

Lord's Day Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024
10:30 AM

Prelude: *The Gift of Love* setting by Joel Raney
Gerald Anderson, *piano*; Chad Martin, *organ*

Welcome..... Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf

Introit: *Celebrate* Carl Saylor

Sanctuary Choir
*Praise His name, O praise His name;
For even though we are just one congregation,
Praise His Name, O praise His name, We're part of the body of Christ.
In His love we are unified; by His grace we've grown.
Praise His name, O praise His name for leading us as His own.*

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

Leader: 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!*

Leader: 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:** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*No. 839

Prayer of Confession Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

Risen Lord, rather than living the new life You won for us in Your death and resurrection, we slip back into our old, sinful ways and bad habits. In Your mercy, forgive us, and through Your Spirit help us to keep our eyes on You each day, so that we would not lose sight of Your example and would heed Your call to follow in service, sacrifice and love. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* (stanzas 3 and 4 only).....No. 240

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: from 1 John 4:7-21

Sermon: **LOVE**..... Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

Anthem: *Be Thou My Vision* Eleanor Hull/John Hudson

Sanctuary Choir
*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won;
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall.
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God, who is love and whose love is present in all of Creation, in our lives, and in all people. We follow Christ, who incarnated God’s love in His life and ministry, in His death and resurrection. We are led by the Spirit—as individuals and as the church—to live God’s love by loving Him and our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. We thank God for this greatest of gifts and ask God’s blessing on us, so that we would love in the name of Christ and in the power of the Spirit, to God’s glory, now and forevermore. Amen.

Prayers of the People 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.

Minute for Mission: School Uniforms

Offering

Offertory: *And This Is Love*Ken Medema

Laura Floyd, *solo*; Gerald Anderson, *piano*; Rusty Floyd, *guitar*
And this is love, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
You have heard it said, “Love your friends and hate your enemies,”
Yet I say to you, love your enemies, too.
If you love me, do the things I command you;
Love one another as I have loved you.

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*No. 824

***Charge and Benediction**

Congregational Meeting

**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 better understand your faith through today’s service.

In-person worshippers: Complete the maroon fellowship pad at the end of your pew and wear your name tag if you’re a member 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 worshippers: 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”

Children are welcome to sit with their parents/guardians in worship or to use the Family Worship Center in James Chapel (under the south balcony of the Sanctuary), which helps engage children in worship; check it out! You may also bring children to Creation Station (upstairs in Room 216) before worship begins for a lesson; children will return to the Sanctuary with FPC staff during the service.

ABOUT WORSHIP

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 online by livestream or through a recording (available after 2 PM Sunday) of those services via our website’s homepage or on our YouTube channel.

The flowers are given by the JOY Sunday School class to the glory of God and in memory and honor of Chuck Slusne who entered the Church Triumphant on April 2, 2024. (To give flowers for Sunday worship in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a particular event, please contact the church.)

Session has called a brief congregational meeting TODAY after 10:30 AM worship in the Sanctuary for the purpose of acting on a change to the Terms of Call for Pastor Elizabeth Johnson. Please join us!

Leading in worship today: Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Laura Floyd; Dr. S. Russell Floyd, Minister of Music; Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor of Congregational Evangelism and Engagement; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Connection; 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 TODAY AT 11:45 AM IN THE LIBRARY!

On May 19, following the 10:30 AM service, we’ll celebrate Minister of Music Rusty Floyd’s 25 years of service to the Lord at FPC. All are invited for food and surprises from the Sanctuary Choir and Worship and Music Ministry.

FPC Kids Musical and All-Church Picnic

Join us for fun, food and fellowship!

Wednesday, May 15

5:30 PM FPC Kids Musical (Sanctuary)
6:15 PM Cook-out includes burgers, dogs and all the fixin's!

Reservations are required by May 12 on our website
\$12 adults; children under 12 free

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

PRAYERFUL STUDY

Earth Care Book Study: *Braiding Sweetgrass*

10:00 AM TOMORROW (April 29); Zoom only (contact the church for the link)

With the Bible in one hand and the book in the other, Jim Wagner will help us explore how some indigenous cultures view and interact with the gifts of creation.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Feed My Sheep Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Bring non-perishable items to our Gathering Space for local food pantries, including our own People in Need (PIN)’s pantry. PIN is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM-noon to help people with utility bills, rent and food/supplies. **PIN is in particular need of mac and cheese and rice.**

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

Through Pentecost, May 19, we’ll lean even more on the life-giving power of Jesus through prayer. After 9:00 AM worship, a pastor and pair of deacons or Stephen Ministers will be in the back of Fellowship Hall (by the door to the courtyard), and after 10:30 AM worship they’ll be in James Chapel (under the south balcony). You’re invited to come forward and allow us to hear your needs or joys and to pray with and for you in a confidential time of prayer.

Learn more TODAY in the Gathering Space about:

- How FPC provides **school uniforms** to students in need in our area.
- **Operation Christmas Child** and their ministry through Samaritan’s Purse.

“Planning for New Life”: FPC’s Memorial Services and Columbarium

10:00-11:00 AM May 9 (Gathering Space); no registration necessary; all are welcome!

“In life and in death we belong to God” is a promise that should help relieve our fears or anxieties about planning for end of life. Pastor Diane will provide an overview of memorial services in general and specific planning for a service here. Jean Tharin will then lead us on a tour of our columbarium and offer details about it as an option for a final resting place. You’ll leave with materials to help you make decisions about end-of-life plans.

We’ll recognize and celebrate this year’s graduates from high school, college, technical school and graduate school in worship on May 26! Please register them on our website or contact the church.

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 (dknauf@fpchhi.org, ejohnson@fpchhi.org or wrobinson@fpchhi.org)
- QR code (on the card in the pew racks)

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 Pastor Diane (dknauf@fpchhi.org).

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 Diane Knauf (919-909-2660) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 245).

THIS WEEK AT FPC!

To learn more, go to fpchhi.org or contact the church.

Monday, April 29

- 10:00 AM *Braiding Sweet Grass* Book Study (Library/Zoom)
- 5:00 PM Soul Food Womens’ Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 30

- 7:45 AM Ironman Small Group (Library)
- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Weavers Small Group (Room 202/Zoom)

Wednesday, May 1

- 9:00 AM Men’s Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen Small Group (Room 219)
- 10:00 AM Women’s Spiritual Exercise Group (Library/Zoom)
- 3:00 PM FPC Kids (various rooms)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)

Thursday, May 2

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 4:00 PM AiM Youth Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 PM Meditation Group (South Room)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 5

Sacrament of Communion

- 8:30 AM Nursery opens (Room 109)
- 8:30 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)
- 9:00 AM Children’s Sunday School (Creation Station)
- **9:00 AM CrossRoads contemporary worship (Fellowship Hall/livestream)**
- 9:00 AM Adult Seekers class (Room 202/Zoom)
- 9:00 AM Work In Progress class (Library/Zoom)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)
- 10:30 AM Children’s Sunday School (Creation Station)
- **10:30 AM Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)

- 4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group (Youth Space)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group Dinner (Youth Space)
- 6:00 PM Senior High Youth Group (Youth Space)

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