

Lord's Day Worship
First Sunday in Advent
November 27, 2022
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Lee Hastings Bristol

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (based on Isaiah 2:1-5).....Elder Joe Black

Leader: Listen to the Spirit urging us to get ready—

All: but our calendars are jam-packed full!

Leader: Listen to the Spirit calling us to wait—

All: but we've been waiting; there's a line everywhere we go!

Leader: Listen to the Spirit inviting us to walk in the way of the Lord—

All: This is good news! The way of the Lord is the path of peace.

Leader: May the hope of Advent be with us as we worship together.

All: Rejoice, for we are blessed to walk in the light of God!

***Hymn:** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 82

Advent Candle Lighting: *Hope* Nathaniel, Lindsay, Liza and Millie Jones

Response: *A Candle Is Burning*

*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessing from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here." But we say, "Our lives are too messy." You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here." But we say, "It's too risky to hope." You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here." But we say, "Some things are easier to forget." God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here. Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best. Help us remember, today and tomorrow, There's room for every story. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *He Came Down* Cameroon Melody

*He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
Hallelujah forevermore.*

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17

Sermon: *There's Room for Every Story* Rev. Diane Knauf

***Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in a God who promised to Abraham,
who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth,
who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba,
who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph,
and who hoped like Mary.**

**We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting,
transforming, and challenging us
from generation to generation.**

**And we believe that same God is here with us now,
saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here."**

Amen.

Anthem: *Every Valley*.....John Ness Beck

Sanctuary Choir

*Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low;
And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen. (Isaiah 40: 4-5)*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: *Savior of the Nations, Come* Dietrich Buxtehude

***Response:**

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 man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: I give Him my heart.***

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* No. 93

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response:** *Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*Randy Edwards

*Hope, peace, joy, and love!
These are gifts You bring from above.
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be light of Your hope, reflected in me.*

***Postlude:** *Savior of the Nations, Come*J. S. Bach

(You're invited to remain in worship through the Postlude.)

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (FPC)!

Whether you're a visitor or longtime member, 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. We pray you'll experience God's presence and foster your faith through today's service.

So we can greet one another by name, complete the fellowship register at the end of each pew and wear your name tag if you're a member. (If you need a new one, just contact the church.) If you're a visitor, please click on the "Sundays @ FPC" button on our website and complete the brief pop-up form, or complete a Connection Card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during the Offering or in the basket at the Connection Center in the narthex. **After worship, we invite everyone to enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the Gathering Space.**

"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME."

Children are welcome to sit with their parents in worship or to use the Family Worship Center, a space here in the Sanctuary that helps engage children in worship. It has a bookcase of supplies, a learning table and a Faith Formation staff or volunteer guide. We also provide a Bible lesson for children from 10-10:30 AM in Creation Station (upstairs in Room 216), followed by crafts and music. After the crafts and music in Creation Station, children return with FPC staff to the Sanctuary. Child care for infants and toddlers is available from 8:45-11:45 AM in Room 109. If you need to leave with a child, you can listen to this service in the narthex (just outside the Sanctuary's front doors). To learn more about our children's ministry, contact Jodi Gregg Krivda at jkrivda@fpchhi.org.

THESE MAY HELP

Large-print bulletins are available; just ask an usher. Hearing devices are available as well. FPC also has a smartphone option that may work with your hearing aid. 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. Need help? Ask an usher!

ABOUT WORSHIP

Join us every Sunday in person at our 10:30 AM traditional service here in the Sanctuary or at our 9 AM CrossRoads contemporary service in Fellowship Hall. **For those unable to attend in person and as an expression of our mission, we provide a livestream of both worship services.** On your electronic device or smart TV, go to our website (fpchhi.org) and click on "9:00 AM Service" or "10:30 AM Service," or go to our YouTube channel. To worship later, a recording of both services is available after 2 PM today (including today's).

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Jack McConnell by his wife, Mary Ellen McConnell. The roses are in honor and celebration of the birth of Rori Bell McLaughlin, daughter of Cameron and Annie McLaughlin and granddaughter of John and Karen Simpson, born on November 17, 2022, and in honor of Robert

MacKenzie and Ethelyn Spencer, both of whom entered the Church Triumphant on November 20, 2022, and Lois Plekenpol on November 21, 2022. To give flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion, contact the church.

Every Valley was given to the choral library by Carol Peck in honor of her parents, Jody and Ralph Peck, and her aunts and uncles, Suzie and Lou Wuerth and Linda and Dick Wilkinson.

Based on CDC metrics for COVID-19 in our county and Session-approved guidelines, wearing a mask in worship is optional at this time.

FPC staff leading in worship today: Dr. S. Russell Floyd, III, Minister of Music; Charles D. Frost, Organist; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Diane E. Knauf, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Connection

“YOU’RE INVITED!”

You’re invited to join this family of faith at a new member class on **DECEMBER 18 AT 11:45 AM IN THE GATHERING SPACE!**

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

JOYFUL WORSHIP AND GRACIOUS INVITATION

We welcome the newest members of FPC: Alice Alston, Monica Henkel and Larry and Jan Warner. We thank God for leading them to us and for adding their God-given gifts and faith to this family of faith!

FPC’s Visual Arts committee is pleased to display a *fabulous* collection of 26 works of art called *Immanuel/God With Us*. They’re hanging in the South Wing (the hall to the left as you’re leaving the Sanctuary).

PRAYERFUL STUDY

To help us prepare to celebrate anew our Lord’s birth, Advent devotionals are available in our narthex and in the church office. There’s also an e-reader version you can access on your computer and mobile devices. For that link, email Jackie Wilhelm at jwilhelm@fpchhi.org.

