Youth Dinner at 5 PM (Youth Space)
High School Youth Group at 6 PM (Youth Space)

**"DAUFUSKIE TASTES & TALES"
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, AT 5:30 PM (GATHERING SPACE)**

An evening hosted by Breaking Bread of FPC's Congregational Life Ministry:

A Gullah-inspired dinner: \$10/adult

Speaker: Jim Alberto, author of *Daufuskie Daze: Living, Learning and Teaching on a South Carolina Sea Island*

Sign up on the church website or call the church!



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