

Lord's Day Worship
Third Sunday of Easter and Legacy Sunday
May 4, 2025
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Processional on Lift High the Cross*.....Donald Busarow

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (based on 1 Peter 1:3) Bill Chaney

One: By God's great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**All: It is a living hope because we believe that Christ is risen
indeed!**

One: It is a living hope because Christ's resurrection defeats the power of death.

**All: Because of Christ's resurrection, we have a living hope that
we too will be raised to eternal life!**

***Hymn:** *The Strife Is O'er*..... No. 236

Prayer of Confession..... Rev. Dr. Bettina Kilburn

Lord of love, we confess that we don't follow You at times. We don't love You and our neighbor as we should. We're reluctant to forgive. We worry instead of trust in You. We don't pray without ceasing. We curse rather than pray for our enemies. We're fearful rather than welcoming. We're tight-fisted instead of open-handed with our money. Lord of mercy, forgive us for these and other times we don't walk in step with Your Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*..... No. 240 (stanza 3 and refrain)

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:1–9

Sermon: *Ready And Willing* Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

***Hymn:** *Let Us Build a House*..... No. 301

Moment for the Facilities Endowment Fund Campaign

Offering

Offertory: *Offertory* John Ness Beck

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.*

*And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

***Response:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion is by intinction. The ushers will invite you to come forward, take a piece of the gluten-free bread and dip it in the cup. If you're unable to come forward, raise your hand, and we'll serve you where you're seated (right after we've served those who've come forward).

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending.....** No. 716

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude: Crown Him Lord of All.....**arr. Mary McDonald

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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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 fuel 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 blue "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 use the Family Worship Center (in James Chapel under the south balcony in the Sanctuary) which helps engage them in worship. We also offer a Sunday class at 10:30 AM for children ages 3-7. Please drop off and pick up children in the Children's Library (on the first floor across from the nursery). Children age 8 and older are welcome to sit with their parents/guardians in worship or to join staff in the Family Worship Center. 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 (available after 2 PM Sunday) 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 Larry Paton by his wife, Nancy Paton, and their family. (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.)

From September 2024-June 2025, our sermons and worship are based on Scripture from the Narrative Lectionary (NL). The NL is a set of readings that walk us through high points of the Bible story from creation to Pentecost. You can watch the services and sermons in this series on our YouTube channel. If you'd like to see the full NL calendar we're using, go to our website. If you'd like to watch brief, engaging video overviews of the books of the Bible that are part of the NL, we recommend thebibleproject.com.

Leading in worship: Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Bill Chaney; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Dr. Bettina Kilburn, Interim Associate Pastor of Congregational Care; 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 a new member class on Sunday, May 18, at 11:45 AM in our church library!

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

PRAYERFUL STUDY

To learn about faith formation for all ages and all stages of life and faith, go to fpchhi.org or contact the church.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Learn more about FPC's school uniform ministry and our Facilities Endowment Fund Campaign in the Gathering Space TODAY.

"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, instant grits, canned fruit, pasta and meatballs, Spam, paper towels and one- or two-pound bags of rice. 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

We welcome our newest member John Forsythe! He joins his wife Faith and daughter Phoenix, who became members of FPC last month. We thank God for him and for adding his God-given gifts and faith to this family of faith!

Sign up for our Variety Show and Cookout THIS Wednesday, May 7, in the Gathering Space TODAY!

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, bkilburn@fpchhi.org, 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 Bettina Kilburn (404-771-7608) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 245).

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry of care and compassion to others. To learn how a Stephen Minister might help you or someone you love, contact Gloria LaCoe (glacoe624@gmail.com).



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THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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Monday, May 5

- 12:30 PM Sarah Circle (Room 202)

Tuesday, May 6

- 9:00 AM Empty Chair/Extra Chair Men's Group (Room 219/Zoom)
- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Women Growing in Faith (Room 202/Zoom)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids Drama (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, May 7

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen (Room 219)
- 10:00 AM CRASE Presentation (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM Women's Spiritual Exercise Group (Library/Zoom)
- 11:30 AM Grandparenting Group (Room 219)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)
- 5:30 PM Variety Show and Cookout (Sanctuary/Gathering Space)

Thursday, May 8

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids (Creation Station)
- 4:00 PM Meditation Group (South Room)
- 5:00 PM FPC Kids Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, May 9

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Gathering Space)
- 10:30 AM Book Talk (Library/Zoom)

Saturday, May 10

- 10:00 PM Louise Lang memorial service (Sanctuary) with reception to follow (Gathering Space)

Sunday, May 11

- 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 Sunday School for ages 3-7 (Rooms 112 and 114)
- 9:00 AM Work In Progress class (Library/Zoom)
- 9:00 AM Adult Seekers class (Room 202/Zoom)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- **10:30 AM Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 10:30 AM Sunday School for ages 3-7 (Rooms 112 and 114)
- 11:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space)

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES