

Lord's Day Worship
November 19, 2023
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*.....arr. Anna Laura Page
Carillon Handbell Choir

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

Introit: *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* setting by Healey Willan
Sanctuary Choir

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyous hearts and voices Your alleluias raise!
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love!*

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

Leader: God gives us blessings in abundance, both spiritual and physical.

All: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Leader: Praise God for the gifts and for the opportunities for service that they represent.

All: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed, so that what we are, and do, and say may be our gift to God.

One: Come and worship the Holy One,

All: who beckons us to seek the things above. Amen.

***Hymn:** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*No. 20

Prayer of Confession

Holy Maker, we recall those times when we have invested
what you have given to us in the love and service of others,
and we recall those times when we have kept your riches to ourselves.
Forgive us.

Entrusted with all of your gifts,
we become fearful of sharing them,
missing the chance to be a blessing to others.
Have mercy on us.

We confess that through fear, or greed, or ignorance,
we have not always used the opportunities you give us
in a faithful and responsible manner.
Forgive us.

Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst,
so we might discover your example of hope and grace
in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *Glory Be to the Father* No. 581

***Passing the Peace**

Anthem: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* John Rutter
AiM Youth Choir

*(Refrain) All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings. (Refrain)*

*The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.*

*The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one. (Refrain)*

*He gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. (Refrain)*

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: *Risky Business* Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

Song: *I Am Thankful* Traditional French Folksong

FPC Children's Choir

*I am thankful, I am thankful! I am glad, I am glad!
For the many blessings, for the many blessings that we have, that we have!*

*So let's be thankful, let's be thankful! Let's be glad, let's be glad!
For the many blessings, for the many blessings, that we have, that we have!*

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: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Carillon Handbell Choir

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* No. 716

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response:** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Doris Akers

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

***Postlude:** *All Creatures of Our God* arr. Bill Fasig and John Innes

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

**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 foster your faith through today's service.

If you're worshipping in person, complete the maroon fellowship register at the end of the pew **or use our new cards with QR codes (in the pew racks)** 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.) If you're worshipping online, click on the blue "Connect" button on our website's homepage and complete the brief pop-up form so we can connect with you too. **After worship, enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the Gathering Space.**

"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME"

Children are welcome to sit with their parents/guardians in worship or to use the Family Worship Center, a space in James Chapel (under the south balcony of the Sanctuary) that helps engage children in worship. It has a bookcase of supplies, coloring pages, activity pages and parent information. We also provide a lesson for children at the beginning of worship in Creation Station (upstairs in Room 216). Bring children to Creation Station before the service begins, and children will return to the Sanctuary with FPC staff during the service. To learn more about our children's ministry, contact Jodi 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 next Sunday in person at this 10:30 AM traditional service here in the Sanctuary or at our 9 AM CrossRoads contemporary service in Fellowship Hall. Or join us online via livestream or a recording of both services. To do so, on your electronic device or smart TV go to our website's homepage and click on "9:00 Livestream" or "10:30 Livestream," or go to our YouTube channel. Recordings are available after 2 PM today.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of her daughter, Patti Sumner Rogers, on her birthday, today, November 19, by Jay Sumner and her family.

The memorial roses are in honor of Dave Lechner and Maria Gregg, both of whom entered the Church Triumphant on November 15, 2023.

Regarding the Lord's Prayer: as with the use of "sins," the use of "Your/s" is contemporary language that opens this prayer more to worshippers—in person and online—who aren't familiar with it. You may of course still use "Thy/Thine."

Leading in worship: Laura Floyd, AiM Choir Director; S. Russell Floyd, Minister of Music; Beth Green, Children's Choir Director; 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; Mollie Nichols, organ; Rev. Dr. Will Robinson, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff; Dennis Smith, Carillon Handbell Director

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!"

You're invited to join FPC at a new member class TODAY AT 11:45 AM IN THE LIBRARY!

