

Lord's Day Worship
Pentecost Sunday
May 28, 2023
10:30 AM

Prelude: *For the Beauty of the Earth* Conrad Kocher; arr. Gerald Anderson
Gerald Anderson, piano

Welcome

Introit: *Spirit of the Living God*..... arr. Tom Fettke
Sanctuary Choir
*Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.*

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 118:24)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
*Angela Basaldua in Russian, Laura Floyd in Portuguese,
Margaret Taylor in Korean and Charlotte White in Tshiluba*

All: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn:** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*No. 66

Prayer of Confession Elder Mary Stuart Alderman

Almighty God, on Pentecost You sent Your Spirit in flames of fire, creating bold and faithful witnesses and inaugurating new life in Christ. Forgive us when we don't live our new life in Christ as we should: failing to turn the other cheek, neglecting justice, being timid witnesses to Your Good News, and not loving You and our neighbor as we should. Have mercy on us, Gracious God. And by Your Spirit, empower us to live as faithful followers of Your Son, our Living Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the Good News! There is *no* condemnation for those in Christ, for the Spirit has *freed* us from the power of sin and death! In Christ, we are *forgiven*.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

***Response:** from *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.**

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: *Before and After* Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

Anthem: *Come, Spirit, Come* Words: Veni, Creator Spiritus
Att: Rabanus Maurus (776-856); tr: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)
Music: Lloyd Larson

*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Your rest,
Come with Your grace and heavenly aid;
Come fill our hearts which You have made.*

*O Comforter, to You we cry, O heavenly Gift of God most high;
O fount of life and fire of love,
Come, sweet anointing from above.*

(Refrain) *Come, Spirit, come, come fill our souls.
Come, Spirit, come, come and make us whole.*

*We praise the Lord, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow
All gifts from whom the Spirit flow. (Refrain)*

***Affirmation of Faith** (from *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!"

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.

Minute for Caring Connections: Prayer Project

Offering

Offertory: *All Creatures of Our God and King* Geistliche Kirchengesäng

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* No. 291

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response:** from *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There's a sweet, sweet expression 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:** *Lead On, O King Eternal* Henry Thomas Smart; arr. Mark Hayes
(*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. We pray you'll experience God's presence and foster your faith through today's service.

So we can greet one another by name, complete the fellowship register at the end of the pew and wear your name tag if you're a member. (If you need a new one, just contact the church.) If you're a visitor, please click on the "Connect" button in the middle of our website's homepage and complete the brief pop-up form, or complete a Connection Card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during the Offering or hand it to a member at the Welcome Center in the narthex. **After worship today, we invite you to 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 here in the Sanctuary that helps engage children in worship. It has a bookcase of supplies, a learning table and a Faith Formation staff or volunteer guide. We also provide crafts and music for children from 10-10:30 AM in Creation Station (upstairs in Room 216), followed by a Bible lesson. After the Bible lesson in Creation Station, children return with FPC staff to the Sanctuary. If you need to leave with a child, you can listen to this service in the narthex (just outside the Sanctuary's front doors). To learn more about our children's ministry, contact Jodi Gregg Krivda at 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. **For those unable to attend in person and as an expression of our mission, we provide a livestream of both worship services.** On your electronic device or smart TV, go to the homepage of our website (fpchhi.org) and click on "9:00 Livestream" or "10:30 Livestream," or go to our YouTube channel. To worship later, a recording of each service is available after 2 PM today.

Come, Spirit, Come was given to our choral library by the family of Rick and Peg Wuerth in honor of Carol Peck's fifty years of membership at FPC.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. Joe Black on his birthday with love and adoration by his nieces and nephew, Heather Holliday Sauer, Lisa Black, Amy Black Cross and Allen Black.

The memorial rose is in honor of member Sandy Kuttruff who entered the Church Triumphant on May 23, 2023.

