



First Presbyterian Church

HILTON HEAD ISLAND



Empty Tomb Resurrection
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EASTER SUNDAY
CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!
APRIL 5, 2026
10:30 AM

WELCOME

We're glad you're here on this Easter Sunday! 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 pew and wear your name tag. If you need a new name tag, just contact the church. Hymns are in the red hymnals and on the screens. The Scripture reading will be on the screens, or you may use the pew Bible or your device. After worship, enjoy fellowship and refreshments in 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. We invite you to light a candle, and when we celebrate communion, we invite you to 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 to use the Family Worship Center (under the south balcony in the Sanctuary), 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 at our 9 AM CrossRoads contemporary service in Fellowship Hall or at this 10:30 AM traditional service here in the Sanctuary. Or join us by livestream or view a recording of these 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

*The prelude
prepares us to
worship the Lord.*

CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE: *Allegro Maestoso*

G. F. Handel; arr. Frances L. Callahan
Carillon Bell Choir

WELCOME

INTROIT: *The Strife Is O'er*

Francis Pott/William Henry Monk
Sanctuary Choir

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done; the
victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!*

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

Today is not like *any* other day

because the stone is rolled away! The tomb is empty!

Today is not like *any* other day

**because we know sin, evil and death do *not* have the last
word!**

Today is not like *any* other day because Christ is *risen!*

He is risen *indeed!*

*HYMN 232: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All-Mighty God, raising Jesus from the grave, You broke our
bondage to sin and death. Yet, we still sin at times:**

we neglect worship of You;

we fail to read and study Your Word;

we don't persist in prayer;

we withhold forgiveness;

we ignore wrongdoing and injustice;

we fail to love You, our neighbors and our enemies.

All-Gracious God, forgive us for these and all of our sins.

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

And through Your Spirit, lead us and empower us to live our new life in our risen Lord this day and *always*. Amen.

We celebrate our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: (from 1 Corinthians 15:54-57)
Hear the Good News: Death has been swallowed up in victory!
Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?
Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him, we are *forgiven*. Alleluia! Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

*RESPONSE 240 (stanzas 3 and 4):

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON: *Do Not Be Afraid*

Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

ANTHEM: *The Day of Resurrection*

Thomas Matthews

Sanctuary Choir

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, list'ning to His accents, may hear so calm and plain His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end. Alleluia.

WORD

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Heidelberg Catechism*, Question 45
How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

First, by His resurrection, Christ has overcome death, so that we might share in the righteousness that He won for us by His death.

Second, by His power, we too are already now resurrected to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

This is our faith and our hope. Alleluia! Amen.

EASTER 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: *Because He Lives* arr. Bill Wolaver
Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano

*RESPONSE 606: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 238: *Thine Is the Glory*

(If you'd like to join the Sanctuary Choir in singing the "Hallelujah" chorus [see below], you're invited to the choir loft during the singing of this hymn. Music for the "Hallelujah" chorus will be provided.)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

PRAY

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



Use this QR code to give.

SEND

God blesses and sends us to serve in the world.

*RESPONSE: "Hallelujah" from *Messiah* G. F. Handel
Sanctuary Choir and Congregation
(Lyrics will be on the screens.)

POSTLUDE: *Toccata* from *Symphony No. 5*
Charles-Marie Widor
abridged by Chad A. Martin
(You're invited to remain in worship to enjoy the Postlude.)

IN THE LIFE OF FPC



**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.



Hearing devices are available. We also have a smart-phone option that may work with your hearing aids. Go to the App store or Google Play and download WaveCAST Receiver. Log into FPC member wifi (password: firstpres); 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).

Sand Wedges & Sand Traps

April 8, 5 PM

All-church dinner
(a putting green & more!)

Register at ministry table

"Sand Wedges & Sand Traps" All-Church Dinner April 8 | 5 PM

This fellowship dinner is during the Masters golf tournament, so we'll have sandwiches (pimento cheese, egg salad and chicken salad), a putting green and games for *all ages*! Invite friends and family.

