

**Lord's Day Worship**  
**Gospel of Luke: Greatest Hits!**  
**September 17, 2023**  
**10:30 AM**

**Prelude:** *Wondrous Love*..... American Folk Song; arr. Fred Bock  
Gerald Anderson, *piano*

**Introit:** *Holy Is the Lord* ..... Franz Schubert  
Sanctuary Choir  
*Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son, Holy is the Spirit: blessed Three-in-One.*

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

**\*Call to Worship** .....Elder Jack Alderman

Leader: We have come to praise God and give thanks.  
**All: We believe God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
Leader: We seek the strength to live by all we profess.  
**All: May Christ live in us, so that we may be like Him.**

**\*Hymn:** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*.....No. 299

**Prayer of Confession**

**All-seeing God, we confess that we look away from those who offend or hurt us or who we consider beneath us. To really see them would turn our worlds upside down, and we don't want that! Forgive us for our reluctance to truly embrace life in Your kingdom. Remove from us our fear, our pride, our limited vision, that we may reach out for You: our still point in a turning world. In Jesus' name we pray: Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Response:** *Glory Be to the Father* .....No. 581

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Anthem:** *Brother James's Air* .....Mack Wilberg

Sanctuary Choir  
*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, He headeth me the quiet waters by.*

*My soul He doth restore again, and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of blessedness, e'en for His own name's sake,  
Within the paths of blessedness, e'en for His own name's sake.*

*Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale, yet I will fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.  
Thy rod and staff me comfort still, me comfort still.*

*My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
My head with oil Thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows.  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;  
And in my Father's house alway my dwelling place shall be.  
And in my heart for evermore Thy dwelling place shall be.*

**Scripture:** Luke 7:36-50

**Sermon:** *Do You See This Woman?*..... Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf

**\*Hymn:** *A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar*.....No. 201

**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.

**Offering**

**Offertory:** *In Times Like These*..... Ruth Caye Jones

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn:** *Take My Life* .....No. 697

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response:** *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* .....Doris Akers

**There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord.  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove.  
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.**

**\*Postlude:** *Sonata in D major* ..... Antonio Soler

*(You’re invited to remain in worship through the Postlude.)*

*\*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.

If you’re worshipping in person, complete the maroon fellowship register at the end of the pew and wear your name tag if you’re a member so we can greet one another by name. (If you need a new name tag, just contact the church.) If you’re worshipping online, click on the blue “Connect” button on our website’s homepage and complete the brief pop-up form so we can connect with you too.

**After worship, enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the Gathering Space.**

**“LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME”**

Children are welcome to sit with their parents/guardians in worship or to use the Family Worship Center, a space in James Chapel (under the south balcony of the Sanctuary) that helps engage children in worship. It has a bookcase of supplies, coloring pages, activity pages and parent information. We also provide a Sunday School lesson for children at the beginning of worship in Creation Station (upstairs in Room 216). Bring children to Creation Station before the service begins, and children will return to the Sanctuary with FPC staff during the service. To learn more about our children’s ministry, contact Jodi Gregg Krivda at [jkrivda@fpchhi.org](mailto:jkrivda@fpchhi.org).

**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? Ask an usher!

**ABOUT WORSHIP**

Join us next Sunday in person at this 10:30 AM traditional service here in the Sanctuary or at our 9 AM Crossroads contemporary service in Fellowship Hall. Or join us online via livestream or a recording of both services. To do so, on your electronic device or smart TV go to our website’s homepage and click on “9:00 Livestream” or “10:30 Livestream,” or go to our YouTube channel. Recordings are available after 2 PM today.

Today's anthem, *Brother James's Air*, was added to our music library in memory of Ernie Finkenstadt by members of the Sanctuary Choir.

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

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor and celebration of their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Gloria and Allan LaCoe.

Leading in worship: Jack Alderman, Elder; Gerald Anderson, piano; S. Russell Floyd, Minister of Music; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Connection; Rev. Dr. Will Robinson, Senoir Pastor/Head of Staff

See something, say something! If you have concerns in the church or on our campus, please notify an usher, a pastor or other staff.

#### **"YOU'RE INVITED!"**

You're invited to join FPC at a new member class NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, AT 11:45 AM IN JAMES CHAPEL (under the south balcony of the Sanctuary)!

#### **WELCOME, REV. ELIZABETH B. JOHNSON!**

We'll welcome Rev. Johnson, Associate Pastor of Congregational Evangelism and Engagement, at a reception hosted by the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee in the **Gathering Space on Sunday, October 1, following 10:30 AM worship.**

#### **IN THE LIFE OF FPC**

##### **JOYFUL WORSHIP**

**Singers and handbell ringers welcome!** We're blessed with a long and glorious tradition of sacred music. Whether you're an accomplished musician or would just like to "explore" your musical gifts, now is an ideal time to join the Sanctuary and/or Carillon Handbell choirs. No audition is necessary. The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7 PM, and the Carillon Handbell Choir will rehearse on Thursdays at 5:30 PM. If you're interested, contact Rusty Floyd (843-681-3696 or [rfloyd@fpchhi.org](mailto:rfloyd@fpchhi.org)). We're grateful that Dennis Smith will lead the Carillon Handbell Choir this year.

