

# First Press

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## Full to the Brim ~ Our Lenten Theme Celebrates God's Abundant Grace

### Lent & Easter @ FPC

#### Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays during Lent, 10 AM – 6 PM

Beginning March 9; FPC's Courtyard

Walk the path of our suffering Savior with your eyes and heart wide open using the images found along the path and in a written guide.

#### April 9 ~ Easter Eggstravaganza for Kids!

10 AM - Noon (Church front yard & courtyard)

Easter Egg Hunt! (no reservations necessary)

#### April 10 ~ Palm Sunday

9 AM Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)

11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

#### April 14 ~ Maundy Thursday

6:30 PM Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)

Feed My Sheep food collection for a local food pantry

#### April 15 ~ Good Friday

10 AM-Noon and 3-6 PM; FPC's Courtyard

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#### April 17 ~ Easter Sunday

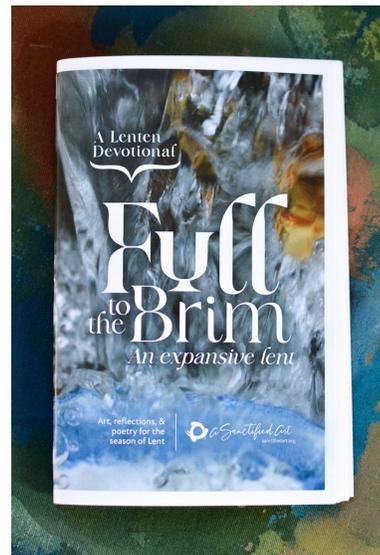
7 AM Sunrise Contemporary Worship  
(Church courtyard)

11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Nursery provided for children through age 3 at 11 AM

### "Full to the Brim" Devotional

This year's Lenten devotional, "Full to the Brim," reminds us to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us. Printed copies of the devotional are available in the church office during the week or at the Connection Center on Sunday mornings.



Stations of the Cross takes place in the FPC courtyard Wednesdays during Lent and on Good Friday.

### For this Lenten season

#### Adult Ministry offers two inspiring studies for small groups and Sunday School classes

- Some of the groups and classes that participated in the all-church book study, "Words of Life," may choose one of these studies as the focus during Lent.
- Both studies are available for review through FPC's library and may be purchased through the retailer of your choice.
- The video components of both studies are available for free through our online streaming services.
- To learn more, visit the Adult Ministry page on the church website, [fpchhi.org/adult-ministry](http://fpchhi.org/adult-ministry).

## “Dead to Sin and Alive in Christ”



“Consider yourselves dead to sin and alive in Christ.” With a cross of ashes pressed on our forehead or on the back of our hand, we’ll hear those words at our **Ash Wednesday worship service in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM on March 2.** They’re a reminder that—with the Spirit’s help—we don’t *have* to sin but instead can

live a “new life” in Christ—a life of kindness and forgiveness, compassion and helping others, humility and hospitality, grace and peace, hopefulness and love.

Lent is a *special* time to focus on doing that. Lent, then, is less about “giving up” something—such as chocolate, caffeine or candy. Instead, we might ask God to help us not commit a sin that gets the best of us. We might commit to reading the Bible every day. We might volunteer to help. We might do random acts of kindness. We might read a book that strengthens our relationship with God. In the words of Sister Joan Chittister, “Lent is time to make new efforts to *be what we say we want to be.*”

This can be hard to do because of the demands on our time: places we need to be, the appointments on our calendar, family obligations, church meetings, volunteer commitments, sports and other extracurricular activities, you name it. To be alive in Christ, though, we need space and time for him. To be alive in Christ, we may have to “just say no” at times. To be alive in Christ, we need to be attuned to him daily and heed his voice in our lives.

**Our worship in Lent will help us do that; it’s based on the theme, “Full to the Brim.” An accompanying Lenten devotional and small group study opportunities will also help us do that** (see the cover of this issue). As we journey to the Cross and Empty Tomb this Lent, I pray that these efforts will help us “be what we say we want to be” so that by the end of our Lenten journey—on Easter Sunday—our lives may reflect even more clearly that we are indeed “dead to sin and *alive in Christ.*”

Alleluia!

