

Lord's Day Worship  
Easter Sunday  
He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!  
March 31, 2024  
10:30 AM

**Prelude:** *Easter Joy*..... John A. Behnke  
Carillon Handbell Choir

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Introit:** *Risen, Alleluia!* .....Douglas Wagner; adapt. Floyd  
Text: Charlotte Lee

Sanctuary Choir  
*Ring the bells, awake the skies, Alleluia.*  
*Christ in death no longer lies, Alleluia.*

*Risen now the Lord of light, Alleluia.*  
*Christians in one song unite: Alleluia.*

*For now the winter is past, the earth again reborn.*  
*The dark and desolate hours of night give way to breaking morn.*

*Ring the bells, awake the skies, Alleluia.*  
*Christians in one song unite: Christ is risen, Alleluia!*

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Today is not like any other day:

**All: The stone is rolled away! The tomb is empty!**

Leader: Today is not like any other day:

**All: Sin, evil and death do *not* have the last word!**

Leader: Today is not like any other day because Christ is *risen*!

**All: He is risen *indeed*!**

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

**Easter Prayer 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.**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** *Joy in the Morning*..... arr. Martha Lynn Thompson  
Carillon Handbell Choir

**\*Response** (sung to *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*)

**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.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture:** from John 20:1-18

**Homily:** *Resurrection of the Lord* ..... Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

**Scripture:** from Romans 6:1-11

**Homily:** *Resurrection to New Life*

**Scripture:** John 14:1-7

**Homily:** *Resurrection to Eternal Life* ..... Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf

**Anthem:** *Carry Him Gently* from “Celebrate Life!” ..... Beryl Red and Ragan Courtney

Aim Youth Choir and Sanctuary Choir; Laura Floyd, *solo*  
*Carry Him gently, my baby, carry Him gently, my child;*  
*Carry Him far from suff’ring; let Him rest for awhile.*  
*I gave Him love as a baby; I shared His joy as a child.*  
*He died alone, forsaken; let Him rest for awhile.*

*Oh, Jesus, Your life is unending.*  
*Oh, Jesus, my Lord, even death can’t take You away.*  
*Oh, Jesus, our faith is unbending.*  
*Oh, Jesus, my Lord, for You are the Truth and Way.*

*Carry Him quickly, my baby, carry Him quickly, my son.*  
*Carry Him far from suff’ring, His work is done.*

*He Is Alive*..... Beryl Red and Ragan Courtney

*He is alive!*  
*He is alive and He’s shown me the way; He gives me joy to begin ev’ry day.*  
*He is alive and He’s opened the door; He gives me hope to live life evermore.*  
*He is alive and so I celebrate; this is the story that I must relate.*  
*He is alive and I love Him; I am alive and He loves me. Ah!*  
*He is alive! Hallelujah!*

**\*Hymn:** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* .....No. 245  
*(If you’d like to join the Sanctuary Choir in singing the “Hallelujah” chorus [see below],*  
*you’re invited to the choir loft during the singing of this hymn. Music for the “Hallelujah” chorus will be provided to you.)*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response:** “Hallelujah” from *Messiah*.....G. F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.**  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;**  
**And He shall reign forever and ever, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.**  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Postlude:** *Toccata* from *Symphony No. 5*.....Charles-Marie Widor  
*(You’re invited to remain in worship to enjoy the Postlude.)*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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**HAPPY EASTER AND 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 worshippers: Complete the maroon fellowship pad at the end of your 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.) After worship, enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the Gathering Space.

Online worshippers: 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”**

Children are welcome to sit with their parents/guardians in worship or to use the Family Worship Center in James Chapel (under the south balcony of the Sanctuary), which helps engage children in worship; check it out!

## ABOUT WORSHIP

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

To give flowers for Sunday worship in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a particular event, please contact the church.

Leading in worship: Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Delbert Felix, bass; Dr. S. Russell Floyd, Minister of Music; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Connection; Chad Martin, Interim Organist; Rev. Dr. Will Robinson, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff; Dennis Smith, Carillon Handbell Choir Director; Lavon Stevens, CrossRoads Worship and Music Director; Lauren Stuligross, keyboard; Brad Swanson, drums

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

## "YOU'RE INVITED!"

Join FPC at a new member class ON SUNDAY, APRIL 28, AT 11:45 AM IN THE LIBRARY!

## IN THE LIFE OF FPC

### JOYFUL WORSHIP

The Director of Music and Organist Search Committee and the Personnel Ministry are delighted to announce that **Chad Martin has been called to serve as our Director of Music and Organist!** After reviewing many applications for this crucial position and after interviewing four outstanding finalists, the search committee unanimously recommended to Personnel that we hire Chad. He'll start this full-time position on April 1 so that he has some time to work with Rusty Floyd, our Minister of Music, before Rusty retires after May 19. We're grateful to Rusty for his willingness to allow for this time of transition.

### PRAYERFUL STUDY

Earth Care Book Study: *Braiding Sweetgrass* at 10:00 AM on Mondays from April 8-29 (Library/Zoom). With the Bible in one hand and excerpts from the book in the other, Jim Wagner will help us explore how some indigenous cultures view and interact with the gifts of creation. Hosted by our Social Witness Ministry; register on our website or call the church; book is available through Amazon.

### SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Feed My Sheep Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Bring non-perishable items to our Gathering Space for local food pantries, including our own People in Need (PIN)'s pantry. PIN is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM-noon to help people with utility bills, rent and food/supplies. **PIN is in particular need of dish detergent, canned fruit and personal items such as toothpaste, soaps, shampoos, etc.**

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](http://fpchhi.org), 3) QR code (on the screen and the card in the pew racks) or 4) texting "FPCHHI" to 77977.

### CARING CONNECTIONS

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](mailto:info@fpchhi.org) or a pastor ([dknauf@fpchhi.org](mailto:dknauf@fpchhi.org), [ejohnson@fpchhi.org](mailto:ejohnson@fpchhi.org) or [wrobinson@fpchhi.org](mailto:wrobinson@fpchhi.org))
- QR code (on the card in the pew racks)

**Holy Prayer Experiment: Starting next Sunday, April 7, through Pentecost, May 19, we'll lean on the life-giving power of Jesus through prayer.** After each worship service, a pastor and pair of deacons or Stephen Ministers will be at the front of Fellowship Hall or the Sanctuary. You're invited to come forward and allow us to hear your needs or joys and to pray with and for you in a confidential time of prayer.

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 Pastor Diane ([dknauf@fpchhi.org](mailto:dknauf@fpchhi.org)).

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 Diane Knauf (919-909-2660) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 245).

We're *grateful* to all who contributed for flowers and palms for Palm Sunday and Easter in tribute to loved ones. We encourage you to take a plant or a palm home with you or to a friend to enjoy!

### THIS WEEK AT FPC!

To learn more, go to [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org) or contact the church.

#### Monday, April 1

**Church Office Closed: Easter Monday**

#### Tuesday, April 2

- 7:45 AM Ironman Small Group (Library)
- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Weavers Small Group (Room 202/Zoom)

#### Wednesday, April 3

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 10:00 AM Journeymen Small Group (Room 213)
- 10:00 AM Women's Spiritual Exercise Group (Library/Zoom)
- 3:00 PM FPC Kids (various rooms)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)

#### Thursday, April 4

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 4:00 PM AiM Youth Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 PM Meditation Group (South Room)
- 5:30 PM Carillon Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Choir Room)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

#### Sunday, April 7

##### **Sacrament of Communion**

- 8:30 AM Nursery opens (Room 109)
- 9:00 AM-Noon Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)
- **9:00 AM CrossRoads contemporary worship (Fellowship Hall/livestream)**
- 9:00 AM Adult Seekers class (Room 202/Zoom)
- 9:00 AM Work In Progress class (Library/Zoom)
- **10:30 AM Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 11:30 AM J.O.Y. Group class (Zoom)
- 4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group (Youth Room)
- **5:00 PM Hymns and Hops (Lincoln and South Brewing, HHI)**
- 5:00 PM Youth Group Dinner (Youth Room)
- 6:00 PM High School Youth Group (Youth Room)

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