

Lord's Day Worship
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2025
10:30 AM

Chiming the Hour

Prelude: *Thy Word*..... Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith; arr. Bill Wolaver

Welcome.....Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

Introit: *I Love You, Lord*..... Laurie Klein

Sanctuary Choir

*I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what You bear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.*

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalms 1:1-2, 19:14 and 119:105)

One: Blessed are those who delight in the Word of God,
All: those who meditate on God's Word night and day.
One: For Your Word is a lamp to our feet
All: and a light on our path.
One: Let our worship and the meditations of our hearts
All: be acceptable to You, our Rock and our Redeemer.

***Hymn:** *How Happy Are the Saints of God*..... No. 457

Prayer of Confession

One: God, You've given us Your holy Word as a lamp to our feet and a light on our path.
All: Yet, we confess that we neglect it, failing to read it, study it, enjoy it and obey it and not allowing it to direct our thoughts, guide our hearts and correct our steps.
One: Forgive us for listening to the voices of the world more than to Your voice in Scripture.
All: Through Your Spirit, renew our thirst for Your Word, so that we would be like trees planted by streams of water, producing good fruit and flourishing in love, hope, justice and peace. (Time of Silent Confession)
One: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (based on Psalm 32:5 and 1 John 1:9)

One: Hear the Good News! When we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from *all* wrongdoing.
All: Believe the Good News! In Christ our Savior, we are *forgiven!* Thanks be to God!

***Response:** *We Are Forgiven* No. 447

***Passing the Peace**

Baptism..... Carter Conrad "Tripp" Clayton and Ava Jean Clayton
Children of Bill and Katie Clayton

Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3

Sermon.....Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

***Hymn:** *O Word of God Incarnate* No. 459

***Affirmation of Faith:** from *The Confession of 1967* (Presbyterian Church [USA])

Our Lord Jesus Christ has given the church preaching and teaching, praise and prayer, and Baptism and the Lord's Supper as means of serving God among all people. God instructs the church and equips it for mission through preaching and teaching, and when preaching and teaching are faithful to Scripture and dependent on the Holy Spirit, the people hear the Word of God and accept and follow the Lord. The Word of God is addressed to people in particular situations. Therefore, faithful and effective preaching, teaching and personal witness require disciplined study of both the Bible and the contemporary world. All acts of public worship should help people to hear the Gospel in a particular time and place and to respond with fitting obedience. 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.

Moment for Generosity Ministry: *Generosity Ignites Change*

Offering

Offertory: *The Word of God*..... arr. Richard A. Nichols

Sanctuary Choir

*Like rain and snow from heaven fall to water all the earth,
causing seeds to flourish that flow'rs might bud and bloom.*

*His Word goes forth fulfilling what it alone can do,
proclaiming precious promises, revealing God's own truth.*

*Refrain: A comfort sure, a refuge sweet, a place we might abide.
A lamp to shine, our paths to guide, Holy Word of God divine.*

*With just a word the Father spoke; that moment earth was formed.
Light shone out of darkness; the moon and stars were born.*

As seasons come and seasons go with days of constant change, eternal, everlasting, His Word remains the same. Refrain

*And with that Word, eternal from beginning without end. Always with the power forever to transcend,
it offers those in blindness to see that which is true,
to soften hearts while drawing them to change and make anew. Refrain*

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *I Love to Tell the Story* No. 462

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response:** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*..... No. 542 (stanza 1)

Postlude: *Fantasie* Michael Praetorius

**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 strengthen 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 light green "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 join staff in the Family Worship Center (in James Chapel under the south balcony in the Sanctuary) which helps engage children in worship. Faith formation is available for children ages 3-7 in Room 113/115 of the Day School wing. 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 of these services via our website's homepage or on our YouTube channel.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Carter Conrad “Tripp” Clayton and Ava Jean Clayton, children of Bill and member Katie Clayton and grandchildren of member Judy Conrad. We pray God's blessing on them as they are claimed as God's own in baptism and united with the church universal.

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; Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Evangelism; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Chad Martin, Director of Music and Organist; Nancy Millette, Elder; 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, pastor or other staff.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join FPC at our new member class **OCTOBER 26 AT 11:45 AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!**

Healthy Hour Speaker Series: Mondays at 4 PM in Fellowship Hall. October 20: Behind the Scenes of the ER; November 17: Diabetes 101. To learn more, visit our website or the ministry table in the Gathering Space TODAY; to register, contact the church.

Talent Show and BBQ Dinner on October 22 at 5:30 PM! A fundraiser benefitting FPC Youth. To sign up or to make a donation, visit their ministry table TODAY. Help our youth experience life-changing ministry opportunities.

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

JOYFUL WORSHIP

We've begun a new worship-preaching series based on our Mission statement, “Changing Lives...Making Disciples.” From now until Advent, we'll be in Part 1: “Changing Lives”—How the Gospel Transforms Us. Visit the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall TODAY to see how we're changing lives locally and globally. You can also add to that bulletin board by writing (on a card) how the Gospel has changed *your* life.

PRAYERFUL STUDY

Have you ever wanted to be in a small group at church? Small groups are the lifeblood of connections at FPC. They provide opportunities for fellowship as well as spiritual growth. Small groups, like people, come in all shapes and sizes. They meet in person or by Zoom; they meet at church, in homes or in public places agreed to by the group. They meet seasonally or year-round; they have one leader or shared leadership. Whatever you're looking for, we have a group for *you!* Visit our website or contact the church to learn more about small groups and all of our faith formation opportunities for adults, youth and children.

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, canned fruit, pasta and meatballs, paper towels and toilet tissue and one- or two-pound bags of rice, as well as sweet peas. 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

Blessing of the Pets is TODAY at 4 PM on our front lawn. Bring your pet/s—big or small, furry or feathered (or other)—to receive a special blessing. Invite a friend, neighbor or family member to bring their pet/s too!

Our Service of Remembrance is October 26 at 4 PM in the Sanctuary. In that service we’ll read the names of loved ones who are in God’s nearer presence. To include the name/s of your loved ones, visit their ministry table in the Gathering Space TODAY.

To purchase your church merch—FPC t-shirts, sweatshirts and tumblers—visit the ministry table in the Gathering Space TODAY. Proudly wear your FPC gear, especially when you serve in the community. Help us shine our light for all to see!

Kringles are back! Support our Boy Scout Troop 245 by ordering some at their ministry table in the Gathering Space TODAY or next Sunday, or order them online.

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 or 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 Elizabeth Johnson (cell, 336-314-2555; church, 843-681-3696, ext. 234).

To learn how a Stephen Minister might help you or someone you love, contact Pastor Elizabeth Johnson (cell, 336-314-2555) or Steve Hasley (stephenministry@fpchhi.org).

THIS WEEK AT FPC!

To learn more, go to fpchhi.org or contact the church.

Monday, October 13

- 10:00 AM Book of Samuel “One Nation Under God” (Library/Zoom)
- 1:00 PM Memory Matters’ Brain Boosters series (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, October 14

- 10:00 AM Bloom memorial service (Sanctuary); reception to follow (Gathering Space)
- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Women Growing in Faith (Room 202/Zoom)
- 3:30 PMF PC Kids Drama Program (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 PM Son-Light Singers rehearsal (Choir Room)

Wednesday, October 15

- 9:00 AM Men’s Bible Study (Zoom)
- 10:00 AM Oyster Factory Nature Walk (Bluffton)
- 10:00 AM Women’s Spiritual Exercise (Library/Zoom)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons (Zoom)
- 5:30 PM Carillon Bell rehearsal (Bell Choir Room)

Thursday, October 16

- 1:00 PM Chair Yoga (Gathering Space)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (South Room)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids Thursdays (various rooms)
- 4:00 PM Meditation Group (South Room)
- 6:00 PMS anctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Saturday, October 18

- 1:00 PM Pickelball Social (Palmetto Dunes)

Sunday, October 19

- 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 Seekers class (Room 202)
- 9:00 AM Work in Progress class (Library/Zoom)
- 9:00 AM FPC Kids Sundays for ages 3-7 (Rooms 113/115, Day School Wing)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 10:30 AM **Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 10:30 AM FPC Kids Sundays for ages 3-7 (Rooms 113/115, Day School Wing)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 AM **JOLT (Fellowship Hall)**
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space/Room 202)



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