

Lord's Day Worship
Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025
10:30 AM

Chiming the Hour

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Prelude: *Toccata in C Major, BWV 566*.....J. S. Bach

Welcome.....Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

***Call to Worship**

[John Calvin, a founder of Presbyterianism, began worship with this line from Psalm 124 (in bold) that stresses our dependence on God.]

One: Saints, where is our help?

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the creator of heaven and earth.

One: Amen. Let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise:** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.....No. 275

[Martin Luther, the founder of the Lutheran branch of Protestantism, wrote this hymn that's based on Psalm 46.]

Prayer of Confession

[For the Prayer of Confession, John Calvin stood at the communion table to remind believers that Christ died for our sins.]

Almighty God, we are saints, Your holy people, in Your Son our Savior and through Your Spirit. Yet, we still sin against You in our thoughts, with our words, and by our actions. We regret our sins, and we humbly pray for Your forgiveness and grace. Led by Your Spirit, may we follow Jesus and His teachings in what we think, say and do, to Your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the Good News! There is *no* condemnation for those in Christ Jesus! Because we are His, the power of the Holy Spirit has freed us from the power of sin and death!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are *forgiven*. Alleluia! Amen.

***Response:** from *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

As often as I call to You, You kindly hear my prayer.
In times of trouble and distress, I rest in Your own care.
Within Your shelter, loving God, my refuge and my tower,
I safely walk by day and night beneath Your guiding power.

***Passing the Peace**

Baptism.....Maelyn June Hawkins

Daughter of Jake and Rebecca Hawkins

***Hymn of Baptism:** *You Belong to Christ*.....No. 492

Scripture: Romans 8:1-4, 12-14

Sermon: *The Holy Spirit Isn't Your Backseat Driver!*..... Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

***Affirmation of Faith** from *A Brief Statement of Faith* of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

Moment for Generosity Ministry: “Generosity Ignites Change”

Offering

Offertory: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*.....Dale Wood

Sanctuary Choir

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone.
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one.
Holy Zion’s help forever and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple where we call Thee, O Lord of hosts, today.
With Thy wonted loving-kindness hear Thy servants as they pray.
And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.*

*Laud and honor to the Father. Laud and honor to the Son.
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one.
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.*

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Sending:** *O Christ, the Great Foundation*.....No. 361

***Charge and Benediction**

Congregational Meeting

**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’s presence and strengthen 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 worshippers: Use the QR code you'll see on the screen at the beginning of worship or click on the light green "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"

We value children in worship and encourage them to sit with their parents/ guardians or to join staff in the Family Worship Center (in James Chapel under the south balcony in the Sanctuary) which helps engage children in worship. Faith formation is available for children ages 3-7 in Rooms 113/115 of the Day School wing. 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 of these services via our website's homepage or on our YouTube channel.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Maelyn June Hawkins, daughter of Jake and Rebecca Hawkins and granddaughter of Lisa Black and Mike Hawkins. We pray God's blessing on Maelyn as she's claimed as God's own in baptism and united with the Lord and the church universal.

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: Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Lisa Black, Elder; Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Evangelism; Jane Jude and Adam Long, AV/Tech Coordinators; 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 new member class **TODAY AT 11:45 AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!**

FPC's Healthy Hour Speaker Series on Monday, November 17, at 4 PM in Fellowship Hall: Diabetes 101. Visit our website to learn more; contact the church to register.

First Presbyterian Day School's Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, November 3, 5-7 PM. To RSVP and learn how you can support the day school, visit their ministry table in the Gathering Space TODAY.

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

JOYFUL WORSHIP

We've begun a new worship-preaching series based on our Mission statement, "Changing Lives...Making Disciples." From now until Advent, we're in Part 1: "Changing Lives"—How the Gospel Transforms Us. **Visit the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall TODAY to see how we're changing lives locally and globally. You can also add to that bulletin board by writing how the Gospel has changed *your* life.**

We'll have a congregational meeting TODAY at the conclusion of 10:30 AM worship in the Sanctuary to elect deacons and elders in the Class of 2028.

PRAYERFUL STUDY

Have you ever wanted to be in a small group at church? Small groups are the lifeblood of connections at FPC. They provide opportunities for fellowship as well as spiritual growth. Small groups, like people, come in all shapes and sizes: they meet in person or by Zoom, they meet at church, in homes or in public places agreed to by the group. They meet seasonally or year-round; they have one leader or shared leadership. Whatever you're looking for, we have a group for *you*! Please visit our website to learn more about small groups and all of our Faith Formation opportunities for adults, youth and children or contact the church.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

"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), or drop off items at your convenience in the cart by the elevator. PIN especially needs small bottles of laundry detergent and dishwashing liquid, canned fruit, pasta and meatballs, Spam, paper towels and one- or two-pound bags of rice, as well as sweet peas and beets. Please no glass containers or opened items. 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

Our Service of Remembrance is TODAY AT 4 PM in the Sanctuary. As part of this special service, we'll read the names of loved ones in God's nearer presence.

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 (ejohnson@fpchhi.org or wrobinson@fpchhi.org)
- QR code (on the card in the pew racks)

If you or a family member are in the hospital, had a recent hospitalization or would like pastoral care or to receive communion, contact Pastor Elizabeth (336-314-2555) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 234).

To learn how a Stephen Minister might help you or someone you love, contact Pastor Elizabeth Johnson (336-314-2555) or Steve Hasley at (stephenministry@fpchhi.org).

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THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

Monday, October 27

- 10:00 a.m. Book of Samuel: “One Nation Under God” study (Library/Zoom)
- 5:00 p.m. Soul Food Women’s Small Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 28

- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 p.m. Women Growing in Faith (Room 202/Zoom)
- 3:30 p.m. FPC Kids Drama Program (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Son-Light Singers rehearsal (Choir Room)

Wednesday, October 29

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 a.m. Journeymen Small Group (Room 219)
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Spiritual Exercise Group (Library/Zoom)
- 4:15 p.m. Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)
- 5:30 p.m. Carillon Bell rehearsal (Bell Room)

Thursday, October 30

- 1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga (Gathering Space)
- 2:00 p.m. Bereavement Support Group (South Room)
- 3:30 p.m. FPC Kids Thursdays (various rooms)
- 4:00 p.m. Meditation Group (South Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Saturday, November 1

- 10:30 a.m. Youth Fall Retreat on the Water (Shelter Cove Marina)

Sunday, November 2 All Saints' Sunday (with Communion)

- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery opens (Nursery/Room 109)
- 10:00 a.m. One blended worship service (Sanctuary/livestream)
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 a.m. J.O.Y. Group (Zoom)
- 5:00 p.m. Jazz Vespers (Courtyard)
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group (Youth Space/Room 202)