



# First Presbyterian Church

HILTON HEAD ISLAND



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 7, 2025  
10:30 AM WORSHIP**

# WELCOME

We're glad you're at FPC! We don't all 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

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 office. Hymns are in the red hymnals and also on the screens. During the Scripture reading, feel free to use the pew Bible, use your device or follow along on the screens. After worship, enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the Gathering Space.

## Online

Use the QR code you will 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. We invite you to light a candle and to have bread and juice with you when we celebrate communion.

## "Let the Children..."

We value children in worship and encourage them to sit with their parents/guardians or to join the 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. The nursery is open 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 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

## CHIMING THE HOUR

*The prelude music prepares us to worship the Lord.*

PRELUDE: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* arr. Joseph Martin  
Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Chad Martin, organ

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

INTROIT: *People, Look East* Eleanor Farjeon/Martin Shaw  
Sanctuary Choir

*People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set  
the table. People look east and sing today:  
Joy, the Lord, is on the way.*

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 12:5-6)  
Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works!

**Sing praises to the ends of the earth!**

Shout and sing for joy, people of God,  
**for great is Emmanuel who is with us forever!**

\*HYMN 107: *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Joy

SONG: *A Candle Is Burning* Sandra Dean/James Murray

**A candle is burning, a candle of joy.**

**A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.**

**Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow  
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Advent, we confess that holiday activities often eclipse the meaning of Jesus' birth: the incarnation of Your hope, joy, love and peace.

**Help us experience Your joy instead of busyness, Your peace instead of worries and Your love instead of frustration.**

Help us pause in our pursuit of the perfect present and attend, instead, to Your presence in our lives.

*We celebrate the  
Good News of  
our  
reconciliation to  
God through  
Jesus Christ.*

**Help us celebrate the gift of Your Son: His birth, life, death  
and resurrection for us.**

Empower us—by Your Spirit—to be His faithful followers.

**Then, it will truly be Christmas, with all of its joy and  
blessings, not just for a day but for the rest of our lives.  
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE 83 (stanzas 1 and 2):

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

\*PASSING THE JOY

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2-7

SERMON: *Mighty God*

Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

ANTHEM: *My Soul Proclaims*

Jay Rouse

Sanctuary Choir; Pat Smith, soloist

*My soul proclaims the Lord my God. My spirit always sings His  
praise! He looks on me, He lifts me up and gladness fills my  
days. My soul proclaims the Lord my God.*

*All nations now will share my joy. His gifts abundantly  
outpoured. His little one He has made great. I magnify the  
Lord. All nations now will share my joy.*

*Magnificat! I will magnify the Lord. Magnificat! He is  
worshipped and adored. The highest glory sing to magnify the  
King. His praise forever ring! Magnificat!*

*My soul proclaims the Lord my God. My spirit always sings His  
praise! He looks on me, He lifts me up and gladness fills my  
days. My soul proclaims the Lord my God. O magnify Him.*

## WORD

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

Use this QR code to give.



TABLE

We're receiving communion in the pews today. As the basket is passed, take a packet with the gluten-free bread and juice. Hold the elements until all are served, and then the pastors will lead us in taking this sacrament together.

PRAY

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

arr. Albin C. Whitworth

Chad Martin, organ

*...King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood.  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood. He  
will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food...*

\*RESPONSE 144: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Gustav Holst/Christina Rossetti

**What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise one, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN 100: *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*



## SEND

God blesses and  
sends us to serve in  
the world.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 92 (stanza 1): *While We Are Waiting, Come*

POSTLUDE: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Wyrzten/Hustad  
Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Chad Martin, organ  
(You're invited to remain in worship to enjoy the Postlude.)

## IN THE LIFE



The flowers today are dedicated to Joe and Kaye Black for their 50th wedding anniversary, with love and admiration from all the kids. The flower is in memory of Sandra Higgins, who entered the Church Triumphant on November 27.



We're in Advent, the season that prepares us for our Lord's birth. We encourage you to use the digital devotional from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary accessible via our website. **Our Christmas Eve services this year are at 4:30 PM and 8:30 PM.**



Sign up for the FPC Men's Retreat in January. Visit the ministry table today to reserve your spot featuring outstanding speaker Rev. Tom Are, Jr.



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



### **Advent Poetry & Organ Series**

**Thursday, December 11 | 11 AM**

Join Pastor Elizabeth and Chad Martin with special guests Lucy Scandrett and Mary Prining in the Sanctuary for a time of reflection exploring the themes of Advent.



### **Jingle Jam**

**Saturday, December 13 | 2-4 PM**

Join us inside and outside the church for fun for all ages. See the website for a full list of activities.



### **A Christmas Cantata**

**Sunday, December 14 | 10:30 AM**

Celebrate the joy of the Christmas season with the Sanctuary Choir accompanied by the Chamber Orchestra.



### **A CrossRoads Christmas**

**Sunday, December 21 | 9:00 AM**

The CrossRoads Worship Team will lead a service in song, filled with carols and music of the season.

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



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.

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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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