



# First Presbyterian Church

HILTON HEAD ISLAND



**WORSHIP CHRIST, THE NEWBORN KING!  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
8:30 PM**

# WELCOME

Merry Christmas! We're glad you're at FPC! 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. Especially on this most holy night, we pray you'll experience God's presence and the Love who came down at Christmas for *you*.

## In Person

Complete the maroon fellowship pad at the end of your pew and wear your name tag so we can greet one another by name. If you need a new name tag, just contact the church office. Hymns are in the red hymnals and also on the screens. During the Scripture readings, feel free to use the pew Bible, use your device or follow along on the screens.

## Online

Go to our website, click on the light green "Connect" button on the frontpage and complete the brief pop-up form so we can connect with you. When we sing, *Silent Night, Holy Night*, we invite you to join us by lighting a candle.

## "Let the children..."

We value children in worship and encourage them to sit with their parents/guardians tonight. (On Sundays, children are invited to sit with their parents/guardians or to join staff in the Family Worship Center [under the south balcony in the Sanctuary], which helps engage children in worship. FPC Kids Sunday for children 3-7 meets during worship in Rooms 113/115 in the Day School hallway. On Sundays, a nursery is open for children up to age 3.)

## Next Sunday

See our announcement under Coming Up (p. 7). Beginning Sunday, January 11, join us at our 9 AM CrossRoads contemporary service in Fellowship Hall or at our 10:30 AM traditional service here in the Sanctuary. Or join us by livestream or view a recording of those services 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

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

## CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE: selections by the FPC Music Ministry

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

With the heavenly host, we glorify God on this holy night!

**With the shepherds, we rejoice and celebrate!**

With people everywhere, we worship Christ,  
the newborn King!

**May the King of kings reign in our hearts  
this day and every day!**

\*CAROL 133: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

RESPONSE: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him  
whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ,  
the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

## WORD

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

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Carol 129: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25

Carol 121: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Jack Gatlin

Lesson: Luke 2:1-7  
Carol 115: *Away in a Manger*

Beth Jameson

Lesson: Luke 2:8-20  
Carol 119: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

## PRAY

*We use 'Yours' in the Lord's Prayer because it's contemporary language that's more welcoming and accessible to worshipers who aren't familiar with this prayer. You may pray it however you know it best.*

*Use this QR code to give.*



CHRISTMAS 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.**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *This Child of Light* Mary McDonald  
Beth Curtis, soprano; Jack Gatlin, baritone; Sanctuary Choir

*See now this baby, a Child so small; He is our Savior, Ruler of all. What shall we name Him, this Holy One? He is Jesus, God's own Son! This Child of Light, a Holy Light, has come to us on this silent night. Here, in the stillness, quiet, He lay, Love everlasting is born, is born today.*

*This Child of Mary, this little One; a gift from heaven, God's only Son. What can we give Him, this Child so small? We can give Him, give him our all! This Child of Light, a Holy Light, has come to us on this silent night. Here, in the stillness, quiet, He lay, Love everlasting is born, is born today. This Child of Light.*

\*CAROL 147 (stanza 5): *The First Nowell*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING THE LIGHT

The candle bearers will light the candles of those seated by the center aisle. Please pass the light down your pew, tipping the unlit candle toward the lit candle. We'll sing the first Christmas carol below as our candles are being lit. On *Silent Night, Holy Night!* we'll rise in body or in spirit to sing, raising our candles high on the last stanza.

CAROL 123: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

\*CAROL 122: *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

\*CHRISTMAS BLESSING

\*CAROL 134: *Joy to the World*

\*POSTLUDE: *ADESTE FIDELES*

arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Chad Martin, organ

**SEND**

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



FPC Kids and Youth ministry resumes the second week of January. Join us and bring a friend! To learn more, visit [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org).



Thanks to your generosity, we're able to live our Mission of "Changing Lives...Making Disciples" locally and globally with more mission partners than we're able to list here! To learn more, visit our website.



FPC has a Blessing Box on the driveway near our south entrance. This national movement helps feed those who may be walking or driving by at any time. As it says on the Box, "Take what you need, and leave what you can."



Hearing devices are available. FPC also has a smartphone option that may work with your hearing aids. 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.



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).

## COMING UP

### One Service Sundays

★ 10 am

December 28

&

January 4

Epiphany

### One Service Sundays

**Sunday, December 28 | 10 AM**

**Sunday, January 4 | 10 AM**

Join us the next two Sundays here in the Sanctuary! Both will be livestreamed and recorded. Children are encouraged to join us; there'll be a nursery (Room 109) for children up to 3 years old.

### Amazin' Grazin'

January - February - March



**Sign up at  
fpchhi.org**

### Amazin' Grazin'

**January - March**

Amazin' Grazin' is a meal and fellowship ministry. You'll meet new people and catch up with friends.

### FPC MEN'S RETREAT

**FEATURING  
REV. TOM ARE, JR.**

**JAN 23-24**

**"Joy Even on Your Worst Day"**

### FPC Men's Retreat

**January 23-24 | Various Times**

Reserve your spot! Rev. Are is an outstanding speaker and published author who'll help strengthen your faith in the Lord. Go to our website for details and to register.

### Join us SAVANNAH GHOST PIRATES

**Feb 22 @ 3 PM**

**Kids & youth  
are free with  
an adult (\$45)**



### Ghost Pirates!

**Sunday, February 22 | 3PM**

Join us for this special outing to see the Savannah Ghost Pirates! Kids and youth are free with the purchase of an adult ticket. Register soon. Tickets are limited.

*See our calendar and learn more about events by visiting [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org).*

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## PRAYER



Use QR code to  
submit your  
prayer requests



### LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano

Jack Gatlin, liturgist

Beth Jameson, liturgist

Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor

Adam Long, AV/Tech Coordinator

Chad Martin, Director of Music and Organist

Rev. Dr. Will Robinson, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

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