

Lord's Day Worship
Things Jesus Never Said
January 28, 2024
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Prelude in Baroque Style* David H. Hegarty

Welcome..... Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf

***Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

Leader: We gather together to worship the God of our ancestors—
the God of Abraham and Sarah, of Miriam and Moses—

All: who hears our cries and comes to our aid;

Leader: who meets us on holy ground and calls us to follow;

**All: who invites us to leave our selfish ways behind,
take up our cross and discover what it means to truly live.**

Leader: This is the invitation of our God!

**All: Let us worship God's mighty deeds
and God's surpassing greatness.
Let everything praise the Lord!**

***Hymn:** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*No. 305

Prayer of Confession

Loving and faithful God,
You are the fountain of our life,
yet we have turned away,
relied on ourselves and our own desires,
seeking life elsewhere. Forgive us.
You ask us to take up our cross
and to enter into Your fierce longing
for healing and justice in the world,
even at our own loss, and we look the other way.
Forgive us,
bring us back,
and change our hearts,
so that we might drink deeply from Your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *Lead Me Lord* Samuel S. Wesley

**Lead me, Lord; lead me in Thy righteousness.
Make Thy way plain before my face. Amen.**

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon: *Things Jesus Never Said: "Follow Your Heart"* Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson

Anthem: *O Love* Words: George Matheson (1842-1906)

Music: Elaine Hagenberg

*O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.*

Prayer 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.

Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders

Sentences of Scripture (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given gifts of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Questions (see insert)

Questions to the Congregation

Leader: Do we, members of this body of Christ, accept **David Dahle, Anne McClintock, Sue Murray, Patsy Roberts, Elaine Shinn, and Judy White** as deacons and **Michele Green, David Lauderdale, Nancy Millette, Pat Myers, Chris Russell, Tom Upshaw and Gayle von Seggern** as elders, called by God and empowered by His Spirit to help lead us in Christ's ministry?

All: We do.

Leader: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow them as they help us serve Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

All: We do.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Ordination and Installation and Baptism

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

*Affirmation of Faith: *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: *You Raise Me Up* arr. Joel Raney

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* No. 724

*Charge and Benediction

***Response:** *God, Our Father, You Have Led Us* York/Davis Clay/arr. Floyd

God, our Father, You have led us to this moment in this place.

Focused here, within and 'round us, dreams and hopes unite with grace.

God, our Father, You have led us. Through Your Spirit, lead us still.

***Postlude:** *Exeunt Omnes* Richard Lloyd

**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 fuel your faith through today's service.

In-person worshippers: 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 worshippers: 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 north balcony of the Sanctuary), which helps engage children in worship; check it out! You can also bring children to Creation Station (upstairs in Room 216) before worship begins for a lesson; children will return to the Sanctuary with FPC staff during the service.

ABOUT WORSHIP

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 a recording (available after 2 PM today) of those services via our website's homepage or on our YouTube channel.

The memorial rose is in honor and memory of member Ed Tankins who entered the Church Triumphant on January 21, 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; Dr. S. Russell Floyd, Minister of Music; Michele Green, Clerk of Session; 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, Interim 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 a new member class TODAY AT 11:45 AM IN THE LIBRARY!

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

JOYFUL WORSHIP

On Sunday, February 11, we'll have one, all-church worship service at 10 AM in the Sanctuary followed by lunch and fellowship hosted by our Breaking Bread team. To join us, you must register online or contact the church BY FEBRUARY 2. Cost: \$10/adults; \$5/children 12 and under. Our Youth Group will also collect donations for the "Souper Bowl of Caring" to benefit local food pantries.

Our annual congregational meeting is Sunday, February 11, following our one, all-church worship service at 10 AM in the Sanctuary. We'll elect the 2024 Nominating Ministry team and hear brief reports from our Finance, Giving and Personnel Ministry teams.

PRAYERFUL STUDY

To learn how *you* might grow your faith in the Lord—especially at the outset of a new year—see "THIS WEEK @ FPC!" in this bulletin and go to our website or contact the church.

All-Church Book Study in Lent: *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society* by Eugene Peterson, February 14-March 24. Sermons will address chapters in the book, and small groups and classes are encouraged to study along in the book. Register on our website. Books: \$13 TODAY at a Ministry Table in the Gathering Space or contact the church.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

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).

Feed My Sheep Sunday is the first Sunday of the month (**NEXT SUNDAY**). 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 particularly needs canned meats and canned fruits.**

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

"Grandparenting with Grace": What are your biggest joys and challenges as a grandparent? Led by Pastor Diane, a variety of resources will be shared. Join us February 1 and 8 at 10 AM in the Gathering Space; register on our website.

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).

THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

Monday, January 29

- 10:00 AM Luke-Acts Study (Library)
- 5:00 PM Soul Food Women's Small Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 30

- 7:45 AM Ironman Small Group (Library)
- 9:00 AM Empty Chair/Extra Chair Men's Small Group (Room 219)
- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Weavers Small Group (Room 202/Zoom)

Wednesday, January 31

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 10:00 AM Journeymen Small Group (Room 213)
- 10:00 AM Women's Spiritual Exercise Group (Library/Zoom)
- 3:00 PM FPC Kids (various rooms)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)

Thursday, February 1

- 10:00 AM **Grandparenting with Grace class (Gathering Space)**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 4:00 PM AiM Choir rehearsal (Choir room)
- 4:30 PM Meditation Group (South Room)
- 5:30 PM Carillon Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Choir Room)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, February 2

- 5:30 PM Men's Retreat (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, February 3

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

Sunday, February 4

“Things Jesus Never Said” Sermon Series and Communion

- 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 Adult Seekers class (Room 202/Zoom)
- 9:00 AM Work In Progress class (Library/Zoom)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- **10:30 AM** **Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 11:30 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 AM J.O.Y. Group class (Zoom)
- 4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group (Youth Room)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group Dinner (Youth Room)
- 6:00 PM High School Youth Group (Youth Room)

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