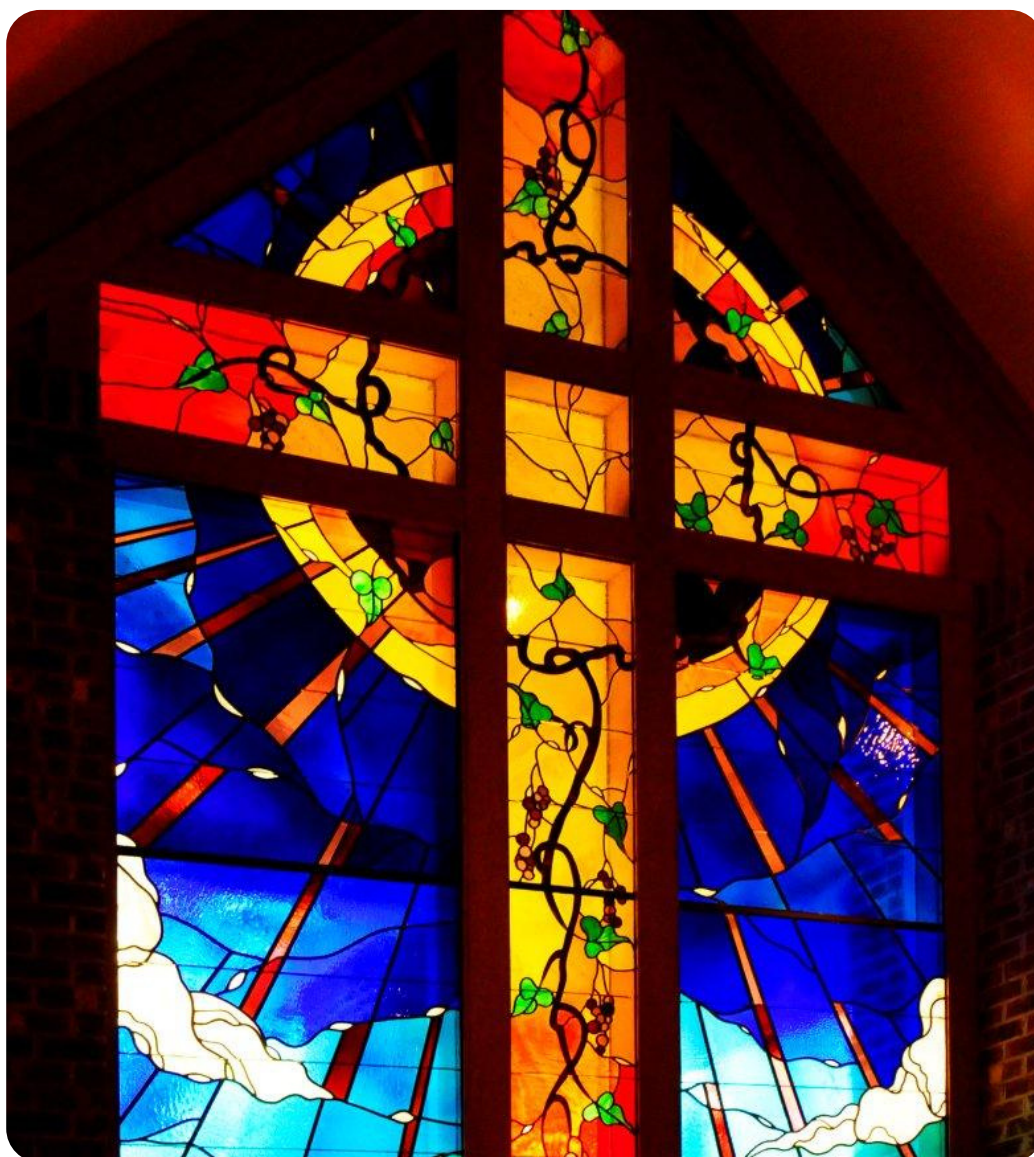




First Presbyterian Church

HILTON HEAD ISLAND



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NARRATIVE LECTIONARY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
10:30 AM

WELCOME!

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 strengthen your faith through today's service. The pastors are available to pray with you or to address your questions about FPC or your faith.

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, your 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 blue "Connect" button on our website's homepage and complete the brief pop-up form. We invite you to light a candle to signify the truth that we worship today as one.

"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 3-8 meets during worship in Rooms 113/115 in the Day School hallway. A nursery is available for children up to age 4.

Next Sunday

Join us next Sunday at 9 AM for our CrossRoads contemporary service in Fellowship Hall or at 10:30 AM for this traditional service here in the Sanctuary. Or join us by livestream or view a recording of the service 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

CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE: *Introduction and Toccata*

Girolamo Frescobaldi; arr. Richard Ellsasser

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

INTROIT: *Come Join Our Cheerful Song!*

Dale Wood

Sanctuary Choir

Come join our cheerful song!

Lift up your voice strong!

Rejoice, be glad, give praise!

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to go where He leads,

and we walk by faith and not by sight.

God blesses us to be a blessing to others

in what we say and do.

God calls us to worship,

so let us worship God in spirit and in truth!

*HYMN 817: *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-Merciful God, we sometimes don't go where You lead us. Instead, we go astray and awry and down paths of disobedience and sin: ignoring those in need, indifferent to wrongdoing and injustice, refusing to forgive people and idolizing money, success and fame. All-Gracious God, forgive these and *all* of our sins and transgressions. And by Your Spirit, help us to follow in the footsteps of Your Son so that, like Him, we would be a *blessing* to others. Amen.

*We celebrate our
reconciliation
to God through
Jesus Christ.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING THE PEACE

WORD

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

*RESPONSE 581: *Glory Be to the Father*

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:1-9

SERMON: *Blessed to Be a Blessing*

Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

ANTHEM: *Paeon of Promise*

Joseph Martin

Listen, faithful servant, take courage in these words.

Take courage, for God is ever sure.

God is always faithful. God's love is everlasting.

His covenant of grace will forever endure.

*O I will make in you a mighty nation,
and I will shower you with glory from on high.
O I will bless you, that you might be a blessing.
This is my promise. This is my covenant.
This is my word of life.*

*I will bless your night with shining stars of peace and hope.
Every valley that you walk, you'll never walk alone.
And if you lose the way, I'll bring you home again,
for you are covered by my grace.*

*O I will make of you a mighty nation.
Yes, I will shower you with blessings from on high.
O I will bless you that you might be a blessing.
This is my promise. This is my covenant.
This is my word of life!*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the

right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 to God's work at and through FPC.

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Backback Buddies

Jim Wood

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Andante* from the *E Flat Trumpet Concerto*

F. J. Haydn; arr. David Lasky

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 694: *Great God of Every Blessing*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 542:

God Be with You Till We Meet Again (stanza 1)

POSTLUDE: *Hallelujah, Amen* from *Judas Maccabaeus*

G. F. Handel; arr. Lani Smith

SEND

God blesses and sends us to serve in the world.

You're invited to remain in worship to enjoy the Postlude.

IN THE LIFE OF FPC



Welcome Visitors!

Pick up a gift bag
at the
Welcome Center

First
Presbyterian
Church
Hickory, North Carolina

Welcome, Visitors!

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.



PEOPLE IN NEED MINISTRY

Tuesday & Wednesdays
9 AM - Noon

Help with rent, utilities, food

People In Need (PIN)

Tuesdays and Wednesdays | 9 AM-12 PM

At FPC one way we obey our Lord's command to "love our neighbor" is through PIN, which serves people in our community who need help with rent, electric and water bills, food and more.

Family Musical Enrichment Class

September 20 & 27
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM ~ FPC Nursery

For children ages
0-8 yrs

Class is
free!



Family Musical Enrichment Class

September 20-27 | 11:45 AM

Families with young children will sing to the Lord together, and the children will also develop communication and language skills, grow their creativity and more. Sign up today!

New Mahjong Group!

Wednesdays | 7 PM

Do you enjoy playing mahjong, or would you like to learn? Have fun and connect with others at this weekly gathering! For more information, contact the church at 843.681.3696.



Meets Wed @ 7 PM
Indigo Run Game Room

FPCHHI

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

IN THE LIFE OF FPC



Healthy Hour

September 21 | 4 PM

Hosted by our Health Ministry, the first program this fall features Dale Matthews, MD, FACP, the author of *The Faith Factor: Proof of the Healing Power of Prayer*. Join us!



Low Country Lessons via Zoom

September 23 | 4:15 PM

This popular class is back! Teacher David Lauderdale combines a Scripture lesson with a story about Low Country life gleaned from his forty-plus years as a local journalist.



Men of the Church Breakfast

September 24 | 7:45 AM

Enjoy a good meal, Christian fellowship, sharing stories, spiritual growth and being encouraged in the faith. Join us!



Fall Festival ~ Fun For All Ages!

September 26 | 2-4 PM

Invite a friend or family and join us for fellowship and fun for all ages at our free Fall Festival! In addition to many activities for kiddos, this year about 15 local artisans will also participate!

