

Lord's Day Worship
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2025
10:30 AM

Chiming the Hour

Prelude: *Festival Voluntary*.....Flor Peeters

Welcome.....Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

Introit: *I Love You, Lord*.....Laurie Klein

Sanctuary Choir

*I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what You hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.*

***Call to Worship**

One: All week long,

All: we are asked to be many things to many people,

One: but here and now

All: we are simply Your beloved children.

One: All week long,

All: we are running in many directions,

One: but here and now

All: we find rest in You.

One: Here and now

All: we worship You, our God.

***Hymn:** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*.....No. 415

Prayer of Confession

God, our Strength, the slings and arrows of sin and wrongdoing assail us: lust, selfishness, greed, gossip, pride, envy. On our own, we can't defend ourselves against these and other transgressions of Your commands and Christ's teaching. We repent of them, we humbly ask Your forgiveness and we seek Your protection. Through the Holy Spirit, deliver us from sin and evil and steel us to fight the good fight: doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with You, our God. In the name of our Savior, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *We Are Forgiven*.....No. 447

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4

Sermon: *The Great Physician*.....Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

Anthem: *You Do Not Walk Alone*.....Elaine Hagenburg

Sanctuary Choir

*May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark.
When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone.
May you always remember when the shadows fall you do not walk alone.*

***Affirmation of Faith** from *The Confession of 1967* of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering, so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of His coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. 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.

Moment for Generosity Ministry: *Generosity Ignites Change*

Offering

Offertory: *Elevation*.....Leon Boëllmann

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *O For a World*.....No. 372

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response:** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*.....No. 542 (stanza 1)

Postlude: *Fantasia on OLD HUNDRETH* setting by Gordon Young
(*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 Room 113/115 of the Day School wing. 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 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.

The flower is in memory of Dorothy Sprecher who entered the Church Triumphant on September 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, piano; Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Evangelism; Jane Jude and Adam Long, AV/Tech Coordinators; 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 new member class NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, AT 11:45 AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!

Healthy Hour Speaker Series: Mondays at 4 PM in Fellowship Hall. TOMORROW, OCTOBER 20: BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE ER; November 17: Diabetes 101. To learn more, visit our website or the ministry table in the Gathering Space TODAY; to register, contact the church.

Talent Show and BBQ Dinner THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, AT 5:30 PM! A fundraiser benefitting FPC Youth. To RSVP or to make a donation, visit their ministry table TODAY. Help our youth experience life-changing ministry opportunities.

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

JOYFUL WORSHIP

We've begun a new worship-preaching series based on our Mission statement, "Changing Lives...Making Disciples." From now until Advent, we'll be in Part 1: "Changing Lives"—How the Gospel Transforms Us. Visit the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall TODAY to see how we're changing lives locally and globally. You can also add to that bulletin board by writing (on a card) how the Gospel has changed *your* life.

There will be a congregational meeting after 10:30 AM worship in the Sanctuary NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, to elect deacons and elders in the Class of 2028.

PRAYERFUL STUDY

Have you ever wanted to be in a small group at church? Small groups are the lifeblood of connections at FPC. They provide opportunities for fellowship as well as spiritual growth. Small

groups, like people, come in all shapes and sizes. They meet in person or by Zoom; they meet at church, in homes or in public places agreed to by the group. They meet seasonally or year-round; they have one leader or shared leadership. Whatever you're looking for, we have a group for *you!* Visit our website or contact the church to learn more about small groups and all of our faith formation opportunities for adults, youth and children.

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), or drop off items at your convenience in the cart by the elevator. PIN especially needs small bottles of laundry detergent and dishwashing liquid, canned fruit, pasta and meatballs, paper towels and toilet tissue and one- or two-pound bags of rice, as well as sweet peas. Please no glass containers or opened items. 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

Our Service of Remembrance is **NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, AT 4 PM** in the Sanctuary. We'll read the names of loved ones in God's nearer presence. To include the name/s of your loved ones, visit their ministry table in the Gathering Space **TODAY** or contact the church.

Kringles are back! Support our Boy Scout Troop 245 by ordering some at their ministry table in the Gathering Space **TODAY** or next Sunday, or order them online.

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, 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 Elizabeth Johnson (cell, 336-314-2555; church, 843-681-3696, ext. 234).

To learn how a Stephen Minister might help you or someone you love, contact Pastor Elizabeth Johnson (cell, 336-314-2555), Steve Hasley (stephenministry@fpchhi.org) or visit their ministry table **TODAY** in the Gathering Space.

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THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

Monday, October 20

- 10:00 AM Book of Samuel/“One Nation Under God” (Library/Zoom)
- 1:00 PM Memory Matters’ Brain Boosters series (Fellowship Hall)
- **4:00 PM Behind the Scenes of the ER (Fellowship Hall)**

Tuesday, October 21

- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Women Growing in Faith (Room 202/Zoom)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids Drama program (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 PM Son-Light Singers rehearsal (Choir Room)

Wednesday, October 22

- 9:00 AM Men’s Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:00 AM Journeymen Small Group (Room 219)
- 10:00 AM Women’s Spiritual Exercise (Library/Zoom)
- 11:00 AM Book Sisters (Room 219/Zoom)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)
- **5:30 PM All-church dinner and talent show! (Fellowship Hall)**

Thursday, October 23

- 1:00 PM Chair Yoga (Gathering Space)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (South Room)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids Thursdays (various rooms)
- 4:00 PM Meditation Group (South Room)
- 6:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Saturday, October 25

- 2:00 PM Glenn Neff memorial service (Sanctuary); reception to follow (Gathering Space)

Sunday, October 26

- 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 (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)
- **11:45 AM New Member class (Library)**
- **4:00 PM Service of Remembrance (Sanctuary)**
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space/Room 202)



A Stephen Ministry Congregation



An Earth Care Congregation

Our Mission

Changing Lives . . . Making Disciples

Our Vision

Every Member in Ministry

In Christ United, Our Values of Ministry

*Joyful Worship, Gracious Invitation, Prayerful Study,
Sacrificial Service and Caring Connections*

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