##### **PRAYERFUL STUDY**

To learn more about our children's ministry, email Jodi Gregg Krivda at [jkrivda@fpchhi.org](mailto:jkrivda@fpchhi.org). To learn more about our youth ministry, email Jackie Wilhelm at [jwilhelm@fpchhi.org](mailto:jwilhelm@fpchhi.org). Adult Ministry classes and small groups meet on Sundays and throughout the week. To learn more, see "THIS WEEK @ FPC!" in this bulletin and go to [fpchhi.org/adult-ministry/](http://fpchhi.org/adult-ministry/) or contact the church.

##### **SACRIFICIAL SERVICE**

The first Sunday of every month is Feed My Sheep Sunday: Bring non-perishable items to our Gathering Space for local food pantries, including our own which is part of our People in Need (PIN) ministry. PIN is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM-noon to help people with utility bills, rent and food/supplies. PIN currently needs paper products.

Help us change lives and make disciples by giving via 1) mailing a check to 540 William Hilton Parkway, HHI, SC 29928 and made payable to FPC, 2) the Give button at [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org) or 3) texting "FPCHHI" to 77977.

##### **CARING CONNECTIONS**

**Visit the Volunteer Center in September and October to learn how you can help us live our Value of "Caring Connections"!**

Prayer boxes are located here in Fellowship Hall and in the narthex. If you complete a prayer request card (beside the box) and drop it in the box, we'll include your prayer in our staff prayers on Tuesday and on our confidential prayer chain. You may also submit prayer requests to [info@fpchhi.org](mailto:info@fpchhi.org) or to a pastor ([dknauf@fpchhi.org](mailto:dknauf@fpchhi.org) or [wrobinson@fpchhi.org](mailto:wrobinson@fpchhi.org)).

If you or a family member will be in the hospital, had a recent hospitalization or would benefit from pastoral care or like to receive communion, contact Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf (919-909-2660) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 245).

**“DAUFUSKIE TASTES & TALES”  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, AT 5:30 PM (GATHERING SPACE)**

An evening hosted by Breaking Bread of FPC’s Congregational Life Ministry:

A Gullah-inspired dinner: \$10/adult

Speaker: Jim Alberto, author of *Daufuskie Daze: Living, Learning and Teaching on a South Carolina Sea Island*

Sign up on the church website or call the church!

**THIS WEEK AT FPC!**

*For more information about the ministries listed below,  
go to [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org) or contact the church.*

- September 18:** Memory Matters Brain Boosters at 1 PM (Fellowship Hall)
- September 19:** Knitting Ministry at 1:30 PM (Library)  
Weavers Small Group at 2 PM (Room 202/Zoom)
- September 20:** Men’s Bible Study at 9 AM (Zoom)  
Journeymen Small Group at 10 AM (Room 213)  
Book Sisters at 11 AM (Room 219/Zoom)  
FPC Kids program at 3 PM (various rooms)  
Lowcountry Lessons at 4:15 PM (Zoom)  
“Daufuskie Taste & Tales” dinner and program at 5:30 PM (Gathering Space; see boxed announcement)
- September 21:** Chair Yoga at 11 AM (Fellowship Hall)  
Bereavement support group at 2 PM (Gathering Space)  
AiM Choir rehearsal at 4 PM (Choir Room)  
Meditation group at 4:30 PM (South Room)  
Carillon Bell Choir rehearsal at 5:30 PM (Bell Room)  
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 7 PM (Choir Room)
- September 24:** Fellowship time at 8:30 AM (Gathering Space)  
Nursery opens at 8:45 AM (Room 109)  
**CrossRoads contemporary worship at 9 AM (Fellowship Hall/livestream)**  
Work in Progress class at 9 AM (Library/Zoom)  
Adult Seekers class at 9 AM (Honey Horn Chapel/Zoom)  
Living in the Word class at 9 AM (Room 202/Zoom)  
**Fellowship time at 10 AM (Gathering Space)**  
**Traditional worship at 10:30 AM (Sanctuary/livestream)**  
**Fellowship time at 11:30 AM (Gathering Space)**  
J.O.Y. Group at 11:30 AM (Zoom)  
New Member class at 11:45 AM (James Chapel)  
Middle School Youth Group at 4 PM (Youth Space)  
Youth Dinner at 5 PM (Youth Space)  
High School Youth Group at 6 PM (Youth Space)

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