

Lord's Day Worship
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 7, 2024
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*..... J. S. Bach; arr. John Carter

Welcome..... Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 147)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Leader: For the Lord is gracious, and it is right to praise Him.

All: Praise the Lord!

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

Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, forgive us when we don't listen to Your Spirit within us, when we forget that You provide the strength we lack and when we fail to fully rely on You. God of Glory, through Your Spirit, may we always trust in You and Your all-sufficient grace, knowing that You supply our every need. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (based on Psalm 130)

Leader: If God kept a record of our sins, who would stand a chance?

All: But with God there is forgiveness!

Leader: For God's steadfast love *never* ends!

All: God has redeemed us from *all* of our sins in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

***Response:** *O Lord My God* No. 625 (vv. 1 and 3 only)

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider
all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

(Refrain) **Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art!
How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin: (Refrain)**

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Sermon: *Strength In Weakness*..... Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

***Hymn:** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*No. 837

Offering

Offertory: *I'd Rather Have Jesus*..... Rhea F. Miller/George Beverly Shea

Chalmers Gorman, *baritone*, and Chad Martin, *baritone*
*I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold; I'd rather be His than have riches untold.
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands; I'd rather be led by His nailpierced hand.*

*Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.*

*I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause; I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause.
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame; I'd rather be true to His holy name.*

*Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sins dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.*

*He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom; He's sweeter than honey from out the comb.
He's all that my hungering spirit needs; I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead.*

*Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.*

***Response:** *O God, Show Mercy to Us*No. 341

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

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. The bread is gluten free; please take a piece of it, dip it in the cup and then partake of the elements before returning to your seat. If you're unable to come forward, raise your hand, and we'll serve you where you're seated.

Anthem: *Give Me Jesus* setting by Douglas E. Wagner

*I heard a mourner say, I heard a mourner say, I heard a mourner say: Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*O, when I come to die, O, when I come to die, O, when I come to die, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn:** *How Firm a Foundation*No. 463

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude:** *Jesus Shall Reign* arr. Ron Boud

**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 worshipers: 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 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 of the Sanctuary), which helps engage children in worship; check it out!

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 memorial rose is in honor of member Pat Allen who entered the Church Triumphant on June 27, 2024. (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.

“YOU’RE INVITED!”

Join FPC and our Mission of “Changing Lives...Making Disciples” at our next new member class on Sunday, July 28, at 11:45 AM in the Library!

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

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. **PIN is in particular need of paper products.**

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

Our Deacon’s Prayer Project has begun! One hundred and one members are praying for every member of our church family in July and August.

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).

THE LORD NEEDS YOU!

Prayerfully consider serving the Lord—or recommending others to serve—as an elder or deacon. Both serve three-year terms. Deacons minister especially to those in need (e.g., the sick or hospitalized, homebound, grieving). Elders minister by governing the church and discerning its fidelity to the Lord in its ministries. To submit your/a name(s), complete the form below and return it to the church **by July 15**.

Name(s) of nominee(s): _____
_____ deacon _____ elder

Your name (optional): _____

THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

Monday, July 8

- 5:00 PM Soul Food Women’s Group ((Zoom))

Tuesday, July 9

- 7:45 AM Ironman Small Group (Library)
- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)

Wednesday, July 10

- 9:00 AM Men’s Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday, July 11

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 AM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)

Friday, July 12

- 10:30 AM Book Talk (Library/Zoom)

Sunday, July 14

- 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 Work In Progress class (Library/Zoom)
- 9:15 AM Summer Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)
- **10:30 AM Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)



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