

Lord's Day Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Narrative Lectionary
May 18, 2025
10:30 AM

Prelude: *In the Garden* C. Austin Miles; arr. Mark Hayes
Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano

Welcome Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

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**

One: Risen Lord, You walk with us on the journey of life.

All: You are with us in the valleys;

One: You are with us on the mountaintops,

All: and You are with us in this place of worship.

One: Open our eyes to see You, and set our hearts aflame to worship You!

***Hymn:** *We Know That Christ Is Raised* No. 485

Prayer of Confession

Living Lord, our life is a journey, and You are with us every step of the way. Forgive us when we fail to follow You as we should: not treating people as we would have them to treat us, judging others, not loving our neighbors. Forgive us for these missteps and anytime we've strayed from Your path of justice, peace and love. Precious Lord, take our hand and lead us on a closer walk with You this day and always. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the Good News: God in Christ has *freed us* from the power of sin and death!

All: So we walk not in step with sin but in step with Him! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

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

***Passing the Peace**

Baptism Davis James Brooks
Son of Anna and William Brooks

Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you, Davis, as a baptized member of Christ's church. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you and to help you know and follow Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***Affirmation of Faith:** *Apostles' Creed*

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:** *You Belong to Christ* No. 492

Scripture: Acts 15:1-18

Sermon: *The United State of Grace*..... Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

Anthem: *Grace*.....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. I shall go home.
When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the glorious sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun.*

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 Will Arise and Go to Jesus* Southern Folk Melody
arr. Mark Hayes

***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:** *Amazing Grace* No. 649

*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:** *Praeludium in C-Dur*.....J. S. Bach

**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 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 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.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Davis James Brooks, son of William and Anna Brooks, brother of Effie and grandson of member Sissy Jarrell. We pray God's blessing on Davis, as he's claimed as God's own in baptism and united with the church universal.

From September 2024-June 8, 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.

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; Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor of Congregational Evangelism and Engagement; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Chad Martin, Director of Music and Organist; Rev. Dr. Will Robinson, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join FPC at our next new member class **TODAY AT 11:45 AM IN THE 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 or contact the church.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Learn more about 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, 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, 3) QR code (on the screen and the card in the pew racks) or 4) texting “FPCHHI” to 77977.

CARING CONNECTIONS

NEXT Sunday in worship we'll honor graduates of high school, college, technical school and graduate school. To include your grad, go to FPC's website and click on News & Updates. To include their photo in worship, please email a picture to Jackie Wilhelm, Director of Faith Formation (jwilhelm@fpchhi.org).

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 (cjohnson@fpchhi.org, bkilburn@fpchhi.org, 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).

THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

Monday, May 19 Memory Matters' MoCA Monday (Room 213)

Tuesday, May 20

- 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, May 21

- 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 22

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

Friday, May 23

- 11:00 AM Memorial service for Don Arboe with reception to follow

Sunday, May 25

- 8:30 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 8:45 AM Nursery opens (Room 109)
- **9:00 AM CrossRoads contemporary worship (Fellowship Hall/livestream)**
- 9:30 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- **10:30 AM Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 11:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)

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