

Lord's Day Worship
November 23, 2025
10:30 AM

Chiming the Hour

Prelude: *Andante con moto tranquillo op. 49*.....F. Mendelssohn
Jeff Yung, violin; Joseph Harvey, cello; Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano

Welcome

Introit: *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*.....Theodore Baker/'Theodore Dubois
Sanctuary Choir
*Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.
For on the holy cross Thou hast the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.
Christ, we do all adore Thee.*

***Call to Worship**

One: We come together in the presence of God.

**All: Like Abraham and Sarah,
You touch our lives
and they become extraordinary.**

One: We are Your community of common folk and complainers,
prophets and puzzled people.

All: You have called us and made a place for us.

One: So let what we say and do here,
what we ponder and decide here,

**All: be real for us and honest to You,
as You prepare us for the life of the world
in which You are worshiped and praised. Amen.**

***Hymn:** *Make a Joyful Noise to God!*..... No. 54

Prayer of Confession.....Blaine Lotz, Elder
Holy Maker,
we long to listen and follow You,
but we are afraid to disrupt the patterns of our lives
and leave the comfort of our routines.
Forgive us.
You invite us to follow You into the unseen and the unknown,

yet we hesitate to leave our familiar ways
and adapt to any change You may intend.

Forgive us.

We know following You requires trust
and a change in us.

Give us courage and wisdom
to follow where You lead,
so that our lives may bless those You place in our path.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3

Sermon: *Are We There Yet?*..... Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

Anthem: *Paeon of Promise*..... Joseph M. Martin

Sanctuary Choir; Gloria LaCoe, flute

Listen, faithful servant, take courage in these words. Take courage, for God is ever sure.

God is always faithful. God's love is everlasting. His covenant of grace will forever endure.

*O I will make in you a mighty nation, and I will shower you with glory from on high. O I will bless
you, that you might be a blessing. This is My promise. This is My covenant.*

This is My word of life.

*I will bless your night with shining stars of peace and hope. Every valley that you walk, you'll never
walk alone. And if you lose the way, I'll bring you home again,*

for you are covered by My grace.

*O I will make of you a mighty nation. Yes, I will shower you with blessings from on high. O I will
bless you that you might be a blessing. This is My promise. This is My covenant.*

This is My word of life!

Prayers of the People and the 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: *Oblivion*.....Astor Piazzolla; arr. Jose Bragato
Jeff Yung, violin; Joseph Harvey, cello; Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *My Song Forever Shall Record*.....No. 67

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response:** *Go with God*.....Wesley L. Forbis

May God's grace go before you. May His love enfold you.

May His mighty arms uphold you, protect you.

'Till we meet again, go with God.

Postlude: *Miniature Viennese March*.....Fritz Kreisler

Jeff Yung, violin; Joseph Harvey, cello; Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano

(You're invited to remain in worship to enjoy 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 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 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 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 in Room 109/Nursery.

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's flowers are given in memory of Margaret Dever Hover (1933-2005) by the entire Hover family and her husband at the time of her passing, James H. Gurnham. Hover Park on this church's property was the gift of Margaret and Jack Hover. They were wonderful friends to all who knew them.

The flower is in memory of Joan Cherrington who entered the Church Triumphant on November 15. (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; Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Evangelism; Blaine Lotz, Elder, Adam Long AV/Tech Coordinator; Chad Martin, Director of Music and Organist

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!

Join us for the Lowcountry Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship Service **TOMORROW** at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

JOYFUL WORSHIP

We're in a year-long 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 add your own words of gratitude for God's blessings in your life.](#)

PRAYERFUL STUDY

Want to join a small group? Advent is a perfect time to do so! Visit our website or contact the church to learn about these small groups and *all* of our faith formation opportunities for adults, youth and children.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

TODAY is Harvest Sunday. Please place fresh produce in the baskets on the chancel before worship. We'll provide the produce to Deep Well.

As in other parts of the country, some in the Lowcountry are experiencing food shortages. Local food pantries are seeing a surge of up to 50%. Please bring non-perishable food to the church (during business hours).

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

Visit these ministry tables TODAY in the Gathering Space:

- Sign up to volunteer for our upcoming Jingle Jam!
- Pick up your church merch order!
- Pick up your Kringle order!

At Christmastime, we remember and honor loved ones. This year, we'll decorate the church with a smaller number of poinsettias and won't offer them to be purchased as we have in the past. Instead, we invite you to submit the names of loved ones you'd like to remember or honor, and we'll list them (at no cost) on a special handout available at the Welcome Center on Christmas Eve. To submit a name/s, please contact the church or complete the online form on our website by December 18.

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 (stephenministry@fpchhi.org)

THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

Monday, November 24

- 1:30 PM Stephen Ministry supervision (Library)
- 2:30 PM Stephen Leader meeting (South Room)
- 5:00 PM Soul Food Women's Small Group (Zoom)
- 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, November 25

- 8:00 AM Cookie bakers (Kitchen)
- 8:00 AM Ironman Small Group (Library)
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Room 202)
- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Women Growing in Faith (Room 202/Zoom)
- 2:30 PM Men's Small Group (Zoom)

Thursday, November 27 **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Sunday, November 30 **First Sunday of Advent**

- 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 Seekers class (Room 202)

- 9:00 AM Work in Progress class (Library/Zoom)
- 9:00 AM FPC Kids Sundays for ages 3-7 (Rooms 113/115, Day School wing)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 10:30 AM **Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 10:30 AM FPC Kids Sundays for ages 3-7 (Rooms 113/115, Day School wing)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 AM J.O.Y. Group (Zoom)

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