

Lord's Day Worship  
Third Sunday in Lent  
(Chapters 4-5 in *The Only Prayer You'll Ever Need* by Doug Fletcher)  
March 12, 2023  
10:30 AM

**Prelude:** *Toccata* .....Girolamo Frescobaldi

**Welcome** .....Rev. Diane Knauf

**Introit:** *Come! Join Our Cheerful Song!* ..... Dale Wood

Sanctuary Choir  
*Come! Join our cheerful song! Lift up your voices strong!  
Rejoice, be glad, give praise!*

**\*Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 124 and 130)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

**All: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.**

Leader: The Lord hears our cries of pain and our laments.

**All: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.**

Leader: The Lord doesn't turn from our troubles but extends His hand to heal, to comfort, to save.

**All: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever!**

Leader: Let us thank and praise the Lord,

**All: for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**\*Hymn:** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*.....No. 687

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**God our King, at times we're not loyal subjects in Your Kingdom. We hurt others. We're indifferent to injustice. We don't love our neighbors as we should, especially those in need. We fail to pray for our enemies. God of Grace, forgive us for these and all of our sins. Through your Spirit, help us to be faithful followers of Your Son. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Response:** *We are Forgiven*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the response 'We are Forgiven'. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.' are written below the staff. The second staff is identical to the first, also with the same lyrics below it.

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Anthem:** *Let Your Kingdom Come* ..... Pepper Choplin

*The world is full of pain and suffering, hate is alive and well.  
Through the chaos, people are asking, "Where is God?"  
Lord, we see the power of darkness, evil seems so strong.  
Bring Your law of love and justice to the world, rule the world with peace.*

(REFRAIN) *Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.  
On earth as it is in heaven, let love shine like the sun.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done.*

*Come and touch the world with heaven, do not turn away.  
Come and live among Your children,  
Lead us Lord, teach us, Lord, to be the light in darkness, turning night to day.  
Let Your will be done among us.  
Work through us, empower us, we pray. (REFRAIN)*

*Almighty King of heaven, come and rule the earth.  
May Your Kingdom conquer evil's power.  
Work among Your people as vessels of Your will  
Until the age of love and peace shall rise. (REFRAIN)*

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:10

**Sermon:** *Life in the Kingdom* ..... Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

**\*Hymn:** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* ..... No. 629

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer** ..... Elder Chuck Duvall  
**Our Father in heaven, reveal who You are. Set the world right. Do what's best—as above, so below. Keep us alive with three square meals. Keep us forgiven with You and forgiving others. Keep us safe from ourselves and the devil. You're in charge! You can do anything You want! You're ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes.**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** *Morning Song* ..... David Schelat

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn:** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* ..... No. 837

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response:** *Grace, Love, and Fellowship* ..... Tom Fettke

*May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God, our Father,  
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us forevermore, Amen.*

**\*Postlude:** *Rigaudon* ..... Andre Campra

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

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (FPC)!** Whether you're a visitor, a member or an affiliate 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 light blue "Connect" button in the middle of our website's homepage 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 take it to the Welcome Center in the narthex. **After worship, we invite you to 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 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 crafts and music for children from 10-10:30 AM in Creation Station (upstairs in Room 216), followed by a Bible lesson. After the Bible lesson in Creation Station, children return with FPC staff to the Sanctuary. 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](mailto: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. **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 the homepage of our website ([fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org)) and click on "9:00 Livestream" or "10:30 Livestream," or go to our YouTube channel. To worship later, a recording of each service is available after 2 PM today.

Leading in worship today: H. Gerald Anderson, piano; S. Russell Floyd, Minister of Music; Charles D. Frost, organ; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Diane Knauf, Associate Pastor; Rev. Dr. William E. W. Robinson, Senior Pastor

If you'd like to provide flowers for Sunday worship in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a particular event, contact the church. There are many dates available in 2023; the donation is \$50.

See something, say something! If you have concerns in the church or on our campus, please notify an usher, a pastor or other staff.

