

Lord's Day Worship
First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Children of the Heavenly Father* Matthew Compton
Carillon Handbell Choir

Welcome Rev. Diane Knauf

***Call to Worship**

Leader: On Ash Wednesday, a cross of ashes reminded us

All: of our mortality and of our death to sin in Christ.

Leader: On this first Sunday in Lent, we continue the journey to the Cross and Empty Tomb,

All: asking the Spirit to lead us every step as we commit ourselves to saying no to sin and yes to Christ.

***Hymn:** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*No. 166

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

All-Merciful God, though we don't *have* to sin, we still do. We sin when we don't listen to Your Spirit, who dwells in us and leads us to do what's right in Your eyes. Forgive our sins, including greed, lust, not forgiving, selfish ambition, and not loving You or our neighbors as we should. All-Gracious God, give us ears to listen to Your Spirit, so that we would faithfully follow Your Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *We are Forgiven*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody.

***Passing the Peace**

Anthem: *Our Lord's Prayer* Lloyd Larson
Sanctuary Choir

*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, the power and the glory forever and ever! Amen.*

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

Sermon: *Living on Prayer* Dr. Will Robinson

Prayers of the People Elder Bob White

The Lord's Prayer..... Albert Hay Malotte

Matthew Walley, solo
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
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For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Life of the Church

Minute for Mission: Bahati Scholars Mary Stuart Alderman
Elizabeth Basaldua, Millie Jones, Jeff Myers

Offering

Offertory: *Grateful Hymns of Praise*..... Lloyd Larson
Carillon Handbell Choir

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *What a Friend We Have In Jesus*No. 465

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude:** *Toccata* Georg Muffat

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (FPC)! Whether you're a visitor, a member or an affiliate member, 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. We pray you'll experience God's presence and foster your faith through today's service.

So we can greet one another by name, complete the fellowship register at the end of each pew and wear your name tag if you're a member. (If you need a new one, just contact the church.) If you're a visitor, please click on the light blue "Connect" button in the middle of our website's homepage and complete the brief pop-up form, or complete a Connection Card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during the Offering or take it to the Welcome Center in the narthex. **After worship, we invite you to 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, a space here in the Sanctuary that helps engage children in worship. It has a bookcase of supplies, a learning table and a Faith Formation staff or volunteer guide. We also provide crafts and music for children from 10-10:30 AM in Creation Station (upstairs in Room 216), followed by a Bible lesson. After the Bible lesson in Creation Station, children return with FPC staff to the Sanctuary. If you need to leave with a child, you can listen to this service in the narthex (just outside the Sanctuary's front doors). 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. **For those unable to attend in person and as an expression of our mission, we provide a livestream of both worship services.** On your electronic device or smart TV, go to the homepage of our website (fpchhi.org) and click on “9:00 Livestream” or “10:30 Livestream,” or go to our YouTube channel. To worship later, a recording of each service is available after 2 PM today.

Leading in worship today: H. Gerald Anderson, piano; S. Russell Floyd, Minister of Music; Charles D. Frost, organ; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Diane Knauf, Associate Pastor; Rev. Dr. William E. W. Robinson, Senior Pastor

If you'd like to provide flowers for Sunday worship in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a particular event, contact the church. There are many dates available in 2023; the donation is \$50.

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 this family of faith at a new member class TODAY AT 11:45 AM IN JAMES CHAPEL (under the south balcony of the Sanctuary)!

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

VISIT THE FOLLOWING MINISTRY TABLES IN THE GATHERING SPACE TODAY:

- FPC Boy Scout Troop 245's Spaghetti Dinner from 6-8 PM on February 28
- FPC's Bahati Scholarship Program
- Sarah Circle Bible study; sign up for their women's spring luncheon on March 23

JOYFUL WORSHIP

During Lent, we encourage you to commit to the following practices (from *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton, which was our guide on our January-February 2023 all-church study and worship-sermon series):

1. Pray five times daily and worship weekly.
2. Read five verses of Scripture daily and study the Bible in a small group or class.
3. Commit five acts of kindness weekly and serve with others at FPC.
4. Commit five acts of generosity toward others monthly and give generously to God through FPC.
5. Share the love of Christ with others and invite five people to FPC 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.

What gifts has the Holy Spirit given you? Join Debbie Berling and Lisa Black for an entertaining and informative Spiritual Gifts Workshop on Saturday, March 11, from 9 AM-noon in the FPC Library. Registration is required through our website or by calling the church. Stop by the Volunteer Center Ministry Table (in the hallway leading to Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex) TODAY to learn more and to register.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Help those devastated by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey by giving to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) via FPC. PDA is providing immediate relief and will help throughout the recovery process. Give on our website; select Disaster Assistance/Earthquake. Or make checks payable to FPC noting Disaster Assistance/Earthquake on the memo line.

People In Need (PIN) is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM-noon to help people with utility bills, rent and food/supplies from our pantry.

Help us change lives and make disciples by giving via 1) mailing a check to 540 William Hilton Parkway, HHI, SC 29928, 2) the GIVE button at fpchhi.org, 3) texting "FPCHHI" to 77977, or 4) using the QR code. Need help setting up a recurring gift? Email info@fpchhi.org.

Offering envelopes have arrived; you may pick them up in the hallway near the Gathering Space.

CARING CONNECTIONS

Prayer boxes are located 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 Tuesdays and on our confidential prayer chain.

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

THIS WEEK @ FPC!

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

- February 28:** Knitting Ministry at 1:30 PM (Library)
FPC Boy Scout Troop 245's Spaghetti Dinner from 6-8 PM. Cost is \$8. Dine in or take out. No RSVP necessary.
- March 1:** Men's Bible Study at 9 AM (Zoom)
Women's Spiritual Exercise Group at 10 AM (Library/Zoom)
Journeymen Small Group at 10 AM (Room 213)
FPC Kids at 3 PM! (various rooms)
Lowcountry Lessons class at 4:30 PM (Zoom)
- March 2:** Chair Yoga at 11 AM (Fellowship Hall)
CrossRoads music rehearsal at 1:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)
Meditation group at 4:30 PM (South Room)
Carillon Handbell Choir rehearsal at 5:30 PM (Bell Choir Room)
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 7 PM (Sanctuary)
- March 5:** **Second Sunday in Lent**
Nursery available from 8:45-11:45 AM (Room 109)
CrossRoads worship with communion at 9 AM (Fellowship Hall/livestream)
Seekers Sunday School class at 9 AM (Honey Horn Chapel/Zoom)
Living in the Word Sunday School class at 9 AM (Room 202/Zoom)
Work in Progress Sunday School class at 9 AM (Library/Zoom)
Fellowship time at 10 AM (Gathering Space)
Traditional worship with communion at 10:30 AM (Sanctuary/livestream)
JOY Group Sunday School class at 11:30 AM (Zoom)
AiM Youth Choir rehearsal at 3:45 pm (Choir Room)
Music for Organ and Piano with Charles D. Frost, organ, and H. Gerald Anderson, piano, at 4 PM (Sanctuary)
Middle and High School Youth Group at 5 PM (Youth Space)

ON THE HORIZON

For more information about the ministries listed below,
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- March 9:** *Digging Deeper Bible Study* on Thursdays at 10 AM through April 6. We'll explore the Lord's Prayer as part of our all-church worship-sermon series in Lent.
- March 11:** Spiritual Gifts Workshop at 9 AM-noon with Debbie Berling and Lisa Black
- March 23:** FPC Women and Friends Spring Luncheon at 11:30 AM hosted by Sarah Circle. David Lauderdale will speak on *Unsung Heroes in FPC's 65 Years*. Reservations online or by calling the church by March 15; cost is \$26.

FPC's Day School is seeking educators who'll fit with its culture of loving, caring for, and educating our 2-5-year-old children. If you know anyone who might be interested in learning and growing with us, have them email us at director@fpdshhi.org.

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