*Will*

Pastor Will



**Operation Christmas Child**—With your help, we can fill two cars (as last year) with shoe boxes for children around the world. We need: toothbrushes, wash cloths, Ivory soap, yo-yo’s, jump ropes, puzzles, small etch-a- sketch, Matchbox or Hot Wheel cars, ball point pens (stick pens), pencils and erasers for pencils. If you want us to do the shopping, donations to Operation Christmas Child may be dropped at the church office.



**Books and a Buck**—We’re collecting books for children in Jasper, Hampton and Allendale Counties. Last year, thanks to your generosity, FPC gave more than 200 books to schools in these areas of great need. Local Outreach will be collecting books for children in pre-school through grade 12. Please leave donations in the bin marked Books and a Buck in the church workroom (across from the receptionist’s desk). Learn about the program and ask questions at a ministry table in the Gathering Space on Sundays March 6, 13 and 20.

**WOW on Wednesdays, Children's Sunday School & FPC Youth  
In full swing for spring!**



WOW kids enjoy exploring mustard seeds.

**WEDNESDAYS @ FPC**

**W.O.W.**

**Children ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**3-5:30 PM**

Day School children begin at 3:40 PM  
on the deck with Ms. Beth

Children K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade meet at 3 PM  
on the playground

Bible stories with Ms. Kay and Ms. Karen  
in Creation Room at 3:30 PM

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**5:30 PM**

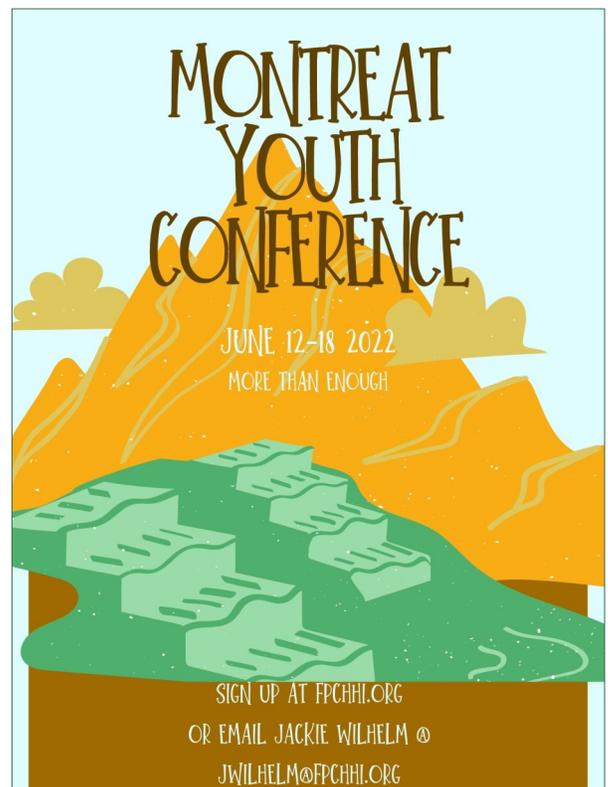
Food, fellowship and faith formation!



**March 6th**

**We finish the children's study  
of the Ten Commandments  
with a recap including  
movie and treats!**

**Children's Sunday School on March 6—don't miss it!**



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YOUTH  
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## Welcome to Our New Elders



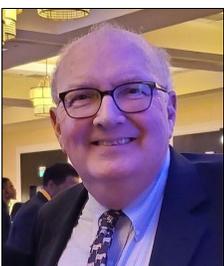
**Jack Alderman** has been an active FPC member for 30 years. He has served on Finance, Building and Grounds, Personnel and Planning and Research Committees. He has visited Kenya four times with the Bahati Scholars mission team. Jack and his wife, Mary-Stuart, have five children and five grandchildren.