One Service Sunday

April 19, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall



Creation Care Sunday

April 19 | 10 AM (ONE WORSHIP SERVICE)

As an Earth Care Congregation (of the PCUSA), we're committed to loving and protecting God's amazing creation. Join us for this extra-special service of worship!

Are you **90** or better?

Come to the
Love Luncheon

April 21 @ 11:30 AM

RSVP to a Deacon

Son-Light Singers

Love Luncheon

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).

Earth Day Beach Sweep

Marshland Road
Boat Landing

April 26, 9:30 AM



Earth Day Beach Sweep

April 26 | 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.

Go to fpchhi.org to learn more about our ministries and see our calendar!

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PRAYER



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submit your
prayer requests



See something.
Say something.
See an usher



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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano
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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THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Patricia Allen, by her husband, Richard,
and her son's family: Ric, Cindy, Jack and Megan Spiels

Don Arboe by Mary Ellen Arboe

Susan Bennett by Ivan Bennett

All of our loved ones in heaven by Nancy and Don Bottone

Her parents and sister; Jim, Dotty and Margie Bryen and

His parents; Bill and Reggie Benson by Roger and Becky Benson

Justin Nagtalon by Roger and Becky Benson

Aase Berling by Debbie Berling

In loving memory of Bill Brannon by Susan, Gracie and Alex Brannon

Bruce Cohn and Frank Finney by Sue Brown

Jack and Cynthia Hyatt & Don and Lynn Carr by Jill Carr

In loving memory of Phyllis Patterson by Bill Clark and Mary Prancing

In memory of Karen Clark and Jillian Clark by Bill Clark

Her husband, Dick Conn, by Margaret Conn

Patty, Jim, Kathy and Beth Ekedahl by David Ekedahl

Ron and Neill Ferrill by Elaine Ferrill

In loving memory of Wayne Gibbons and Rick Schorr by Carol Gibbons

Dick and Pam Gregg and Richard Jensen by the Gregg and Krivda families

Marie Keiffer by Karen Henderson

Ken Hutcheson by Mary Hutcheson and family

Charles & Tillie Jarrell, Lynn Jarrell Johnson & Kim Jarrell Womble by Sissy Jarrell

Louise Lang by Louise's children and grandchildren

Louise Lang by her husband, Paul Lang

Jack B. McConnell by Mary Ellen McConnell

Mary Buff by Erika Morgan

Julian Lee Humes by Jennifer Morrison

Carolyn Treisch by Madelyn Miller and Tim Treisch

Our Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Levis D. Speakman and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Murray

by Mr. and Mrs. Neal Murray

Glenn Neff by Linda Neff

Kathryn Patten by John Patten

Ray and Dottie Collins by Cheryl and Kenny Patterson and family

Bill and Mickey Pollard and Glenn and Lucille Lafferty

by Tim and Brenda Pollard

In loving memory of Tom Princing by Mary Princing
John Raines by Debra Raines
Helen and Tex Sluder, Ann and Len Risch, Art Knowles
and Pete Waldron, by Sharon Sluder-Risch and Larry Risch
Skip and Donna Shookman by Cheryl Shookman
Bill & Jane Bush and Priscilla Slade by Bill Slade
Frances Ferrene by Karen D. Smith
Our parents by Tom and Jane Upshaw
Jacob, Carol and Richard Hevener by Anne Vieira
Francisco (Chico) Viera by Anne Vieira
Jerry S. Voight by Connie Voight
Robert & Maraynor White and Carlos & Polly Cain by Bob and Judy White

IN HONOR OF:

Our granddaughter, Samantha Rose Arnold and our grandson, Ryan Ross Arnold
by Wendy and Roger Arnold
Their grandson, Jack Gatlin, by Walt and Angie Greenfield
Our grandchildren by Sue and Jeff Myers
Elaine Ferrill by Allison Stiller
Our children and grandchildren by Tom and Jane Upshaw
Pastor Will and Pastor Elizabeth
The FPC Staff

IN CELEBRATION OF THE EASTER SEASON:

Linda Ellis
Maryse Feil
Blaine and Lynne Lotz
Anne Senf
Howard and Lynn van Dijk