## **"YOU'RE INVITED!"**

**You're invited to join this family of faith at a new member class on MARCH 26 AT 11:45 AM IN JAMES CHAPEL (under the south balcony of the Sanctuary)!**

## **WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES**

## IN THE LIFE OF FPC

### VISIT THESE MINISTRY TABLES IN THE GATHERING SPACE TODAY:

- FPC's Book and a Buck ministry benefits children in preschool-grade 12 in Jasper, Hampton and Allendale counties by providing them with new or gently-used books. Sponsored by FPC's Local Outreach Ministry.
- AARP's Driver Safety course on March 14 (Fellowship Hall). Registration at 11:30 AM; the course from 12:00-4:00 PM. Sponsored by FPC's Health Ministry.

### JOYFUL WORSHIP

During Lent, we encourage you to commit to the following practices, which are part of FPC's Covenant of Membership:

1. Pray five times daily and worship weekly.
2. Read five verses of Scripture daily and study the Bible in a small group or class.
3. Commit five acts of kindness weekly and serve with others at FPC.
4. Commit five acts of generosity toward others monthly and give generously to God through FPC.
5. Share the love of Christ with others and invite five people to FPC this year.

### PRAYERFUL STUDY

To learn more about our children's ministry, email Jodi Gregg Krivda at [jkrivda@fpchhi.org](mailto:jkrivda@fpchhi.org). To learn more about our youth ministry, email Jackie Wilhelm at [jwilhelm@fpchhi.org](mailto: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/](http://fpchhi.org/adult-ministry/) or contact the church.

### SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Stop by the Volunteer Center Ministry Table (in the hallway leading to Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex) TODAY to learn about FPC's many opportunities to serve and *share your gifts!*

Help those devastated by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey by giving to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) via FPC. PDA is providing immediate relief and will help throughout the recovery process. Give on our website; select Disaster Assistance/Earthquake. Or make checks payable to FPC noting Disaster Assistance/Earthquake on the memo line.

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 fruit and meats. We're unable to accept anything in glass containers or perishable foods.

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](http://fpchhi.org), 3) texting "FPCHHI" to 77977, or 4) using the QR code. Need help setting up a recurring gift? Email [info@fpchhi.org](mailto:info@fpchhi.org).

Offering envelopes are in the hallway near the Gathering Space!

### CARING CONNECTIONS

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](http://fpchhi.org) or contact the church.*

- March 14:** Knitting Ministry at 1:30 PM (Library)
- March 15:** Men’s Bible Study at 9 AM (Zoom)  
Women’s Spiritual Exercise group at 10 AM (Library/Zoom)  
Journeymen small group at 10 AM (Room 213)  
FPC Kids at 3 PM! (various rooms)  
**AiM Youth Choir rehearsal at 4:15 PM (Choir Room)**  
Lowcountry Lessons class at 4:30 PM (Zoom)
- March 16:** Digging Deeper Bible Study at 10 AM (Library/Zoom)  
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 Handbell Choir rehearsal at 5:30 PM (Bell Choir Room)  
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 7 PM (Sanctuary)
- March 19:** **Third Sunday in Lent**  
Nursery available from 8:45-11:45 AM (Room 109)  
**CrossRoads worship at 9 AM (Fellowship Hall/livestream)**  
Seekers Sunday School class at 9 AM (Honey Horn Chapel/Zoom)  
Living in the Word Sunday School class at 9 AM (Room 202/Zoom)  
Work in Progress Sunday School class at 9 AM (Library/Zoom)  
Fellowship time at 10 AM (Gathering Space)  
**Traditional worship at 10:30 AM (Sanctuary/livestream)**  
JOY Group Sunday School class at 11:30 AM (Zoom)  
Middle and High School Youth Group at 5 PM (Youth Space)

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**EASTER TRIBUTES  
DUE BY MARCH 31**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution: \$25/tribute

Contributions accepted by cash; check payable to FPC; online at [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org) (select Easter Flower)

\_\_\_ 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.  
Lilies and azaleas are available to be picked up after the 10:30 AM Easter service.