**Moses Awe** is a retired partner of Ernst & Young. He has been a long-time active member of First Presbyterian churches in the New York, Cleveland, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Chicago areas, and recently relocated here. Moses and his wife, Theresa, have four sons, three daughters-in-law and three grandchildren.



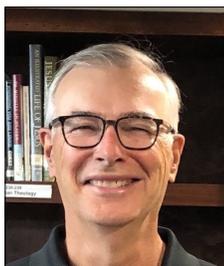
**Ed Finison** graduated from the US Naval Academy and served seven years on active duty, followed by a 35-year career in the textile industry in manufacturing. Ed and his wife, Dee, have been active at FPC for three years working with the Local Outreach ministry and attending Work In Progress Sunday School class. Ed enjoys golf and has spent much of his life coaching youth sports. Ed and Dee have a married son and daughter and seven grandchildren.



**Blaine Lotz** is a retired USAF colonel who served 26 years on active duty, including a tour in Vietnam, and who served as a federal civilian for 18 years. At FPC, Blaine has served on the Board of Deacons, several terms on Session, chaired Outreach and Worship and Music ministries, and served on an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. His passions include promoting civil and voting rights and providing affordable housing in our community. He and his wife, Lynne, have two adult children and four grandchildren.



**Martha Anne McDonald** has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for four years. She has lived on Hilton Head for 22 years and was a CPA working with Boys Arnold and Company Wealth Management prior to retirement. She has served on several boards in the community and is currently on the board of Women in Philanthropy.



**Tim Pollard** is new to Hilton Head and joined FPC in 2020. He has been active in the church, participating in a small group for couples and adult education offerings. Previously, Tim served as an elder in two churches, participated in adult education and served on a pastor search committee. Tim and his wife, Brenda, have two adult children.

**Lisa Black** is also a new elder.

## Welcome to Our New Deacons



**Julie Hellman** and her husband, John, joined FPC in January of 2020, after moving to Hilton Head from the Atlanta area. Julie enjoys working with the FPC Youth Group, studying God's word as a member of Sarah Circle and the Galatians Small Group and serving on Family Ministry, Prayer Square Ministry, Library Ministry and Prayer Team. She previously served as a ruling elder at Roswell Presbyterian Church in Roswell, Ga., where she and John were members for 21 years.



**Lindsay Jones** has lived on Hilton Head for 26 years and is married to Nathaniel. They are the parents of a college student, a high school student and a middle school student who have all grown up at First Presbyterian. Lindsay's own church involvement has always centered on children's ministries, and she has also served on two nominating committees.



**Cord Middleton** retired to Hilton Head after a career in Real Estate Development. He has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1995, serves as an usher and is active in a small group. Cord was ordained as a deacon in 1973 at Peachtree Presbyterian Church and looks forward to serving as a deacon at First Presbyterian.



**Jan Raisch** is a retired educator. She has served First Presbyterian Church as a deacon, chair of the Pastoral Care Committee (now Lay Visitation), a teacher in the Day School and is currently a member of the First Connections Ministry. For 20 years, Jan has been involved with Hilton Head Heroes, a non-profit organization which provides a free, one-week vacation on Hilton Head for families who have a child with a life-threatening illness. Jan and her husband, Bill, have two grown children and five grandchildren, all of whom live in the Lowcountry.



**Shari Slusne** has been an FPC member since 2000. She has taught Sunday School, attended small groups, been on various committees, baked cookies for the prison ministry and is a long-time member of the Handbell Choir. She and her husband, Chuck, just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and are blessed to have four grandchildren.

**Ann Shippy** is continuing on the Board of Deacons, to fill a vacancy.

**Tim Treisch** is also a new deacon.

## Order Easter Flowers to Honor a Loved One

As in year's past, members have the opportunity to purchase Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. Flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary for the Easter Sunday service.

This year, lilies are \$17 and azaleas are \$23 each. You'll notice an increase in price from years past. As with so many items recently, flowers have increased in cost.

To place an order, or with questions, please call the church office, 843.681.3696.



