

Lord's Day Worship
Narrative Lectionary
September 8, 2024
10:30 AM

Prelude: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*arr. David N. Johnson

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

Introit: *Worthy of Worship* Terry W. York and Mark Blankenship

Sanctuary Choir

*Worthy of worship, worthy of praise, worthy of honor and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing, worthy of all the offerings we bring.
You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; worthy of worship and praise.*

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 124:8 and Psalm 18:2) Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: the maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord is our rock, our fortress and our deliverer,

All: our God, our rock in whom we take refuge,

Leader: our shield, our stronghold and our salvation.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn:** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*.....No. 687

Scripture: from Genesis 3

Sermon: *Lessons from "The Fall"* Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

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 dwells in us, leads us and reminds us of what's right in Your eyes. Forgive us for our sins, including greed, not forgiving, blaming others, failing to fight injustices, and not loving You or our neighbors as we should. God of Second Chances, forgive us in Jesus, our Lord and Savior. And led by Your Spirit, may we obey You and faithfully follow Jesus (time for silent confession).

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** from *Hear the Good News of Salvation* (No. 441)

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

***Passing the Peace**

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.

Offering

Offertory: *Look at the World*..... John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

*Look at the world, everything all around us.
Look at the world and marvel every day. Look at the world, so many joys and wonders.
So many miracles along our way.*

*Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see
all the gifts we share and every blessing. All things come of Thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flowers. Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain. Look at the hills. Look at the trees and mountains.

Valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see all the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of Thee.

Think of the spring. Think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season.

'Til it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see all the gifts we share and every blessing. All things come of Thee.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of His love.

We are His hands, stewards of all His bounty.

His is the earth and His the heavens above.

Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see all the gifts we share and every blessing. All things come of Thee.

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**No. 435

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response: Make Us One**..... Carol Cymbala

Sanctuary Choir

Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit, make us one.

Let Your love flow so the world will know we are one in You.

***Postlude: All Creatures of Our God and King**

with The Heavens are Telling..... arr. Susan Caudill

**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 hear God speak to you and see how to live the gospel 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 in the Sanctuary) which helps engage children in worship. **Beginning TODAY, we'll offer an early years Sunday school class at 9 AM and 10:30 AM for children ages 3-7. Please drop off and pick up children in the Children's Library (on the first floor across from the nursery). Children age 8 and older are welcome to sit with their parents/guardians in worship or to join staff in the Family Worship Center. A nursery is available for children through age 3.**

ABOUT WORSHIP

Worship the Lord with 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 worship 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 memorial roses are in honor of Lois Graver, Bob Manson and Pat Witmer who entered the Church Triumphant on July 22, August 28 and September 4, 2024, respectively. (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: Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; 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. Also, for our safety, the exterior doors to Fellowship Hall (facing the firehouse) will now be locked on Sundays. A member will be there to let in and welcome those who enter by them, but we encourage everyone to use the exterior doors into the administrative wing (by the receptionist's desk).

"YOU'RE INVITED!"

Join FPC and our Mission of "Changing Lives...Making Disciples" at our next new member class on September 22 at 11:45 AM in the Library!

FPC BBQ AND GAME NIGHT! NEXT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 5:30 PM

Enjoy an evening of fabulous food and fun for all ages! Hosted by our Breaking Bread team, chef (and member) Charles Sampson will smoke a Boston butt (special pulled pork!), and we'll have baked beans, coleslaw and more (including kid-friendly food). After the delicious meal, there will be games and prizes! Cost: \$12; children 12 and under are free. To join us, sign up at the table in the Gathering Space today or on our website!

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

PRAYERFUL STUDY

While often read as an account of the remarkable expansion of the church from Jerusalem to Rome, Acts is even more an account of the continuation of Jesus' earthly ministry. Dr. Jim Wagner will help us explore Acts and Luke's joy that "the Kingdom of God is at hand." The class will be hybrid (in the church library and via Zoom) on Mondays at 10 AM from September 23-November 25. Register on our website.

In this 16th year of the "Lowcountry Lessons" class, teacher David Lauderdale will combine a Scripture lesson with a story gleaned from his 40-plus years as a local journalist. The stories cover our rogues and saints, and the Scripture is typically a New Testament view of what it means to be a Christian and what faith looks like in our daily lives. The class meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 4:15 PM. Register on our website.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

FPC music ministry opportunities; join the fun and deepen your faith!

- Carillon Handbell Choir – Thursdays at 5:30 PM
- CrossRoads Worship and Music Team – Thursdays at 2 PM
- Sanctuary Choir – Thursdays at 7 PM
- **NEW!** Son-Light Singers – Wednesdays at 4 PM. This lighthearted group (musical ability is not required) will focus on old-time favorites. On occasion, they'll take their show "on the road" to share joy and merry music with folks at assisted living and other live-in facilities.

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.

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

We welcome our newest member, Nina Corlese, who joined last week. We thank God for her and for adding her God-given gifts and faith to this family of faith!

Visit these Ministry Tables today in our Gathering Space!

- "Amazin' Grazin'"—sign up for these monthly dinners with other FPCers
- Social Witness—learn about upcoming events, including a Coffee & Conversation about affordable housing on HHI on September 26
- Book Talk—a small group that reads and discusses books together
- Breaking Bread's BBQ Dinner and Game Night on September 18—sign up!
- Memory Matters' Brain Boosters class on September 16, 23 and 30—sign up!

Celebrate Our Gifts! FPC's Visual Art's Ministry is hosting a show of FPC members' artwork. Bring art to the South Room (on the south hall outside the Sanctuary) on September 24 and 25 between 11 AM-2 PM. It must be exhibit-ready and be one of the following: painting, ceramic, sculpture, textile piece, woodworking or photograph.

"Church Merch" is available (visors and polo shirts)! Just contact Barb Magee (bmagee2014@gmail.com).

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).

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THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

Monday, September 9

- 12:30 PM Sarah Circle (Room 202)
- 5:00 PM Soul Food Women's Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 10

- 9:00 AM Empty Chair/Extra Chair Men's Group (Room 219/Zoom)
- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Women Growing in Faith (Room 202/Zoom)

Wednesday, September 11

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen (Room 219)
- 4:00 PM Son-Light Singers rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons (Zoom)

Thursday, September 12

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids (Creation Station)
- 4:30 PM Meditation (South Room)
- 5:10 PM FPC Kids Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM Carillon Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Choir Room)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, September 13

- 10:30 AM Book Talk (Library/Zoom)

Sunday, September 15

- 8:30 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)
- 8:45 AM Nursery opens (Room 109)
- **9:00 AM** **CrossRoads contemporary worship (Fellowship Hall/Livestream)**
- **9:00 AM** **Early Years Sunday School (ages 3-7 in Day School wing)**
- 9:00 AM Work In Progress class (Library/Zoom)
- 9:00 AM Adult Seekers (Room 202/Zoom)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)
- **10:30 AM** **Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- **10:30 AM** **Early Years Sunday School (ages 3-7 in Day School wing)**
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)
- **4:30 PM** **Kenya Mission Trip Report (Fellowship Hall)**
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space)

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