



# First Presbyterian Church

HILTON HEAD ISLAND



*Empty Tomb Resurrection*  
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**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!**  
**APRIL 5, 2026**  
**10:30 AM**

# WELCOME

We're glad you're here on this Easter Sunday! 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 deepen your faith through today's service.

## In Person

So we can greet one another by name, complete the maroon fellowship pad at the end of your pew and wear your name tag. If you need a new name tag, just contact the church. Hymns are in the red hymnals and on the screens. The Scripture reading will be on the screens, or you may use the pew Bible or your device. After worship, enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the Gathering Space.

## Online

So we can connect with you, use the QR code on the screens 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. We invite you to light a candle, and when we celebrate communion, we invite you to join us by partaking with bread/a cracker and juice/water.

## "Let the children..."

We value children in worship and encourage them to sit with their parents/guardians or to use the Family Worship Center (under the south balcony in the Sanctuary), which helps engage children in worship. FPC Kids Sunday for ages 3-7 meets during worship in Rooms 113/115 in the Day School hallway. A nursery is available for children up to age 3.

## Next Sunday

Join 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 join us by livestream or view a recording of these services via our website's homepage or on our YouTube channel.

**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**

# GATHER

*The prelude prepares us to worship the Lord.*

## CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE: *Allegro Maestoso*

G. F. Handel; arr. Frances L. Callahan  
Carillon Bell Choir

## WELCOME

INTROIT: *The Strife Is O'er*

Francis Pott/William Henry Monk  
Sanctuary Choir

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit and join in reading aloud the parts in **bold**.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

Today is not like *any* other day

**because the stone is rolled away! The tomb is empty!**

Today is not like *any* other day

**because we know sin, evil and death do *not* have the last word!**

Today is not like *any* other day because Christ is *risen!*

**He is risen *indeed!***

\*HYMN 232: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All-Mighty God, raising Jesus from the grave, You broke our bondage to sin and death. Yet, we still sin at times:**

**we neglect worship of You;**

**we fail to read and study Your Word;**

**we don't persist in prayer;**

**we withhold forgiveness;**

**we ignore wrongdoing and injustice;**

**we fail to love You, our neighbors and our enemies.**

**All-Gracious God, forgive us for these and all of our sins.**

*We lay before God our sins and the sins and brokenness of the world.*

**And through Your Spirit, lead us and empower us to live our new life in our risen Lord this day and *always*. Amen.**

*We celebrate our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: (from 1 Corinthians 15:54-57)  
Hear the Good News: Death has been swallowed up in victory!  
Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?  
**Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him, we are *forgiven*. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*RESPONSE 240 (stanzas 3 and 4):

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON: *Do Not Be Afraid*

Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

ANTHEM: *The Day of Resurrection*

Thomas Matthews

Sanctuary Choir

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, list'ning to His accents, may hear so calm and plain His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end. Alleluia.*

## WORD

*We listen to what God is saying to us through Scripture, sermon and song.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Heidelberg Catechism*, Question 45  
How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**First, by His resurrection, Christ has overcome death, so that we might share in the righteousness that He won for us by His death.**

**Second, by His power, we too are already now resurrected to a new life.**

**Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.**

**This is our faith and our hope. Alleluia! Amen.**

EASTER PRAYER 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.**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Because He Lives* arr. Bill Wolaver  
Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano

\*RESPONSE 606: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 238: *Thine Is the Glory*

(If you'd like to join the Sanctuary Choir in singing the "Hallelujah" chorus [see below], you're invited to the choir loft during the singing of this hymn. Music for the "Hallelujah" chorus will be provided.)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## PRAY

We use "Your/s" in the Lord's Prayer because it's more accessible language. You may also use "Thy/Thine."



Use this QR code to give.

## SEND

God blesses and sends us to serve in the world.

\*RESPONSE: "Hallelujah" from *Messiah* G. F. Handel  
Sanctuary Choir and Congregation  
(Lyrics will be on the screens.)

POSTLUDE: *Toccata* from *Symphony No. 5*  
Charles-Marie Widor  
abridged by Chad A. Martin  
(You're invited to remain in worship to enjoy the Postlude.)

## IN THE LIFE OF FPC



**Welcome  
Visitors!**

**Pick up a gift bag  
at the welcome  
center**



We extend a special welcome to our visitors today! You're our guests, and we have a welcome bag for adults and children visiting for the first time. They're available at the welcome center in our Gathering Space and Narthex.



Hearing devices are available. We also have a smart-phone option that may work with your hearing aids. Go to the App store or Google Play and download WaveCAST Receiver. Log into FPC member wifi (password: firstpres); open WaveCAST; click on FPC Sanctuary; adjust the volume and enjoy the service.



If you or a loved one will be in the hospital, had a recent hospitalization, would like pastoral care or home communion, contact Pastor Elizabeth (336-314-2555) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 234).

## Sand Wedges & Sand Traps

April 8, 5 PM

All-church dinner  
(a putting green & more!)

Register at ministry table

## "Sand Wedges & Sand Traps" All-Church Dinner April 8 | 5 PM

This fellowship dinner is during the Masters golf tournament, so we'll have sandwiches (pimento cheese, egg salad and chicken salad), a putting green and games for *all ages*! Invite friends and family.

## One Service Sunday

April 19, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall



## Creation Care Sunday

April 19 | 10 AM (ONE WORSHIP SERVICE)

As an Earth Care Congregation (of the PCUSA), we're committed to loving and protecting God's amazing creation. Join us for this extra-special service of worship!

Are you **90** or better?

Come to the  
**Love Luncheon**

April 21 @ 11:30 AM

RSVP to a Deacon

Son-Light Singers

## Love Luncheon

April 21 | 11:30 AM

Our Deacons are hosting a spring "Love Luncheon" celebrating members 90+! If you know a 90+ member we should invite, please contact Deacon Lindsay Jones (lindsayshoemakerjones@gmail.com).

## Earth Day Beach Sweep

Marshland Road  
Boat Landing

April 26, 9:30 AM



## Earth Day Beach Sweep

April 26 | 9:30 AM

Led by Master Naturalist Anneliza Itkor, we'll join many others who'll take part in beach (and marsh) clean ups in the Lowcountry on Earth Day. We'll meet at the Marshland Road Boat Landing.

*Go to [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org) to learn more about our ministries and see our calendar!*

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## PRAYER



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submit your  
prayer requests



See something.  
Say something.  
See an usher



## LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano  
Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor  
Adam Long, AV/Tech Coordinator  
Chad Martin, Director of Music and Organist  
Rev. Dr. Will Robinson, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

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