

Lord's Day Worship  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
"Got Questions?" Worship Sermon Series  
August 24, 2025  
10:30 AM

Chiming the Hour

**Prelude:** *Be Strong in the Lord* .....Tom Fettke; arr. Crystal Davis Clay

**Welcome** ..... Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

**Introit:** *Give Thanks* ..... Henry Smith

Summer Sanctuary Choir

*Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.*

*Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong." Let the poor say,*

*"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks.*

**\*Call to Worship**

One: What can we bring into the presence of God,  
as an expression of our worship and praise?

**All: Should we bring God all that we own—  
our finest possessions, our life savings,  
our investments and property?  
Would God be satisfied with our belongings?**

One: No, that's not what God is looking for.  
God has told us what is good,  
and what is expected of us:

**All: To do justice.  
To love mercy.  
And to walk humbly before God.  
Come, let us worship our compassionate God!**

**\*Hymn:** *Great God of Every Blessing* ..... No. 694

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy Maker,  
You call us from our comfort zones,  
and ask us to wade into the stream  
of God's mercy with trust.  
Yet we stray away  
from Your holy ground,

resisting to step out in faith,  
especially into troubled waters.

Forgive us.

We have heard what you require of us,  
but at times we wander from Your path,  
neglecting Your call on our lives.

Forgive us and remind us  
to walk humbly,  
to love boldly and  
to serve God with body,  
soul, mind and strength.

Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

**\*Response:** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* ..... No. 582

### \*Passing the Peace

**Scripture in Song (Micah 6:6-8):** *Offertory* ..... John Ness Beck

Summer Sanctuary Choir

*With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings. Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?*

*Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

*He has shown you, O man. He has shown you what is good.  
What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?*

**Sermon:** *It's Pretty Simple* ..... Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

### Offering

**Offertory:** *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

*with Jesus Loves Me* ..... Albert Peace (William Bradbury)  
arr. Dr. Gerald Anderson

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

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Hymn:** *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* ..... No. 766

### \*Charge and Benediction

**\*Response:** *I Believe in God the Father* ..... No. 481 (stanza 3)

**Postlude:** *Our Great Savior* ..... arr. Jeff Bennett

*\*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.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Sharp on his birthday, August 22, by his wife, Becky Sharp, and their family. The memorial rose is in honor of Phil Martino who entered the Church Triumphant on August 15, 2025. (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; 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 next new member class **TODAY AT 11:45 AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!**

**JOLT** for children in 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade takes place **TODAY** in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 AM-1:15 PM. Join them for games, a Bible lesson, food and fun!

You're invited to visit the Day School Open House **TODAY** after worship. Explore the Day School's classrooms and learn about this crucial ministry of our church from those who work with the children daily.

## **IN THE LIFE OF FPC**

### **JOYFUL WORSHIP**

Summer Sanctuary Choir for 10:30 AM worship is in full swing through September 7! We encourage and welcome *all ages*—from teens to our more seasoned saints! To join us, come to our rehearsal at 9:15 AM in the Sanctuary. **Beginning September 14, the Sanctuary Choir will robe and be in worship at 10:30 AM. All who love to sing are invited to join us at their first rehearsal on September 11 at 6 PM in the Choir Room.**

### **PRAYERFUL STUDY**

To learn about faith formation for all ages and all stages of life and faith, go to [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org) and click "Connect" at the top of the page or contact the church.

### **SACRIFICIAL SERVICE**

**Our next FPC Adopt-a-Highway clean up is September 6 (rain date September 13). Gather in our library at 8:45 AM and join us!**

FPC will host the College Ethics Symposium October 9-11. We need families to help host faculty and students. Interested or questions? Contact Michael Brock, Planning Committee Member/Host Family Coordinator (843-290-3744 or [HHILIFE2003@yahoo.com](mailto:HHILIFE2003@yahoo.com)). **Or visit the table in the Gathering Space NEXT Sunday to sign up to host or to answer your questions, including about hosting.**

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

## CARING CONNECTIONS

Our annual summer Prayer Project continues through the month of August. Members are praying for other members and friends of FPC.

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 ([ejohnson@fpchhi.org](mailto:ejohnson@fpchhi.org) or [wrobinson@fpchhi.org](mailto: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 (336-314-2555) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 234).

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 Steve Hasley ([stephenministry@fpchhi.org](mailto:stephenministry@fpchhi.org)).

### THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

#### Tuesday, August 26

- 9:00 AM Empty Chair/Extra Chair Men's Group (Room 219/Zoom)
- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)

#### Wednesday, August 27

- 9:30 AM Journeyman Group (Room 219)

#### Thursday, August 28

- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 3:15 PM FPC Kids Thursday (Various Rooms)
- 4:00 PM Meditation Group (South Room)

#### Sunday, August 31

- 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 Work in Progress Class (Library/Zoom)
- 9:00 AM FPC Kids Sunday for ages 3-7 (Day School wing/Room 113/115)
- 9:15 AM Summer Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- **10:30 AM Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 10:30 AM FPC Kids Sunday for ages 3-7 (Day School wing/Room 113/115)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space)

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