**Charles D. Frost, Organist**  
*In recital featuring music for brass and organ*  
Strauss, Callahan, Monkman, Campra, Price, Manz and Nelybel

**MARCH 8, 2022**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
7:00 PM



Includes the Hilton Head premiere of *Episodes of the Fourth World* for organ, brass and percussion by popular percussionist Jesse Monkman



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**Enjoy an Evening with**  
**The United States Naval Academy Glee Club**  
**March 16, 7 PM**  
**In the Sanctuary**

Showcasing the USNA Men's Glee Club and USNA Women's Glee Club, this highly acclaimed group returns to FPC for the first time in years!

For more information,  
visit [www.aarp.org/drive](http://www.aarp.org/drive)

### AARP Smart Driver Course

March 22, 11:30 AM Registration

Class starts promptly at Noon; Ends at 4 PM

**\$20 AARP Members - \$25 Non-Members**

Bring Driver's License and AARP Card (if applicable)

Invite a friend to join you!

Call the church to have your name added to the class list



## FPC Youth Collect almost \$2,300 on Souper Bowl Sunday to tackle local hunger!



Thanks to the generosity of members of First Presbyterian Church, FPC Youth collected \$2,279 for Sandalwood Community Food Pantry and other organizations in the Lowcountry that fight hunger.

“FPC has long-supported the Sandalwood Pantry,” says founder Rev. Dr. Nannette Pierson. “We are very blessed and filled with gratitude for the church’s continued kindness, compassion and generosity!”

### SUNDAYS @ FPC

#### WORSHIP

- 9 AM** Contemporary CrossRoads worship (Fellowship Hall)  
**10 AM** Christian fellowship and education (see below)  
**11 AM** Traditional worship (Sanctuary and Livestreamed at [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org))

- *Children and youth are welcome in worship!*
- *Children are encouraged to worship with their parents and may leave during the service with FPC staff for Sunday School.*
- *The nursery opens at 8:45 AM.*
- *Children’s Sunday School meets during 9 and 11 AM worship.*
- *Fellowship, coffee, orange juice and homemade cookies at 10 AM!*

#### ADULT CLASSES

- IN PERSON:** 3:16...The Case for Heaven (Room 213) at 10 AM  
Living in the Word (Room 202 and Zoom) at 10 AM  
Seekers (Honey Horn Chapel) at 10 AM  
Work in Progress (Library) at 10 AM
- VIA ZOOM:** JOY Group on Sundays at 11:30 AM  
Lowcountry Lessons on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM

Contact [jwilhelm@fpchhi.org](mailto:jwilhelm@fpchhi.org) for more information and Zoom links.

#### Pastors

**Dr. Will Robinson**  
Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

**Rev. Linda L. Kelly**  
Interim Associate Pastor

With questions about  
FPC communications,  
email [cbobbitt@fpchi.org](mailto:cbobbitt@fpchi.org)

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## AIM Choir is back!

**Contact  
Laura or Rusty Floyd  
for details**

## March NEWSLETTER

### ***Who is my neighbor? Visual Insights from the Good Samaritan*** **An Exhibit for the Lenten Season**

A selection of works from the Bowden Collections



Who exactly is my neighbor? The origin of the word neighbor comes from two Old English words. “Neah” meaning near and “gabur” meaning dweller. Together these two words suggest that a neighbor is someone who lives nearby. But, as we discover in this exhibition, the Bible expands the meaning of neighbor.

Jesus is asked by an expert in the law, “Who is my neighbor?” And in customary fashion Jesus responds by telling a parable, the Parable of the Good Samaritan as found in Luke: 10:25–37.

Sometimes art reveals things that cannot be seen with just our eyes, and artists unveil meaning and insights that might otherwise escape us. *Who is my Neighbor? Visual Insights from the Good Samaritan* provides numerous opportunities to see this well-known story anew, through the eyes of twenty-two artists spread across the last four centuries. To view, visit the south wing outside the sanctuary.