

Lord's Day Worship  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Narrative Lectionary  
May 11, 2025  
10:30 AM

**Prelude:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* .....arr. Diane Bish

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

**Introit:** *Let Trumpets Sound and Voices Sing!*.....John Hatton/John Danner

Sanctuary Choir

*Let trumpets sound and voices sing! Let all the earth their praises bring!  
For Christ has conquered sin and death. And given life eternal breath. Amen.*

**\*Call to Worship**.....Elizabeth Basaldua

**All:** Holy God, we come to hear the story of Your grace and to sing  
Your praise.

One: You call us to join the journey of people who are different,

**All:** to share in the lives of others, especially those who are not  
like us.

One: Loving God, give us courage and faith to act.

**All:** Crucified and Risen Christ, create in us a gentle heart to  
love all.

One: Holy Spirit, provide us opportunities to do the holy work of God.

**All:** We come this day to hear learn Your ways and sing of  
Your glory. We come to worship. Alleluia!

**\*Hymn:** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*..... No. 4

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy Maker,

You have called us to unity,

but often we have isolated ourselves from others.

Forgive us for the times we have turned our backs

on those who are different,

creating division,

failing to love others as we do ourselves.

Forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked

those with different viewpoints and opinions,

failing to listen and learn.

Forgive us for the times we harbor disunity,

failing to accept and

understand differences in others.

Renew our minds and rekindle Your love in our hearts,

so that by the power of the Holy Spirit

we might find the Oneness that You intend for us all.

Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Response:** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*..... No. 240 (stanza 3 and refrain)

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Musical Meditation:** *Give Thanks*.....Henry Smith

Sarah Elizabeth Phillips, soloist

*Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.*

*Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

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*And now let the weak say, "We are strong."  
Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
And now let the weak say, "We are strong."  
Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks.*

Scripture: Acts 8:27-39

Sermon: *Q & A* ..... Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

**Sacrament of Baptism and Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* ..... Jackie Wilhelm

**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.**

**\*Hymn:** *These Treasured Children* ..... No. 487

**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 the Facilities Endowment Fund Campaign**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** *I Surrender All to You* ..... Mary McDonald

Sanctuary Choir

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end.  
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side.  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou will be my guide.  
I surrender, Lord, to You; all I am, I owe to You.  
O Jesus, I promise to surrender all to You!*

*O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee  
that where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end.  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend!  
I surrender, Lord, to You; all I am, I owe to You.  
O Jesus, I promise to surrender all, surrender all!  
O Jesus, I promise to surrender all to You.*

**\*Response:** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* ..... No. 609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn:** *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* ..... No. 488

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response:** *Go Out in Joy* ..... Milburn Price

**God of the journey, we ask for Your presence guiding our work  
as our gifts we employ for the fulfillment of Christ's great commission.  
Singing Your praises, we go out in joy.**

**\*Postlude:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*.....arr. Diane Bish

*\*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 fuel 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 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 use the Family Worship Center (in James Chapel under the south balcony in the Sanctuary) which helps engage them in worship. We also 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.

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. 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.com](http://thebibleproject.com).

Leading in worship: Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Elizabeth Basaldua; Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor of Congregational Evangelism and Engagement; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Chad Martin, Director of Music and Organist; Sarah Elizabeth Phillips; Rev. Dr. Will Robinson, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff; Jackie Wilhelm, Director of Faith Formation

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 a new member class NEXT Sunday, May 18, at 11:45 AM in our church library!

## **IN THE LIFE OF FPC**

## **PRAYERFUL STUDY**

To learn 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

Learn more about FPC's school uniform ministry, Operation Christmas Child and our Facilities Endowment Fund Campaign in the Gathering Space TODAY.

"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, instant grits, canned fruit, pasta and meatballs, Spam, paper towels and one- or two-pound bags of rice. 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](http://fpchhi.org), 3) QR code (on the screen and the card in the pew racks) or 4) texting "FPCHHI" to 77977.

## CARING CONNECTIONS

Congratulations to our confirmands, Elizabeth Basaldua and Sarah Elizabeth Phillips! Celebrate them at the ministry table in the Gathering Space TODAY after 10:30 AM worship.

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 Gloria LaCoe ([glacoe24@gmail.com](mailto:glacoe24@gmail.com)).

## THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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### Tuesday, May 13

- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Women Growing in Faith (Room 202/Zoom)

### Wednesday, May 14

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen (Room 219)
- 10:00 AM Women's Spiritual Exercise Group (Library/Zoom)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons (Zoom)

### Thursday, May 15

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 4:00 PM Meditation Group (South Room)
- 6:00 PM Sankofa Nights Gullah Documentary (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)

### Sunday, May 18

- 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)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 11:45 AM JOLT (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:45 AM New Member Class (Library)
- 5:00 PM Jazz Vespers (Courtyard/Gathering Space)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space)

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