Leading in worship: H. Gerald Anderson, piano; S. Russell Floyd, Minister of Music; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; 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 and usher, a pastor or other staff.

"YOU'RE INVITED!"

You're invited to join this family of faith at a new member class on Sunday, June 25, at 11:45 AM in James Chapel (under the south balcony of the Sanctuary)!

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

JOYFUL WORSHIP

Our *summer* Sanctuary Choir (at 10:30 AM worship) starts NEXT Sunday (June 4). If you love singing, join us! No audition is necessary. Rehearsals are Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Sanctuary. If you're interested, contact Rusty Floyd (843-681-3696 or rfloyd@fpchhi.org). We look forward to singing together this summer!

PRAYERFUL STUDY

To learn more about our children's ministry, email Jodi Gregg Krivda at jkrivda@fpchhi.org.

To learn more about our youth ministry, email Jackie Wilhelm at 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/ or contact the church.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Visit the Gathering Space TODAY and next Sunday to learn more about Operation Christmas Child (a project of Samaritan's Purse), which delivers *millions* of gift-filled shoeboxes to boys and girls in need around the world.

The first Sunday of each month is Feed My Sheep Sunday. So please bring non-perishable items to the Gathering Space NEXT Sunday. They're given to local food pantries, including our own which is part of our People in Need (PIN) ministry. PIN is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM-noon to help people with utility bills, rent and food/supplies. PIN currently needs paper products.

The 2023 Nominating Ministry needs you! Please nominate members to serve as deacons and elders in the Class of 2026. Nominees must be FPC members for at least a year (prior to their election in October 2023 with terms beginning in February 2024) and should be committed disciples of the Lord. To submit a name(s), please complete the submission form by clicking on/using this link: <https://fpchhi.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/51/responses/new>

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

CARING CONNECTIONS

We welcome our newest members who joined this past week: William and Anna Brooks, Clay Ratterree, Rich and Martha Sabol and Kate White. We thank God for them and for adding their God-given gifts and faith to this family of faith!

FPC's Health Ministry is hosting a program about avoiding scams on June 6 at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall. Lieutenant Eric Calendine from the Beaufort County Sheriff's office will talk about how to avoid a variety of scams and will address your questions.

Join us for a *deee*licious barbecue dinner...and brownies!...at 5:30 PM followed by bingo at 6:30 PM on June 21 at 5:30 PM in the Gathering Space. The Lowcountry's own (and member!) David Lauderdale will be our bingo caller! Dinner is \$10/adult and \$5/child. Bingo is *free*! RSVP via the church website or by calling the church.

Prayer boxes are located 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 Tuesdays and on our confidential prayer chain.

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. Diane Knauf (919-909-2660) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 245).

THIS WEEK @ FPC!

For more information about the ministries listed below, go to fpchhi.org or contact the church.

- May 29:** Church Office Closed in recognition of Memorial Day
- May 30:** Knitting Ministry at 1:30 PM (Library)
- May 31:** Men's Bible Study at 9 AM (Zoom)
Journeymen small group at 10 AM (Room 213)
- June 1:** Chair Yoga at 11 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Meditation group at 4:30 PM (South Room)
- June 4:** **Graduate Recognition Sunday (see box below)**
Nursery open at 8:45 AM (Room 109)
CrossRoads contemporary worship at 9 AM (Fellowship Hall/livestream)
Adult Seekers class at 9 AM (Honey Horn Chapel/Zoom)
Living in the Word class at 9 AM (Room 202/Zoom)
Work in Progress class at 9 AM (Library/Zoom)
Fellowship time at 10 AM (Gathering Space)
Traditional worship at 10:30 AM (Sanctuary/livestream)
JOY Group class at 11:30 AM (Zoom)

Help us recognize and celebrate our graduates at a reception **NEXT SUNDAY (June 4) during fellowship time (10 AM) in the Gathering Space**. We'll wish them godspeed as they begin their next chapters. We encourage you to bring cards and notes for them!



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