

Lord's Day Worship  
First Sunday in Lent  
Narrative Lectionary  
March 9, 2025  
10:30 AM

**Prelude:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* with *Asifive Bwana*..... arr. Dan Goeller  
Gather and Praise Youth Choir

**Welcome**..... Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

**Introit:** *Pacem*..... Lee Dengler  
Gather and Praise Youth Choir

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: On Ash Wednesday, a cross of ashes reminded us

**All: of our mortality and of our death to sin in Christ.**

Leader: On this first Sunday in Lent, we continue the journey to the Cross and Empty Tomb,

**All: asking the Spirit to lead us every step as we commit ourselves to saying no to sin and yes to Christ.**

**\*Processional Hymn:** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ..... No. 166

**\*Lighting the Disciples' Candles** ..... Julia and Bia Santos Almeida

Each week during Lent, we will light two candles in remembrance of the twelve disciples who enthusiastically followed Jesus. On Maundy Thursday, these same twelve disciples' candles will be extinguished to represent their desertion and betrayal. This week, we light the first two candles as we remember Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother, Andrew—both fishermen.

**Prayer of Confession**

**All-Merciful God, though we don't *have* to sin, we still do. We sin when we don't obey Your Spirit, who dwells in us and leads us to do what's right in Your eyes. Forgive our sins, including greed, lust, not forgiving, selfish ambition and not loving You or our neighbors as we should. All-Gracious God, give us ears that listen to Your Spirit and feet that faithfully follow Your Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Response:** *We are Forgiven* ..... No. 447

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Scripture:** Luke 10:25-37

**Sermon:** *You Are the Neighbor* ..... Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

**Anthem:** *More Love*..... Mark Miller

Gather and Praise Youth Choir

*Four simple words we sing today. With these four words we ought to pray and take to heart this sacred phrase: "More love, less hate." It seems so easy on its face. Four words to heal the human race, and yet we struggle to create more love, less hate.*

*For love we stand! More love in this land! Will you join? Come, take my hand! More love, less hate. When fear and violence touch our lives, hate separates, seeks to divide. Our faith in love won't be denied. More love, less hate.*

*Just as the night gives way to dawn. Justice shines forth before too long. Until that day we will sing on, "More love, less hate. More love, less hate." For love we stand! More love in this land! Will you join? Come take my hand! More love, less hate. More love!*

**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:** *My God Is an Awesome God* .....arr. Keith Hampton  
Gather and Praise Youth Choir

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn:** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* ..... No. 729

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response:** *You Shall Go Out in Joy*.....Michael Barrett  
Gather and Praise Youth Choir

**Postlude:** *Ite Missa Est*..... Philip Moore

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (FPC)!**

We're glad you're here on this first Sunday in the holy season of Lent. 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 register at the end of your pew and wear your name tag if you're a member or friend 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. **We offer a Sunday class at 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.**

**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? Just ask an usher!

## **ABOUT WORSHIP**

Worship the Lord with us each 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 these services via our website's homepage or on our YouTube channel.

We welcome the Gather and Praise Youth Choir! They're a combination of youth choirs from First Baptist Church, Laurens, SC; Earle Street Baptist Church, Greenville, SC; Oakland Baptist Church, Rock Hill, SC; and Providence Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC. They gathered this weekend at FPC for a student choir festival with the motto: "Called by God for worship, we join our voices in celebration."

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor and celebration of the birth of her first grandchild, Stella Mae, born February 6, 2025, by Lindsay Bunting. (Contact the church to give flowers for Sunday worship in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a particular event.)

From September 2024-June 2025, our sermons and worship are based on Scripture from the Narrative Lectionary (NL). The NL is a set of readings that walk us through high points of the Bible story from creation to Pentecost. You can watch the services and sermons in this series on our YouTube channel. If you'd like to see the full NL calendar we're using, go to our website. If you'd like to watch brief, engaging video overviews of the books of the Bible that are part of the NL, we recommend [thebibleproject](http://thebibleproject.com).

Leading in worship: Julia and Bia Santos Almeida, candle lighters; Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor of Congregational Evangelism and Engagement; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; 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 our next new member class on SUNDAY, MARCH 23, AT 11:45 AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!

## **IN THE LIFE OF FPC**

### **PRAYERFUL STUDY**

To learn *more* about faith formation for all ages and all stages of life and faith, go to [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org) or contact the church.

### **SACRIFICIAL SERVICE**

Lent is a forty-day period of repentance and renewal in preparation for Easter that often includes fasting from something or adding a spiritual practice. This year, we encourage you to combine the urge to purge and to help others through "The Great Lenten Giveaway": Each day of Lent place a household item in a bag. At the end of Lent, donate those forty items to a local charity/ies. What will *you* share with others?

Visit FPC's Book and a Buck ministry table in the Gathering Space today.

"Feed My Sheep": bring non-perishable items to the Gathering Space on the first Sunday of the month for local food pantries, including our own PIN (People In Need), or drop off items at your convenience in the cart by the elevator. PIN especially needs paper products, cans of tuna, toothpaste and white rice. Thank you!

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](http://fpchhi.org), 3) QR code (on the screen and the card in the pew racks) or 4) texting "FPCHHI" to 77977.

## CARING CONNECTIONS

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](mailto:info@fpchhi.org) or a pastor ([ejohnson@fpchhi.org](mailto:ejohnson@fpchhi.org), [bkilburn@fpchhi.org](mailto:bkilburn@fpchhi.org), [wrobinson@fpchhi.org](mailto:wrobinson@fpchhi.org))
- QR code (on the card in the pew racks)

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 Bettina Kilburn (404-771-7608) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 245).

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 Gloria LaCoe ([glacoe24@gmail.com](mailto:glacoe24@gmail.com)).

### LENT & EASTER @ FPC

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#### Lenten Devotional

Go to [https://www.pts.edu/devotional\\_1](https://www.pts.edu/devotional_1)

#### Lenten Book Study

*Meeting Jesus at the Table* by Campbell and Fohr

#### “The Great Lenten Giveaway”

See the bulletin announcement under Sacrificial Service

#### Floral Easter Tribute

Purchase a lily or azalea in honor or memory of a loved one

#### Lenten Poetry and Organ Series

Thursdays, through April 10, at 11 AM (Sanctuary)

#### March 23: Lenten Jazz Vespers

5 PM (Courtyard)

#### April 13: Palm Sunday

9 AM CrossRoads contemporary worship (Fellowship Hall)

10 AM Easter Egg Hunt (front lawn)

10:30 AM Traditional worship (Sanctuary)

Mozart's *Requiem* presented by the Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra

#### April 17: Maundy Thursday

6:30 PM Worship with communion (Sanctuary)

#### April 18: Good Friday

12 PM Community worship, Christ Lutheran Church, Hilton Head Island

#### April 20: Easter Sunday

9 AM CrossRoads contemporary worship (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 AM Traditional worship (Sanctuary)

Nursery available at 8:45 AM

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### THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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#### Monday, March 10

- 10:00 AM Letter to the Romans class (Library/Zoom)
- 12:00 PM Memory Matters' Brain Boosters (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 PM Soul Food Women's Group (Zoom)

#### Tuesday, March 11

- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Women Growing in Faith (Room 202/Zoom)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids Drama Program (Sanctuary)

#### Wednesday, March 12

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen (Room 219)
- 4:00 PM Son-Light Singers performance at The Pines
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)

#### Thursday, March 13

- 9:00 AM Empty Chair/Extra Chair Men's Group (Room 219/Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Social Witness Book Study with Jim Miller (Zoom)
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM Lenten Organ and Poetry (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids (Creation Station)
- 4:00 PM Meditation Group (South Room)
- 5:00 PM FPC Kids Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM Carillon Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Choir Room)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

#### Friday, March 14

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

#### Sunday, March 16

- 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 Sunday School for ages 3-7 (Rooms 112 and 114)
- 9:00 AM Work In Progress class (Library/Zoom)
- 9:00 AM Adult Seekers class (Room 202/Zoom)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- **10:30 AM Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 10:30 AM Sunday School for ages 3-7 (Rooms 112 and 114)
- 11:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

### EASTER TRIBUTES — DUE BY APRIL 11

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution: \$25/tribute. Contributions accepted by cash, check payable to FPC, and online at [fpcbhi.org](http://fpcbhi.org) (select Easter Flowers from the dropdown menu via the Give button)

\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In celebration of the Easter season

- *Thank you for your contribution that covers the cost of the Easter flowers, palms and palm crosses.*
- *Tributes will be listed in the Easter Sunday worship bulletins. You may pick up lilies and azaleas after the 10:30 AM Easter Sunday worship service.*