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IN THE LIFE OF FPC



New Member Class

September 27 | 11:45 AM

Learn more about FPC and join this family of faith in its Mission of "Changing Lives...Making Disciples." We'll meet in the church library.



Jazz Vespers

September 27 | 5 PM

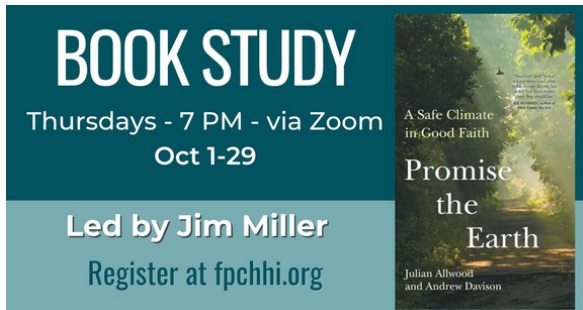
Join us for jazz, poetry and prayers featuring Lavon Stevens, our Director of CrossRoads Worship and Music who performs regularly throughout our community.



Gospel of John Bible Study

September 28 | 10 AM

"Prayerful Study" is one of our Values of Ministry, and this fall we'll study the Gospel of John. Led by a variety of fabulous teachers, join us in the church library or via Zoom. Please register online.



Zoom Book Study with Jim Miller

October 1-29 | 7 PM

Jim Miller, who moderates our presbytery's Earth Care Subcommittee, will lead a discussion of the book, *Promise the Earth: A Safe Climate in Good Faith*. Join us each Thursday in October!

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IN THE LIFE OF FPC

Scams & Fraud Presentation

Beaufort County
Sheriff's Dept

Oct 5, 10 AM
In the Sanctuary



Scams and Fraud Presentation

October 5 | 10 AM

Scams and fraud are at an all-time high in our country. An officer from the Beaufort County Sheriff's Department will discuss avoiding predators and teach residents to spot red flags.

Coffee & Conversation

Oct 15, 10 AM

Specialty coffee by HeBrews @ 9:30

Master Naturalist
Anneliza Itkor
to speak about reptiles



Coffee & Conversation

October 15 | 10 AM

At 9:30 AM HeBrews will make specialty coffee to enjoy during the presentation at 10 AM by Master Naturalist Anneliza Itkor, who'll discuss the autonomy of reptiles in the Lowcountry.



Oct 18, 3-5 PM

BLESSING OF THE PETS



Blessing of the Pets

October 18 | 3-5 PM

There'll be fur, feathers and friends at our annual Blessing of the Pets! Bring your favorite animal companion(s) for a special blessing and enjoy fellowship with other people and their pets.

We Remember

If you'd like to give flowers on a specific Sunday in memory or honor of a loved one or to recognize a special occasion, contact Jean Tharin at 843.681.3696.



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FPC KIDS AND YOUTH



FPC Kids Sunday

TODAY! | 9 AND 10:30 AM

Faith formation of children is crucial, and at each worship service there's a class for children ages 3-8. We use the creative, faith-building Godly Play curriculum to teach them Bible stories.



Youth Group

TONIGHT! | 5-7:15 PM

Youth Group is back! Students in rising 5th-12th grades are invited for an evening of fun, fellowship, great food and opportunities to grow in faith.



FPC Kids Thursday

Thursdays | 3:15-5:30 PM

Join us in grace-filled exploration of God's love. Children enjoy free play, Bible time, music enrichment, games and more at this weekly after-school minstry.



JOLT Sunday

September 27 | 11:45 AM-1:15 PM

Journey of a Lifetime (JOLT) is a faith-building ministry for rising 2nd- 5th graders. Join us and enjoy the food, fun, faith-building and fellowship!

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE



We're Here for You

If you or a loved one will be in the hospital, had a recent hospitalization or would like pastoral care or home communion, contact the church (843-681-3696).



Spouse Caregiver Support Group

For caregivers of loved ones with dementia or Alzheimer's

Caregiver Support Group

September 22 | 10:30 AM

This group ministers to spouses of loved ones with dementia or Alzheimer's. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the church library.

Bereavement Support Group

Hospice of the Lowcountry

Weekly on Thursday
2 PM
The South Room

Bereavement Support Group

Thursdays | 2 PM

This group ministers to those who've experienced loss or grief in their lives. Led by Rev. Charlie Tyler from Hospice of the Lowcountry, we meet weekly on Thursday at 2 PM in the South Room.

Cancer Support Group

October 5
4 PM
Room 202

Cancer Support Group

October 5 | 4 PM

This group ministers to cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Led by Billy Douglas, we meet the first Monday of the month at 4 PM in Room 202.

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PRAYER



Use QR code to
submit your
prayer requests



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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