

Lord's Day Worship
"The Hard Sayings of Jesus" Series
September 1, 2024
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Galleries Ancien*..... Dennis Janzer

Welcome..... Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 104:24, 30-31)

Leader: Lord, how manifold are Your works!
All: In wisdom You've made them all.
Leader: The earth is *full* of Your creatures.
All: Let us worship the Lord of *all!*

***Hymn:** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*No. 20

Prayer of Confession

Lord God of All, we confess that we hurt Your bright and beautiful creation, neglect our responsibility to care lovingly for it and don't protect it as we should. We confess that we sometimes assume the worst about people, fail to see them as beloved by You and are unwilling to forgive. We confess these and other times we've sinned against You and against all of Your creatures, great and small. In Your boundless Mercy, forgive us. And through Your all-powerful Spirit, help us be as gracious, as loving and as hopeful as You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*No. 582

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: Mark 3:28-30

Sermon: *The Unforgivable Sin?* Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

Hymn: *Just as I Am, without One Plea*No. 442

Offering

Offertory: *In Remembrance*Buryl Red

Summer Sanctuary Choir

*In remembrance of Me, eat this bread. In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of Me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.*

*In remembrance of Me, heal the sick. In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of Me, open the door and let your brother in.
Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink, and remember, too, that
this is My body and precious blood shed for you.*

*In remembrance of Me, search for truth. In remembrance of Me, always love.
In remembrance of Me, don't look above but in your heart for God.
Do this in remembrance of Me.*

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion is by intinction. Please take a piece of the bread, which is gluten free, and dip it in the cup and then partake of it before returning to your seat. If you’re unable to come forward, raise your hand, and we’ll serve you where you’re seated.

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn:** *Go to the World!*No. 295

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude:** *Toccata in C* Gordon Young

**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 hear God speak to you and see how to live the gospel through today’s service.

In-person worshippers: Complete the maroon fellowship pad at the end of your 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.) 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. **Beginning next Sunday, September 8, we’ll offer an early years Sunday school class at 9 AM and 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.**

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.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor and celebration of the 65th wedding anniversaries of Judy and Dale Peters and Pat and Ernie Myers on August 28 and August 29, 1959, respectively. (To give flowers for Sunday worship in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a particular event, please contact the church.)

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

See something, say something! If you have concerns in the church or on our campus, please notify an usher, pastor or other staff. Also, for our safety, the exterior doors to Fellowship Hall (facing the firehouse) will now be locked on Sundays. A member will be there to let in and welcome those who enter by them, but we encourage everyone to use the exterior doors into the administrative wing (by the receptionist’s desk).

“YOU’RE INVITED!”

Join FPC and our Mission of “Changing Lives...Making Disciples” at our next new member class on September 22 at 11:45 AM in the Library!

FPC BBQ AND GAME NIGHT! SEPTEMBER 18 AT 5:30 PM

Enjoy an evening of fabulous food and fun for all ages! Hosted by our Breaking Bread team, chef (and member) Charles Sampson will smoke a Boston butt (special pulled pork!), and we’ll have baked beans, coleslaw and more. After the delicious meal, there will be games and prizes! Cost: \$12; children 12 and under are free. To join us, sign up at the table in the Gathering Space today or via our website!

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

FPC music ministry opportunities; join the fun and deepen your faith!

- Carillon Handbell Choir – Thursdays at 5:30 PM beginning September 5
- CrossRoads Worship and Music Team – Thursdays at 2 PM beginning September 5
- Sanctuary Choir – Thursdays at 7 PM beginning September 5
- **NEW!** Son-Light Singers – Wednesdays at 4 PM beginning September 4. This lighthearted group (musical ability is not required) will focus on old-time favorites. On occasion, they’ll take their show “on the road” to share joy and merry music with folks at assisted living and other live-in facilities.

Help us clean up stretches of Hilton Head streets **THIS Saturday, September 7, at 9 AM.** We’ll meet in the church’s library (on the first floor) to pick up supplies. FPC’s Adopt-A-Highway ministry is an initiative of our Earth Care Work Group, led by member Juliana Kim. To join us that day or if you have questions, contact her at julianabkim@gmail.com

Feed My Sheep is the first Sunday of the month. Bring non-perishable items to our Gathering Space for local food pantries, including our own People in Need (PIN)’s pantry. PIN is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM-noon to help people with utility bills, rent and food/supplies.

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

We thank God for our Deacon’s Prayer Project! One hundred and one members prayed for every member of our church family in July and August.

“Church Merch” is available (visors and polo shirts)! Just contact Barb Magee (bmagee2014@gmail.com).

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)

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).

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).



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THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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Monday, September 2 Church Office Closed: Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

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

Wednesday, September 4

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen (Room 219)
- 10:00 AM Women's Spiritual Exercise (Library/Zoom)
- 11:30 AM Grandparenting with Grace (Room 219)
- 4:00 PM Son-Light Singers rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, September 5

- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids (Creation Station)
- 4:30 PM Meditation (South Room)
- 5:10 PM FPC Kids Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM Carillon Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Choir Room)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Saturday, September 7

- 9:00 AM Adopt-a-Highway workday (meet in church's library)
- 9:00 AM Music Ministry Retreat (Gathering Space)

Sunday, September 8

- 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** Early Years Sunday School (ages 3-7/Day School wing)
- 9:00 AM Work In Progress class (Library/Zoom)
- 9:00 AM Adult Seekers (Room 202/Zoom)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)
- **10:30 AM Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 10:30 AM Early Years Sunday School (ages 3-7/Day School wing)
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space)

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES