

Lord's Day Worship
Epiphany Sunday
January 5, 2025
10:00 AM

Prelude: *Welcome to Our World*.....CrossRoads Worship Team

Welcome and Greeting..... Pastor Will Robinson

***Call to Worship**Pastor Diane Knauf

Leader: Like a bright star in the night sky, the Light of the world shines in the darkness,
All: and the darkness will *never* overcome it!
Leader: Alleluia! Let us worship the Lord of Light!

***Song:** *The First Noel*

Sacrament of Baptism

Whit Campbell Rivers, son of Robert and Laurin Rivers
Elder Michael Rivers

***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.

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: *Dancing with the Stars*..... Pastor Elizabeth Johnson

Star Words

Introduction

Song: *Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)*

Blessing

God our Guiding Star, we sometimes turn aside from, stumble over, or even reject experiences and encounters that we later learn were precious gifts. By Your Spirit, open us to the gift that You offer us through these star words. We may not know now what this word means for our faith, but we receive it from You with gratitude and expectation. Like the star that guided the magi, may our star words guide us in our faith journeys in 2025. Amen.

Offering

Song: *Revelation Song*

Prayers of the Church 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.

***Song:** *New Creation*

***Blessing**

**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 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 with a bookcase of supplies, coloring pages, activity pages and parent information. Our Sunday morning class for children will resume NEXT Sunday, January 12. [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 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.

[Today we celebrate the baptism of Whit Campbell Rivers, son of Robert and Laurin Rivers, brother of Amelia and Wilson Rivers, and grandson of Michael and Jane Rivers. We pray God's blessing on Whit as he's claimed as God's own in baptism and united with the church universal!](#)

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. (Note: We're veering from the NL this week.) 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](#).

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

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: Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor of Congregational Evangelism and Engagement; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Connection; Rev. Dr. Will Robinson, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff; Lavon Stevens, CrossRoads Worship and Music Director

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 next new member class ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, AT 11:45 AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!](#)

["Christian Beliefs: Asking Questions to Grow our Faith," Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 PM, January 15-February 19, Library/Zoom. We'll enjoy a Fellowship Dinner after the January 15 class \(only\). Join us as Pastor Will leads us through foundational Christian beliefs with time during each class to address *your* faith questions. Register at \[fpchhi.org!\]\(#\)](#)

MLK INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICE

“Hope in Action: A Path Forward”

January 16, 7-8 PM, at FPC

Join us for this special worship service as we celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. To learn about other events, go to hiltonheadmlk.com.

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

PRAYERFUL STUDY

Paul's Letter to the Romans, Mondays, 10-11 AM, January 13-March 10 (but no class January 20), Library/Zoom. Dr. Jim Wagner will teach this class, which is primarily a continuation of his fall class on the book of Acts but is a perfect time for new members to join. Register at fpchhi.org!

To learn *more* about faith formation for all ages and all stages of life and faith, go to fpchhi.org or contact the church. 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

“Feed My Sheep” is the first Sunday of the month (**TODAY!**): bring non-perishable items to the Gathering Space for local food pantries, including our own PIN (People In Need). PIN especially needs paper products, cans of tuna, toothpaste and white rice. 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

Rev. Dr. John Miller is retiring after 60 years of ministry as a Presbyterian pastor. His last worship service as the Pastor of the Chapel Without Walls on Hilton Head is today. John was the Pastor here from 1979-1996, a time when we established our Day School, added our Christian Education wing, expanded our Sanctuary and helped establish Providence Presbyterian Church and Lowcountry Presbyterian Church. We celebrate this milestone and John's years of faithful ministry.

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 fpcbhi.org or contact the church.

Monday, January 6

- 9:00 AM Memory Matters' MoCA Monday (Room 213)
- 12:30 PM Sarah Circle (Room 202/Zoom)
- 5:00 PM Soul Food Women's Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 7

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

Wednesday, January 8

- 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 219)
- 4:00 PM Son-Light Singers rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)

Thursday, January 9

- 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 Group (Meditation Room)
- 5:00 PM FPC Kids Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, January 10

- 10:30 AM Book Talk (Library/Zoom)

Sunday, January 12

- 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)
- 11:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 2:30 PM Church Officer Training class (Library)
- **5:00 PM Jazz Vespers (Courtyard)**
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space)