

Lord's Day Worship
First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Savior of the Nations, Come* J. S. Bach

Welcome..... Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf

Introit: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert

Sanctuary Choir

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

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Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

***Call to Worship** Elder Jack Alderman

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts

All: as we await the coming of our Lord,

Leader: Let us watch for the one who heard our cries

All: and shouldered the suffering of our world,

Leader: Let us anticipate the coming of Christ's eternal world

All: with wholeness, reconciliation and plenty for all.

Leader: Let us wait in expectation for the day

All: when God's glory is revealed in all its fullness.

***Hymn:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 88

Advent Candle Lighting: Hope Rick, Cindy and Jeremy Spittle

Song: *A Candle is Burning* Sandra Dean/James Murray

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,

a candle of hope in December's dark night.

While angels sing blessing from heaven's starry sky,

our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

Prayer of Confession

God who is drawing near to us:

We live in a world of violence, which we do not condemn enough.

We are filled with the best of intentions, but are unable to follow through with action.

We are sinners, who are afraid to gaze into your mirror of grace.

Forgive us.

**Come to us, with your mercy, grace and love,
that we might live in hope and share that hope with the world.**

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 83 (stanza 1)

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Meditation: *Walk!* Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf

Anthem: *Redeem, Restore, Renew* Joseph M. Martin

Sanctuary Choir

Frozen dreams are falling from a broken sky. Winter winds are moaning in the night.

People lost in shadows reach to touch the starshine. Come, O come, Emmanuel.

We long to know Your healing light.

Many fires have burnt on altars made of hope. Swirling prayers for peace have touched the sky.

Failing faith and shattered souls yearn and plead to be made whole.

When will You hear our cry?

*Come, O come, Emmanuel. We lift our wounded songs to You.
Come, O come, Emmanuel. Lord, come and melt our hearts of stone.
Remind us we are not alone.
Lord, come and make in us Your home. Redeem, restore, renew.*

*Many are the tears that we have spilled in woe. Many were the years of silent pain.
See our golden harps upon the weeping willows. Come, O come, Emmanuel.
Lord, strum our spirits once again.*

*Soon the season of this silence will surrender. Soon the rhyme and reason will be clear.
Grace and glory will come down to a manger, cross and crown. The promise will appear.*

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Offering

Offertory: *Savior of the Nations, Come*Dietrich Buxtehude

***Response:** *In the Bleak Midwinter* No. 144 (stanza 4)

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give Him: I give Him my heart.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

*Communion is by intinction. Please take a piece of the bread, which is gluten free, and dip it in the cup and then partake of it before returning to your seat.
If you're unable to come forward, raise your hand, and we'll serve you where you're seated.*

Prayer After Communion

Jesus, you poured out your life for us. Your grace in this bread and cup gives us the strength to be Your healing to the broken, to be Your family to the lonely, to be Your love to those who are ignored. Thank You for this holy meal and for Your holy presence that goes with us into the world. Amen.

***Hymn:** *Come! Live in the Light*No. 749

*Charge and Benediction

***Response:** *While We Are Waiting, Come* No. 92 (stanza 1)

***Postlude:** *Savior of the Nations, Come* Robert Hobby

**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 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 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.

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 Genesis 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: During Advent, we will draw upon traditional scripture of the season.) 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).

The memorial flower is in honor of Lyle Sharp who entered the Church Triumphant on November 25, 2024. (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.)

Leading in worship: Jack Alderman, elder; Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Charles Frost, Guest Music Director and Organist; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Connection.

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 new member class on Sunday, December 15, at 11:45 am in the church library!

Advent Poetry & Organ Series: Thursdays, December 5, 12 and 19 at 11 AM in our Sanctuary. What will God reveal to you when you pause, ponder and reflect?

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

PRAYERFUL STUDY

To learn about our classes and small groups for all ages and all stages of life and faith, go to fpchhi.org.

To register for our women's retreat, *Lesson's from Letters: Living the Abundant Life*, on January 24 and 25, go to fpchhi.org!

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Visit the Amazin' Grazin' ministry table on December 8 and 15 in our Gathering Space to register for their fellowship dinners in homes or at a restaurant beginning in the new year.

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) especially needs oatmeal, grits and paper products. 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 779777.

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 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).

Christmas Poinsettias

At Christmastime we remember loved ones in God’s nearer presence and honor special times 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. Dedications will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins.**

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 _____

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Our Mission

Changing Lives . . . Making Disciples

Our Vision

Every Member in Ministry

In Christ United, Our Values of Ministry

*Joyful Worship, Gracious Invitation, Prayerful Study,
Sacrificial Service and Caring Connections*

*An Earth Care Congregation
A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

Monday, December 2

- 9:00 AM Memory Matters MoCA Monday (Room 213)
- 12:30 PM Sarah Circle (Room 202/Zoom)

Tuesday, December 3

- 9:00 AM Empty Chair/Extra Chair Men's Group (Room 219/Zoom)
- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Women Growing in Faith (Room 202/Zoom)

Wednesday, December 4

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen (Room 219)
- 10:00 AM Women's Spiritual Exercise Group (Library/Zoom)
- 11:30 AM Grandparenting Group (Room 213)
- 4:00 PM Son-Light Singers rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)

Thursday, December 5

- **11:00 AM Advent Poetry & Organ Series (Sanctuary)**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids (Creation Station)
- 3:30 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)

Saturday, December 7

- 9:00 AM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 8

- **Sanctuary Choir Service in Song**
- 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 Schol wing)
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 11:30 AM FPC Kids JOLT (Creation Station)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space)

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT FPC!

Advent and Christmas devotional (visit our website)

Thornwell Gift Angel Tree (Gathering Space)

Bring unwrapped gifts with tags to this tree by December 15.

Chrismon Tree (Narthex)

The ornaments represent the person, life and ministry of Jesus and the church.
Each ornament was made with love by our First Friends Small Group.

Thursdays, December 5, 12 and 19, 11 AM (Sanctuary)

Advent Poetry & Organ Series

Enjoy a time to pause and reflect during this busy time of the year.

Sunday, December 8

A CrossRoads worship at 9 AM (Fellowship Hall/livestream)

Christmas in Song worship at 10:30 AM (Sanctuary/livestream)

Featuring the Sanctuary Choir with chamber orchestra.

Hymns & Hops Christmas Edition at 5 PM (Locals Only Taproom, HHI)

Held outside; bring a friend and a folding chair!

Saturday, December 14, and Sunday, December 15, 5:30-7:30 PM

“Journey to Bethlehem”

Bring family and friends to experience Bethlehem at the time of Jesus’ birth. The magic of angels, shepherds, townsfolk, live nativity animals and more will remind you of the greatest story ever told!

Sunday, December 15

A CrossRoads Christmas worship at 9 AM (Fellowship Hall/livestream)

Traditional worship at 10:30 AM (Sanctuary/livestream)

Wednesday, December 18, 6 PM (Sanctuary)

“Longest Night” Worship

A quiet service of hope and healing.

Sunday, December 22

CrossRoads worship at 9 AM (Fellowship Hall/livestream)

Traditional worship at 10:30 AM (Sanctuary/livestream)

December 24: Christmas Eve Worship

Families and Candlelight worship at 4:30 PM (Sanctuary/livestream?)

Lessons, Carols and Candlelight worship at 8 PM (Sanctuary/livestream)

Enjoy thirty minutes of pre-service Christmas music from 7:30-8 PM.

Sunday, December 29

One service at 10 AM (Sanctuary)