

Lord's Day Worship
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2024
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young

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

Introit: *Worthy of Worship* Terry W. York and Mark Blankenship

Sanctuary Choir

*Almighty Father, Master and Lord, King of all kings and Redeemer,
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend, Savior and Source of our life without end.
You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer. You are worthy,
worthy and wonderful; worthy of worship and praise.*

***Call to Worship** (based on 1 Peter 1:3) Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf

Leader: By God's great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: It is a living hope because we believe that Christ is risen *indeed!*

Leader: It is a living hope because Christ's resurrection defeats the power of death.

All: Because of Christ's resurrection, we have a living hope that we too will be raised to eternal life!

***Hymn:** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* No. 248

Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord, rather than living the new life that You won for us in Your death and resurrection, we slip back into our old, sinful ways and bad habits. In Your mercy, forgive our selfishness, failure to forgive, reluctance to love our neighbors and others sins. Through Your Spirit, inspire us and empower us to be Your faithful followers and bold witnesses to the resurrection. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *Hear the Good News of Salvation* (No. 441)

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Sermon: *Now Hiring* Rev. Matt Gaventa

***Hymn:** *Christ Is Alive!* No. 246

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: Grace.....arr. Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch, a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come.
This grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely, grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun.*

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn: You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim** No. 299

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response: Make Us One** Carol Cymbala

**Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let Your love flow so the world will know we are one in You.**

***Postlude: This Is the Day/He Has Made Me Glad**
with Widor's *Toccata* from *Symphony 5*arr. Ron Sprunger

**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 hear God speak to you and see how to live the gospel through today's service.

In-person worshipers: Complete the maroon fellowship pad at the end of your pew 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.) 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 school class at 9 AM and 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.

ABOUT WORSHIP

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

We welcome Rev. Matt Gaventa! Matt is the senior pastor at University Presbyterian in Austin, Texas, and is also an acclaimed writer and preacher whose work has been featured in *Working Preacher* and *The Christian Century*. He holds degrees from Georgetown University, the University of Iowa, and Princeton Theological Seminary and received the David H.C. Read Preacher/Scholar Award from Madison Avenue Presbyterian in 2012. Matt lives in Austin with his wife Sarah and their son Charlie. In his spare time, he hunts for tacos, heist movies, cornbread recipes and hiking trails. Matt and Pastor Will are part of a preaching group that meets annually.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Skip and Donna Shookman, by Cheryl Shookman. (To give flowers for Sunday worship in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a particular event, please contact the church.)

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 worshipers—in person and online—who aren't familiar with it. You may of course still use "Thy/Thine."

Leading in worship: Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Connection; 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. Also, for our safety, the exterior doors to Fellowship Hall (facing the firehouse) are now locked on Sundays. A member will let in and welcome those who enter by them, but we encourage everyone to use the exterior doors to the administrative wing (by the receptionist's desk).

"YOU'RE INVITED!"

Join FPC and our Mission of "Changing Lives...Making Disciples" at our next new member class on Sunday, October 27, at 11:45 AM in the church library!

Join us for an evening of Jazz music, praise, poetry and psalms at "Jazz Vespers" NEXT Sunday, October 6, at 6 PM! Our own Lavon Stevens and Louise Spencer will entertain us while we enjoy refreshments in our courtyard. The theme is "Share the Harvest," so please bring nonperishable food for our PIN food pantry. We'll also collect a freewill offering to support this special event. Invite a friend! *All* are welcome!

Poverty in the Lowcountry ~ Moving People Out of Poverty

Mondays in October at 7 PM

Hosted by FPC's Social Witness Ministry, this four-week series will be held in four different houses of worship on Hilton Head Island and is intended to be both an ecumenical series and a community education opportunity. Join us to learn how we can help address this growing issue in our community.

Visit FPC's website for details, including locations and speakers. No registration is necessary.

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

PRAYERFUL STUDY

Often read as an account of the remarkable expansion of the church from Jerusalem to Rome, Acts is even more an account of the continuation of Jesus' earthly ministry. **Dr. Jim Wagner will help us explore Acts and Luke's joy that "the Kingdom of God is at hand."** The class will be hybrid (in the church library and via Zoom) on Mondays at 10 AM through November 25. Register on our website.

In this 16th year of the "Lowcountry Lessons" class, teacher David Lauderdale combines a Scripture lesson with a story gleaned from his 40-plus years as a local journalist. The stories cover our rogues and saints, and the Scripture is typically a New Testament view of what it means to be a Christian and what faith looks like in our daily lives. The class meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 4:15 PM. Register on our website.

"A Time to Build: It Starts With Us" on Thursdays at 10 AM from October 10-31. Join Rev. Dr. Bettina Kilburn to learn how we can practice radical love—God's antidote to fear and division—within our families, our friendships and our communities. The class will meet in the church library and via Zoom. Register on our website.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Visit the Backpack Buddies ministry table TODAY in the Gathering Space to learn more about this ministry and the Social Witness Ministry table TODAY in the Gathering Space to learn about their new plastic collection initiative.

"Feed My Sheep" is the first Sunday of the month (so next Sunday!). On that day, bring non-perishable items (please check expiration dates!) to our Gathering Space for local food pantries, including our own People in Need (PIN)'s food pantry. PIN is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM-noon to help people with utility bills, rent and food/supplies. PIN especially needs canned meats, pasta and fruit. 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, 3) QR code (on the screen and the card in the pew racks) or 4) texting "FPCHHI" to 77977.

CARING CONNECTIONS

We welcome our newest members: Randy and Donna Aubrey and Anne Tomlinson. We thank God for them and for adding their God-given gifts and faith to this family of faith!

"Celebrating Our Gifts"! Enjoy this exhibit of members' art in the first-floor church hallways through November (hosted by FPC's Visual Art's Ministry).

Join us for a two-hour nature walk on October 2 at 2 PM at Fish Haul Beach Park (hosted by our Earth Care Work Group). Anneliza Itkor, a Master Naturalist, will be our guide. Meet in the park's parking lot, wear comfy shoes, bring bottled water and...invite a friend!

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 or a pastor (dknauf@fpchhi.org, ejohnson@fpchhi.org or 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 Diane Knauf (919-909-2660) 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 Pastor Diane (dknauf@fpchhi.org).

THIS WEEK AT FPC!

To learn more, go to fpchhi.org or contact the church.

Monday, September 30

- 10:00 AM Acts class with Dr. Jim Wagner (Library/Zoom)
- 1:00 PM Memory Matters' Brain Boosters (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 PM Soul Food Women's Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 1

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

Wednesday, October 2

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen (Room 219)
- 11:30 AM Grandparenting Group (Room 213)
- 2:00 PM FPC Nature Walk (Fish Haul Beach Park)
- 4:00 PM Son-Light Singers rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)

Thursday, October 3

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids (Creation Station)
- 4:30 PM Meditation (South Room)
- 5:10 PM FPC Kids Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM Carillon Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Choir Room)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, October 6

- 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 (Day School wing)
- 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 (Day School wing)
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space)
- **6:00 PM Jazz Vespers (Courtyard)**

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