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

PRAYERFUL STUDY

To learn more about our children's ministry, email Jodi Krivda at jkrivda@fpchhi.org. To learn more about our youth ministry, email Jackie Wilhelm at jwilhelm@fpchhi.org. Classes and small groups for adults meet on Sundays and throughout the week. To learn more, see "THIS WEEK @ FPC!" in this bulletin and go to our website or contact the church.

The holy season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3. Again this year, FPC will use a digital Advent devotional provided by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. In order to receive it, visit the FPC website homepage.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

FPC's Knitting Ministry is collecting new socks to include in their Christmas packages—big socks, little socks; socks for children, socks for adults, socks for women, and socks for men. Please bring them to the bin in the church workroom (the room across from the

receptionist's desk on the first floor of the administration wing).

The first Sunday of every month is Feed My Sheep Sunday: Bring non-perishable items to our Gathering Space for local food pantries, including our own which is part of our People in Need (PIN) ministry. PIN is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM-noon to help people with utility bills, rent and food/supplies.

Would you like to train to be a Stephen Minister? We'll do so by joining other congregations from the Lowcountry Area Stephen Ministry group, providing trainees with a broader group of leaders and peers with whom to learn, grow and establish relationships. Training kicks off Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 1-3 PM, at Church of the Cross in Bluffton. To learn more, contact Pastor Diane.

Help us change lives and make disciples by giving via 1) mailing a check to 540 William Hilton Parkway, HHI, SC 29928 and made payable to FPC, 2) the Give button at fpchhi.org or 3) texting "FPCHHI" to 77977.

CARING CONNECTIONS

Visit the Volunteer Center in the Gathering Space to learn how you can help us live our Value of "Gracious Invitation." This week sign up to be a substitute as part of our Amazin' Grazin' dining and fellowship ministry!

Visit FPC's Men's Retreat Ministry Table to register for their February 2-3 retreat or go to fpchhi.org. The retreat will feature Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, President Emeritus of Union Presbyterian Seminary. Cost: \$100 with a 10% discount if registered by January 10.

Members of FPC's Boy Scout troop will be in the Gathering Space today to distribute Kringle orders!

FPC's Health Ministry (HM) is hosting classes on "Intentional Feasting" at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall. The second in this series will focus on mindful, healthy eating during the upcoming holiday season. The presenter is HM member Kat Zemke. Class dates: November 29, December 6, 13 and 20. To register, visit our website (Events section).

Prayer boxes are located in the narthex (the area outside the Sanctuary) and in Fellowship Hall. 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 Tuesday and on our confidential prayer chain. You may also submit prayer requests to info@fpchhi.org or to a pastor (ejohnson@fpchhi.org, dknauf@fpchhi.org or wrobinson@fpchhi.org) or via our new cards with QR codes (in the pew racks).

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

- November 20:** Luke-Acts Study at 10 AM (Library)
- November 21:** Knitting Ministry at 1:30 PM (Library)
- November 23:** **Church Office Closed—Thanksgiving holiday**
- November 24:** **Church Office Closed—Thanksgiving holiday**
- November 26:** Fellowship time at 8:30 AM (Gathering Space)
Nursery opens at 8:45 AM (Room 109)
CrossRoads contemporary worship at 9 AM (Fellowship Hall/livestream)
Work in Progress at 9 AM (Library/Zoom)
Adult Seekers class at 9 AM (Honey Horn Chapel/Zoom)
Fellowship time at 10:00 AM (Gathering Space)
10:22 Sunday School class at 10:22 AM (Library)
Traditional worship at 10:30 AM (Sanctuary/livestream)
Fellowship time at 11:30 AM (Gathering Space)
J.O.Y. Group at 11:30 AM (Zoom)

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Christmas Poinsettias

At Christmastime we remember loved ones in God's nearer presence and honor special moments in the lives of our families and friends. **Please return this form or call the church by December 18. Poinsettias may be picked up after December 27.**

Name: _____
(please print)

Phone: _____

I would like to purchase _____ poinsettia(s). Attached is my check for \$_____ (\$20/poinsettia). Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and note poinsettia on the memo line, or go to *Give* on the church website.

Choose one or more of these options:

In memory of: _____ In honor of: _____

In celebration of the Christmas season _____