

Lord's Day Worship
Things Jesus Never Said: God Accepts You Just As You Are
January 19, 2025
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*arr. Rick Parks

Welcome.....Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

***Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: And let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise:** *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 307

Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf

God of Glory, in the light of Your glory, we see more clearly our sins and misdeeds: selfish ambition, lust, pride, an unwillingness to forgive, indifference to injustices, failing to love our enemies. God of Grace, in Your unending love for us, forgive us these and all of our sins and transgressions, and through Your Spirit inspire us and help us to take up our crosses *daily* and follow You *faithfully*, doing what is right and good and true in Your eyes...(time for silent confession).

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* No. 451 (stanza 1)

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: Luke 9:20-25

Sermon: *Things Jesus Never Said:*

God Accepts You Just As You Are Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

***Hymn:** *Jesus Calls Us* No. 720

***Affirmation of Faith** from the PC(USA)'s *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

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: *Let There Be Peace on Earth* arr. Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.*

*With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:*

*To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* No. 339

***Charge and Benediction**

Congregational Meeting

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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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 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 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. **We 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 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.

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](http://thebibleproject.com).

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."

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.

The Session has called a congregational meeting **at the conclusion of 10:30 AM worship TODAY** for the purpose of approving the dissolution of the call between FPC and Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf.

Leading in worship: Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; 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; 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.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join FPC at our next new member class **TODAY AT 11:45 AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!**

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR DIANE KNAUF
Sunday, January 26
One Blended Worship Service at 10 AM (Sanctuary)
Reception following (Gathering Space)

The Board of Deacons is hosting this reception for Pastor Diane on her last Sunday here. She's accepted a call to Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church to serve as their transitional (interim) minister. Join us to celebrate Diane's call and faithful leadership here and to wish her well as she begins her next adventure in ministry. There will be a basket for cards and notes for Diane. A love offering is also being collected; you may contribute by check/cash through the offering plate, by mailing a check or online at fpchhi.org. Please note "Pastor Diane" on your gift.

As part of their winter tour, Miami University's Men's Glee Club will perform **THIS Wednesday, January 22, at 7:30 PM** in our Sanctuary. Our Sanctuary Choir is hosting them and providing overnight housing. The concert is free and open to the public; a reception will follow in the Gathering Space. Join us!

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

PRAYERFUL STUDY

"Christian Beliefs: Asking Questions to Grow our Faith," Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 PM through February 19, Library/Zoom. 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!

Paul's Letter to the Romans, Mondays, 10-11 AM through 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.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

"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). PIN especially needs canned chicken, Spam, canned fruit, grits and small containers of laundry detergent or pods. 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

Visit the Health Ministry table TODAY in the Gathering Space to learn about their informative programs for this year.

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).

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THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

Monday, January 20 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Church Office Closed**

Join us on the MLK Memorial March that begins at Hilton Head Island High School at 10 AM. We'll meet at 9:50 AM; look for the FPC sign!

Tuesday, January 21

- 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)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids Drama Program (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 22

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen (Room 219)
- 4:00 PM Son-Light Singers rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)
- 5:30 PM Christian Beliefs class (Library)
- 7:30 PM Miami University's Men's Glee Club concert (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 23

- 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 Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM Carillon Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Choir Room)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, January 24

- 4:00 PM Women's Retreat (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, January 25

- 9:00 AM Women's Retreat (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, January 26

- 9:00 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)
- 9:45 AM Nursery Open
- 10:00 AM One Blended Worship Service (Sanctuary/Zoom)
- 11:00 AM Farewell Reception for Pastor Diane (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 AM J.O.Y Group (Zoom)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space)

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES