



# First Presbyterian Church

HILTON HEAD ISLAND

you are the *salt* of the earth  
and the *light* of the world

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
EARTH CARE SUNDAY  
APRIL 19, 2026  
10:00 AM**

# WELCOME

We're glad you're here on this third Sunday of Easter! 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 deepen your faith through today's service.

## In Person

So we can greet one another by name, complete the maroon fellowship pad at the end of your row and wear your name tag. If you need a new name tag, just contact the church. Words to the songs will be on the screens. The Scripture reading will also be on the screens, or you may use your device. After worship, enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the back of the Gathering Space.

## Online

So we can connect with you, use the QR code on the screens 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. When we celebrate communion, join us by partaking with bread/a cracker and juice/water.

## "Let the children..."

We value children in worship and encourage them to sit with their parents/guardians or use the Family Worship Center (near the back), which helps engage children in worship. FPC Kids Sunday for ages 3-7 meets during worship in Rooms 113/115 in the Day School hallway. A nursery is available for children up to age 3.

## Next Sunday

Join us next Sunday here in Fellowship Hall for CrossRoads worship at 9:00 AM or in the Sanctuary for Traditional worship at 10:30 AM. Or join us by livestream or view a recording of the service via our website's homepage or on our YouTube channel.

**Our Mission: Changing Lives...Making Disciples**

**Our Vision: Every Member in Ministry**

**In Christ United, Our Values of Ministry:  
Joyful Worship, Gracious Invitation, Prayerful Study,  
Sacrificial Service and Caring Connections**

# GATHER

*The prelude prepares us to worship the Lord.*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit and join in reading aloud the parts in **bold**.*

*We lay before God our sins and the sins and brokenness of the world.*

*We celebrate our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

Chad Martin

### PRELUDE: *Blessed Assurance*

arr. Larry Sue

Jane Jude and Gloria LaCoe, bells; Wendy Enstine, flute

## WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

As the sun rises in the morning,

**As the moon and stars usher in the evening,**

As the ocean waves crash against the shore,

**God is present with us. Let us worship our Creator.**

## OPENING SONGS

*Here And Now*

Eddie Kirkland

*How Great Thou Art*

arr. Paul Baloche

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS

**Holy Maker, You created each of us in Your image and called us “good.” Yet sometimes we neglect to see the Holy in others. Forgive us. You created the world and told us to care for it. Yet sometimes we fail to be careful stewards of earth’s resources. Forgive us. You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Yet we hide our gifts under bushel baskets. Forgive us and help us to better follow in Your ways. Amen.**

## WE ARE FORGIVEN IN CHRIST

### \*WE SING OUR GRATITUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Led by Beth Curtis

## WORD

*We listen to what God is saying to us through Scripture, sermon and song.*



*Use this QR code to give.*

## PRAY

*We use "Your/s" in the Lord's Prayer because it's more accessible language. You may also use "Thy/Thine."*

## SEND

*God blesses and sends us to serve in the world.*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:11-16

SERMON: *A Preserving Presence*

Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

arr. David Crowder and Brent Milligan

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE 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.**

CLOSING SONG : *New Creation*

Mac Powell, Hank Bentley and Jeff Pardo

BLESSING

SENDING MUSIC

CrossRoads Music Team

## Operation Christmas Child



Sharing Christ at Christmas with children around the world.

## Operation Christmas Child TODAY | Gathering Space

This ministry enables us to share Christ's love and Christmas with children in need around the world. Over the summer many FPC groups pack shoeboxes. Last year we shipped more than 500 of them!



## Love Luncheon

**April, April 21 | 11:30 AM**

Our Deacons are hosting a spring "Love Luncheon" celebrating members 90+! If you know a 90+ member we should invite, please contact Deacon Lindsay Jones ([lindsayshoemakerjones@gmail.com](mailto:lindsayshoemakerjones@gmail.com)).



## Earth Day Waterfront Cleanup

**April 22 | 9:30 AM**

Led by Master Naturalist Anneliza Itkor, we'll join many others who'll take part in beach and marsh clean ups in the Lowcountry on Earth Day. We'll meet at the Marshland Road Boat Landing.



## New Member Class

**NEXT Sunday, April 26 | 11:45 AM**

Learn more about FPC and join this family of faith in the church library.

*Go to [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org) to learn more about our ministries and see our calendar!*

## JOLT SUNDAY

**What?** Bible, Food & Fun!

**Who?** 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**When?** 11:45 AM-1:15 PM

Next  
Sunday

### JOLT Sunday

**NEXT Sunday, April 26 | 11:45 AM**

We invite 2nd-5th graders to enjoy a Bible story, food and fun in Fellowship Hall!

## JAZZ VESPERS

May 3, 5 PM



Featuring Lavon Stevens & Louise Spencer

### Jazz Vespers

**Sunday, May 3 | 5 PM**

Join us for jazz, poetry and prayers featuring our own Lavon Stevens and Louise Spencer, who perform regularly in our community.

May 5, 5:30 PM

### Entertainment & End of Year Dinner

The Son-Light Singers  
FPC Kids Drama &  
Other FPC Kids Programs

### Entertainment and End-of-Year Dinner!

**May 5 | 5:30 PM**

The Son-Light Singers and FPC Kids Drama participants will entertain us at 5:30 PM. A Cinco de Mayo-themed dinner follows the show. Enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship!

## PICKLEBALL SOCIAL

May 9  
1-3 PM

Details @  
[fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org)

### Pickleball Social

**May 9 | 1-3 PM**

Players of all levels are welcome to join us at Palmetto Dunes Pickleball Center. Please RSVP to Debi Raines, [jraines4156@gmail.com](mailto:jraines4156@gmail.com).

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## Welcome Visitors!

Pick up a gift bag  
at the welcome  
center



We extend a special welcome to our visitors today! You're our guests, and we have a welcome bag for adults and children visiting for the first time. They're available at the welcome center in our Gathering Space and Narthex.



If you or a loved one will be in the hospital, had a recent hospitalization, would like pastoral care or home communion, contact Pastor Elizabeth (336-314-2555) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 234).



The roses today are in memory of Otto Ferrene and Buck Edwards who entered the church triumphant on April 12 and April 14, respectively.

## WORSHIP NOTES

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## PRAYER



Use QR code to  
submit your  
prayer requests



See something.  
Say something.  
See an usher



### LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor

Adam Long, AV/Tech Coordinator

Blaine Lotz, Elder

Chad Martin, Director of Music and Organist

Lavon Stevens, CrossRoads Worship and Music Director

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