Digging Deeper Bible Study! Thursdays in Advent (December 1, 8, 15, 22) at 10 AM in person in the Library and via Zoom. Pastor Will will help us dig deeper into the Biblical texts that are the basis of Sunday’s sermon and worship, learning more about the history behind these texts, including key words and metaphors, and applying them to our lives today. To join us, contact the church.

To learn more about our children’s ministry, email Jodi Gregg Krivda at jkrivda@fpchhi.org. To learn more about our youth ministry, email Jackie Wilhelm at jwilhelm@fpchhi.org. Adult Ministry classes and small groups meet on Sundays and throughout the week. To learn more, see “THIS WEEK @ FPC!” in this bulletin and go to fpchhi.org/adult-ministry/or contact the church.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Stop by the Volunteer Center Ministry Table to learn more about FPC’s Knitting Ministry and how you can be part of it!

People In Need (PIN) is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM-noon to help people with utility bills, rent and food/supplies from our pantry. The pantry is currently in need of canned meats, pasta and vegetables.

Help us change lives and make disciples by giving via 1) mailing a check to 540 William Hilton Parkway, HHI, SC 29928, 2) the GIVE button at fpchhi.org, 3) texting “FPCHHI” to 77977, 4) or the QR code. Need help setting up a recurring gift? Email info@fpchhi.org.



CARING CONNECTIONS

FPC's new website homepage is live! With the help of an outside consultant, we've redesigned the homepage, and by early in the new year the *entire* website will be redesigned.

Andrea Siebold, our Volunteer Director of Volunteer Ministry, will be in the Gathering Space to take your picture for our online directory from 10-10:30 AM and from 11:30-11:45 AM on December 4 and 18. Please look for her to have your picture taken!

Prayer boxes are located in Fellowship Hall and in the narthex. If you complete a prayer request card (beside the box) and drop it in the box, we'll include your prayer in our staff prayers on Tuesdays and on our confidential prayer chain.

If you or a family member will be in the hospital, had a recent hospitalization or would benefit from pastoral care or like communion, contact Rev. Diane Knauf (919-909-2660) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 245).

THIS WEEK @ FPC!

*For more information about the ministries listed below,
go to fpchhi.org or contact the church.*

- November 29:** Knitting Ministry at 1:30 PM (Library)
- November 30:** Men's Bible Study via Zoom
Women's Spiritual Exercise Group at 10 AM (Library) and via Zoom
FPC Bridge Brigade at 1 PM (Gathering Space)
FPC Kids program from 3-7 PM (Rooms on the second floor)
AiM Youth Choir rehearsal at 4:15 PM (Choir Room)
Lowcountry Lessons class at 4:30 PM via Zoom
- December 1:** Digging Deeper Bible Study (Library)
Chair Yoga at 11 AM (Fellowship Hall)
CrossRoads music rehearsal at 1:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)
Meditation group at 4:30 PM (South Room)
Carillon Bell rehearsal at 5:30 PM (Bell Choir Room)
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 7 PM (Choir Room)
- December 4:** Nursery open from 8:45-11:45 AM (Room 109)
CrossRoads Worship at 9 AM (Fellowship Hall) and livestream
Seekers Sunday School class at 9 AM (Honey Horn Chapel)
and via Zoom
Living in the Word Sunday School class at 9 AM (Room 202)
and via Zoom
Work in Progress Sunday School class at 9 AM (Library)
and via Zoom
Fellowship Time at 10 AM (Gathering Space)
Traditional Worship at 10:30 AM (Sanctuary) and livestream
JOY Sunday School class via Zoom
Middle and High School Youth Group at 5 PM (Youth Space)

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Order Your Christmas Poinsettias

Christmas is a time to remember people we have loved and lost and to honor special moments in the lives of our families and friends. Plants may be picked up after December 26. Please return this order form to the church office by December 14.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
(Please print)

I would like to purchase _____ poinsettia(s).

Attached is my check for \$_____ (\$20/plant). Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, and note poinsettia on the memo line. Choose one or more of these options:

In memory of: _____ In honor of: _____

In celebration of the Christmas season _____

Our Mission

Changing Lives . . . Making Disciples

Our Vision

Every Member in Ministry

Our Values of Ministry

*Joyful Worship, Gracious Invitation, Prayerful Study,
Sacrificial Service and Caring Connections*

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Advent and Christmas First Presbyterian Church

November 27

First Sunday in Advent

Advent Devotional

Available digitally or in hard copy at the church

December 2, 6:30 PM

An Evening of Christmas favorites

featuring composer Mark Hayes

and Laura and Rusty Floyd

Reception following the program

December 4, 4:30 PM

"International Carol Suites"

performed by the Sanctuary Choir

and singers from the community

Directed by Mark Hayes, the composer

December 11, 9 AM

CrossRoads Worship Service

featuring Christmas music

December 17 and 18, 5:30-7:30 PM

"Journey to Bethlehem"

A walk-through live nativity

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

4:30 PM Family Worship

*8:00 PM Candlelight and Christmas music
with 30 minutes of music preceding the service*

10:30 PM Candlelight and Communion

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

One-service Sunday at 10 AM

The Advent Memorial Tree is dedicated in memory of the members of the FPC family who entered life everlasting since the beginning of Advent last year. It is on display in the narthex during the month of December.

The Chrismon Tree represents aspects of the person, life or ministry of Jesus and the life, ministry or history of the Christian church. The Chrismons were made with loving hands by the First Friends Small Group. It is on display in the south wing hallway during the month of December.