

Lord's Day Worship  
Things Jesus Never Said: "Be #1"  
February 2, 2025  
10:30 AM

**Prelude:** *Prelude in G minor, BWV 535*..... J. S. Bach

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

**\*Call to Worship**..... Rev. Dr. Bettina Kilburn

Leader: Jesus invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.

**All: Our society encourages us to get ahead by looking out for number one.**

Leader: Jesus shows us how to live with joy and peace.

**All: Our culture promotes climbing to the top and being the greatest.**

Leader: Jesus tells us if we want to be first, we need to go to the end of the line.

**All: Let us worship Jesus, who said the greatest among people is the one who serves.**

**\*Hymn:** *All Are Welcome* .....No. 301

**Prayer of Confession**

God of love,

We confess that we have wanted to be great,

to be better than others,

to be superior and first.

Forgive us and remind us of Your call

to service and sacrifice.

Help us trust in Your grace,

to be least,

to be humble, trusting and loving.

Give us faith not to control,

but to receive.

Forgive our sin and

renew our hearts.

Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Response:** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* ..... No. 451 (stanza 3)

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Scripture:** Mark 9:33-37

**Sermon:** *Jesus Never Said: "Be #1"* ..... Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

**Anthem:** *Offertory* .....John Ness Beck

Bob Manne, tenor; Sanctuary Choir

*With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high?*

*Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings. Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?*

*Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?*

*Shall I give my first born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

*He has shown you, O man. He has shown you what is good.*

*And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?*

**Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders**

**Sentences of Scripture** (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**All: To each is given gifts of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

**Statement on Ordination and Installation**

**Constitutional Questions**

**Questions to the Congregation**

Leader: Do we, members of this body of Christ, accept **Carol Couch, Flip Harris, Monica Henkel, Lindsay Jones, Gloria LaCoe, Martha Anne McDonald and Glenn Neff** as deacons and **Moses Awe, Paul Cale, Julie Hellman, Blaine Lotz, Judy Pizzuti, Jean Vahey and Bob White** as elders, called by God and empowered by His Spirit to help lead us in Christ's ministry?

**All: We do.**

Leader: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions and to follow them as they help us serve Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**All: We do.**

**Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination and Installation**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

**Ordination and Installation and Baptism**

**Declaration of Ordination and Installation**

**\*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.**

**Prayers of the Church 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:** *In Times Like These* .....arr. Virginia Halberg

Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn:** *The Church of Christ in Every Age*..... No. 320

**Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*.....arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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

## **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 better understand your faith through today's service.

In-person worshipers: 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 worshipers: 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 Rev. Dr. Bettina Kilburn in worship! She's serving as our part-time Interim Associate Pastor for Congregational Care. A retired psychiatrist and an ordained Presbyterian (PCUSA) minister, Bettina's preached here, and she and her husband Norm, who's a retired physician assistant, have worshiped and served at FPC since 2020. Please warmly welcome her!**

**Flip Harris, Gloria LaCoe, and Martha Anne McDonald will be ordained and installed as deacons. Carol Couch, Monica Henkel, Lindsay Jones and Glenn Neff will be installed as deacons. Judy Pizzuti and Jean Vahey will be ordained and installed as elders. Moses Awe, Paul Cale, Julie Hellman, Blaine Lotz, and Bob White will be installed as elders. Please pray for them and the rest of our deacons and elders as they begin a new year of service in Christ's name this month.**

The flowers are given in memory of Don Timmins of Ontario, Canada, and Henry "Hank" Fielitz who entered the Church Triumphant on January 15 and January 18, 2025, respectively. (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. (Note: We're veering from the NL this week.) 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: Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor of Congregational Evangelism and Engagement; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Dr. Bettina Kilburn, Interim Associate Pastor of Congregational Care; Chad Martin, Director of Music and Organist; Rev. Dr. Will Robinson, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

## **YOU'RE INVITED!**

Join FPC at our next new member class on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, AT 11:45 AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!**

## **IN THE LIFE OF FPC**

### **PRAYERFUL STUDY**

"Christian Beliefs: Asking Questions to Grow our Faith," Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 PM through February 19, Library/Zoom. Join us as Pastor Will leads us through foundational Christian beliefs with time during each class to address *your* faith questions. Register at [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org)!

Paul's Letter to the Romans, Mondays, 10-11 AM through March 10, Library/Zoom. Dr. Jim Wagner will teach this class, which is primarily a continuation of his fall class on the book of Acts but is a perfect time for new members to join. Register at [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org)!

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**

Help those devastated by the fires in California by giving to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). PDA, in partnership with local faith leaders, has released emergency grants and is working with disaster organizations to provide immediate and long-term support to those affected. Give via our website; select PDA-CA. Or make checks payable to FPC noting PDA-CA on the memo line.

"Feed My Sheep" is the first Sunday of the month: bring non-perishable items to the Gathering Space for local food pantries, including our own PIN (People In Need). PIN especially needs canned chicken, Spam, canned fruit, grits and small containers of laundry detergent or pods. 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**

Visit the Social Witness Ministry table TODAY in the Gathering Space to learn about its program on gun safety for children with Dr. Annie Andrews on Saturday, February 8, at 10 AM.

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 the church.

FPC's annual congregational meeting is **NEXT Sunday, February 9, at the conclusion of 10:30 AM worship in the Sanctuary. We'll elect the 2025 Nominating Ministry team and hear important updates about what God's doing through this church from our Finance, Giving and Personnel ministry teams.**

## THIS WEEK AT FPC!

To learn more, go to [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org) or contact the church.

### Monday, February 3

- 10:00 AM Letter to the Romans class (Library/Zoom)
- 12:30 PM Sarah Circle (Room 202/Zoom)
- 5:00 PM Soul Food Women's Group (Zoom)

### Tuesday, February 4

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

### Wednesday, February 5

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen (Room 219)
- 10:00 AM Women's Spiritual Exercise (Library/Zoom)
- 11:30 AM Grandparenting Group (Room 219)
- 4:00 PM Son-Light Singers rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)
- 5:30 PM Christian Beliefs class (Library)

### Thursday, February 6

- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids (Creation Station)
- 3:30 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)

### Saturday, February 8

- 10:00 AM Social Witness Gun Safety Program (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, February 9

#### **Souper Bowl of Caring!**

- 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)
- **11:30 AM** **Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)**
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space)