



First Presbyterian Church

HILTON HEAD ISLAND



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LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 22, 2026
10:30 AM

WELCOME

We're glad you're here on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. 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 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.

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

CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE: *Prelude in G minor*

Arthur Bird

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's mercy is unstoppable.

God's grace is endless.

God's forgiveness is unfailing.

God's love is forever.

God is here,

with us and among us.

Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.

And let us worship our God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 307: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*LIGHTING THE DISCIPLES' CANDLES

Each week during Lent, we're lighting two candles in remembrance of the twelve disciples who enthusiastically followed Jesus. On Maundy Thursday, these same twelve disciples' candles will be extinguished to represent their desertion and betrayal. We've lit candles for Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Nathanael, Thomas and Matthew. This week, we light two more candles as we remember James, the son of Alphaeus ("James the Less") and Thaddaeus (or Judas, son of James).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-Powerful God, though we don't *have* to sin, we still do. We sin when we don't listen to Your Spirit, who lives in us and who leads us to do what's right and good in Your eyes. Forgive our sins, including greed, lust, selfishness, refusing to forgive, not fighting injustice and failing to love You and our neighbors as we should.

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

All-Forgiving God, through Your Spirit, enable us to faithfully follow Your Son, our Lord and Savior, each and every day. Amen.

We celebrate our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**RESPONSE 447: We Are Forgiven*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Keegan Brady Matalavage
Son of Vincent and Jennifer Matalavage

John Mitchell McLaughlin
Son of Cameron and Annie McLaughlin

John Simpson, Elder and proud grandfather

***RESPONSE:**

**Keegan, we name you and with thanksgiving,
offer our prayers and sing you this song.
Here is the water! We are God's people!
Sing we our praises to Christ the Lord!**

**John, we name you and with thanksgiving,
offer our prayers and sing you this song.
Here is the water! We are God's people!
Sing we our praises to Christ the Lord!**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON: *The Math of Forgiveness*

Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

WORD

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

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.

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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Create in Me a Clean Heart*
Sanctuary Choir

John Leavitt

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right Spirit in me. Cast me not away from Your presence, Lord; take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Grant a willing Spirit to sustain me. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right Spirit in me. My lips, Lord, open, and I’ll sing Your praise. Alleluia, Amen. Allelu, Amen.

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 444: *Forgive Our Sins*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE 547: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (stanza 2)

POSTLUDE: *Postlude-Cantique* Theodore Dubois
(You’re invited to remain in worship to enjoy the Postlude.)



Easter Egg Hunt!

NEXT SUNDAY | 10 AM

Next Sunday, March 29, children of all ages are invited to bring their basket and join the fun on our front lawn!



Requiem for the Living

NEXT SUNDAY | 10:30 AM

Join us next Sunday, Palm Sunday, for the choral composition *Requiem for the Living* by Dan Forrest presented by our Sanctuary Choir and a chamber orchestra. Invite friends and family!



"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!



Help Us Build A Home!

As part of our church's Mission, we're joining with Habitat for Humanity to help build a home for a family in need here on the island. We're raising funds and need your help. The church is matching each donation dollar-for-dollar to total \$55,000!

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

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.



The flower today is given in memory of member Norman Kilburn, who entered the church triumphant on March 13.



Easter tribute flowers in honor/in memory of someone special

\$25/plant
order by March 23



If you'd like to purchase an Easter tribute flower in honor or in memory of someone special, use the QR code or bring a check to the church.



Hearing devices are available. We also have a smartphone option that may work with your hearing aids. Go to the App store or Google Play and download WaveCAST Receiver by Williams Sound. Log into the FPC Member wifi network (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).

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PRAYER



Use QR code to
submit your
prayer requests



LEADING IN WORSHIP

Acolytes: Julia Santos Almeida and Alessandra Thompson

Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano

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

John Simpson, Elder

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