

Lord's Day Worship
Ascension Sunday
May 12, 2024
10:30 AM

Prelude: *The Spacious Firmament on High*arr. Diane Bish

Welcome..... Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

Introit: *There Is a Redeemer* Melody Green

*There is a Redeemer – Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

***Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf

Leader: Christ, the crucified One, has been raised from the dead.

All: Christ, the risen One, has ascended to the right hand of God.

Leader: Christ, the ascended One, reigns with God over all things.

All: Christ fills our hearts with love and joy.

Leader: God of love, lead us as we worship.

All: Christ of love, lead us as we live.

Leader: Spirit of love, lead us as we walk in Your ways.

All: Come, let us worship our Risen Lord!

***Hymn:** *Come, Thou Almighty King*No. 2

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, Your blessed Son,
our Savior Jesus Christ,
ascended far above all heavens,
that He might fill all things.
So often we are simply in a daze,
looking up into the sky,
forgetting You are not there;
You are in and among us.
Forgive our doubts and misconceptions.
Give us a faith to trust in Jesus' promise
to abide with us on earth to the end of time.
Open our lives to Your presence.
May our hearts be enlightened,
that we may know the joy of Your love. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *Open Our Eyes, Lord* Robert Cull

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: Acts 1:3-11

Sermon: *What's Up, Jesus?*..... Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

Anthem: *Blessed Are You*..... Emma Lou Diemer

Sanctuary Choir

*Blessed are you that are poor: for yours is the Kingdom of God.
Blessed are you that are hungry now: for you shall be filled.*

*Blessed are you that mourn now: for you shall be joyful.
Blessed are you that seek peace: for you shall be called the Children of God.*

*Blessed are you when men hate you and cast you away and speak evil of you:
Rejoice and be glad, for you are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.*

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
And glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

***Affirmation of Faith** (based on Ephesians 1:17-23)

We believe in Christ, the Beloved, whom God has revealed to us, who calls us to hope, who gives us a glorious inheritance among the saints, and who shows immeasurably great power for us who trust.

We believe God has shown that power in raising Christ from the dead and seating Him beside God in the heavenly places, far above all human rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

We believe God has put all things under Christ's feet and has made Christ the head over all things for the church, which is Christ's body, the fullness of God who fills all in all. Alleluia!

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *You Raise Me Up* setting by Joel Raney

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *Now Thank We All Our God*No. 643

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response:** *I Can Hear Your Voice Insisting, Calling* words and music
by Hiram Rollo, Jr.; translated by Joan Sutton

I can hear Your voice insisting, calling; I am Yours and ready to obey.

Help me, Lord, to follow in Your footsteps.

Show me clearly Your most perfect way.

All I am, and all I have I give You; use my life to serve You every day.

I would be Your instrument, O Lord, here am I;

O Lord, here am I, here am I.

***Postlude:** *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

**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 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 roses are in memory of John Diamond and Becky Stracener, both of whom entered the Church Triumphant on May 4, 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.)

Leading in worship today: Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; 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 on Sunday, May 26, at 11:45 AM in the Library!

NEXT SUNDAY, after 10:30 AM worship, we'll celebrate Minister of Music Rusty Floyd's retirement from FPC after twenty-five years of service to the Lord. All are invited for food and surprises from the Sanctuary Choir and Worship and Music Ministry. You're also invited to bring a note of appreciation for both Rusty and his wife, Laura.

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

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Feed My Sheep 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 rice and condiments.**

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.

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 NEXT SUNDAY, we'll lean even more on the life-giving power of Jesus through prayer. After 9 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.

Join us THIS THURSDAY, May 16, at 10 AM (or at 9:30 AM to enjoy specialty coffee!) in the Gathering Space for a "Coffee and Conversation" about hurricane preparedness and becoming flood aware to protect your home and family.

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.

Your input matters! Later this month, we'll send a survey to members via email. Please complete the brief survey and help us in our Mission of "Changing Lives...Making Disciples."

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).

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

Monday, May 13

- 5:00 PM Soul Food Women's Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen Small Group (Room 219)
- 11:00 AM Book Sisters (Room 219/Zoom)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)
- 5:30 PM **FPC Kids Musical (Sanctuary)**
- 6:15 PM **All-Church Picnic (Courtyard/Gathering Space)**

Thursday, May 16

- 9:30 AM **"Coffee and Conversation" (Gathering Space)**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 4:30 PM Meditation Group (South Room)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 19

- 8:45 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: "Service in Song" (Sanctuary/ livestream)**
- 11:30 AM **Farewell Reception for Rusty Floyd (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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