

Lord's Day Worship
Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Holy, Holy, Holy*..... arr. Carolyn Hamlin

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

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 150).....Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

Leader: Praise God in His sanctuary!

All: Praise God for His mighty deeds!

Leader: Praise God for His surpassing greatness.

All: Let everything praise the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise:** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*..... No. 35

Scripture: from Luke 3

Sermon: *Beloved and Beholden*Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

Anthem: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*.....arr. Mack Wilberg

Sanctuary Choir

*The King of love my Shepherd is whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.*

*And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.*

Offering

Offertory: *My Jesus I Love Thee*..... arr. Josh Ring

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Reaffirmation of the Covenant of Baptism and Sacrament of Communion

Leader: Baptism is the sign of God's truth that through the Holy Spirit we are united with Christ and washed of our sins.

All: Through His life, death and resurrection, Christ ushered in the Kingdom of God, breaking our bondage to sin.

Leader: Through baptism, we are God's beloved and subjects of His Kingdom, free to obey and serve Him and not sin.

All: We celebrate this freedom in Christ through the Spirit by reaffirming the promises of baptism.

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you renounce sin and evil and their power in the world?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, trusting in His all-sufficient grace and world-transforming love?

All: I do.

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying Him and His Word and living His love in your life?

All: I will with the Spirit's help.

Leader: Almighty God, may our reaffirmation of the covenant of baptism be ratified in heaven, and by Your Spirit may each of us—and all of us as the body of Christ— honor it this day and always.

All: Amen and amen!

Leader: Having reaffirmed the covenant of baptism, let us—with the body of Christ in every time and place—say what we believe in the words of the 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.

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. Because it's cold and flu season, our servers (who've sanitized their hands) will take a piece of gluten free bread for you, dip it in the cup for you and then place it in your hands. Please partake of it and then take a marble from the font or bowl near you to remember your baptismal identity. If you're unable to come forward, raise your hand, and we'll serve you where you're seated and also give you a marble.

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn:** *Baptized in Water*..... No. 482

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude:** *Toccata in E minor*..... Johann Pachelbel

**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 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 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 south balcony in the Sanctuary) which helps engage children in worship. **We offer a Sunday class at 10:30 AM for children ages 3-7. Please drop off and pick up children in the Children's Library (on the first floor across from the nursery). Children age 8 and older are welcome to sit with their parents/ guardians in worship or to join staff in the Family Worship Center. 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 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.

From September 2024-June 2025, our sermons and worship are based on Scripture from the Narrative Lectionary (NL). The NL is a set of readings that walk us through high points of the Bible story from creation to Pentecost. You can watch the services and sermons in this series on our YouTube channel. If you'd like to see the full NL calendar we're using, go to our website. If you'd like to watch brief, engaging video overviews of the books of the Bible that are part of the NL, we recommend [thebibleproject](http://thebibleproject.com).

Regarding the Lord's Prayer: as with the use of "sins," the use of "Your/s" is contemporary language that opens this prayer more to worshipers—in person and online—who aren't familiar with it. You may of course still use "Thy/Thine."

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Evie Bell's twin sister, Ellen Alles, by Kathy and Al Diamant. (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 of Congregational Evangelism and Engagement; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Connection; 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 next new member class on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, AT 11:45 AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!**

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR DIANE KNAUF

Sunday, January 26

One Worship Service at 10 AM (Sanctuary)

Reception following (Gathering Space)

The Board of Deacons is hosting this reception for Pastor Diane on her last Sunday here. She's accepted a call to Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church to serve as their transitional (interim) minister. Join us to celebrate Diane's call and faithful leadership here and to wish her well as she begins her next adventure in ministry. There will be a basket for cards and notes for Diane. A love offering is also being collected; you may contribute by check/cash through the offering plate, by mailing a check or online at fpchhi.org. Please note "Pastor Diane" on your gift.

MLK INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICE

"Hope in Action: A Path Forward"

January 16, 7-8 PM, at FPC

Join us for this special worship service as we celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. To learn about other events, go to hiltonheadmlk.com.

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

PRAYERFUL STUDY

"Christian Beliefs: Asking Questions to Grow our Faith," Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 PM, January 15-February 19, Library/Zoom. We'll enjoy a Fellowship Dinner after the January 15 class (only). Join us as Pastor Will leads us through foundational Christian beliefs with time during each class to address *your* faith questions. Register at fpchhi.org!

Paul's Letter to the Romans, Mondays, 10-11 AM, January 13-March 10 (but no class January 20), Library/Zoom. Dr. Jim Wagner will teach this class, which is primarily a continuation of his fall class on the book of Acts but is a perfect time for new members to join. Register at fpchhi.org!

To learn *more* about faith formation for all ages and all stages of life and faith, go to fpchhi.org or contact the church.

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). PIN especially needs paper products, cans of tuna, toothpaste and white rice. 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

Visit the following ministry tables TODAY in the Gathering Space!

- Adult Ministry: register for the women’s retreat on January 24 and 25.
- Health Ministry: learn about their informative programs this year.
- Social Witness: learn about their gun violence prevention program in February.

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).

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).

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THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

Monday, January 13

- 10:00 AM Letter to the Romans class (Library)
- 5:00 PM Soul Food Women’s Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 14

- 9:00 AM Empty Chair/Extra Chair Men’s Group (Room 219/Zoom)
- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Women Growing in Faith (Room 202/Zoom)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids Drama Program (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 15

- 9:00 AM Men’s Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen (Room 219)
- 10:00 AM Women’s Spiritual Exercise Group (Library/Zoom)
- 2:00 PM Health Ministry’s AED and CPR Instruction (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 PM Son-Light Singers rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)
- 5:30 PM Christian Beliefs class (Library)

Thursday, January 16

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids (Creation Station)
- 3:30 PM Meditation Group (South Room)
- 5:00 PM FPC Kids Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM Carillon Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Choir Room)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)
- **7:00 PM MLK Ecumenical-Interfaith Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

Saturday, January 18

- 1:00 PM FPC Pickleball (Palmetto Dunes courts); RSVP Debbie Berling (berlingdebbie@gmail.com)

Sunday, January 19

- 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 Sunday School for ages 3-7 (Rooms 112 and 114)
- 9:00 AM Work In Progress class (Library/Zoom)
- 9:00 AM Adult Seekers class (Room 202/Zoom)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- **10:30 AM Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 10:30 AM Sunday School for ages 3-7 (Rooms 112 and 114)
- 11:00 AM Fellowship time (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 2:30 PM Church Officer Training class (Library)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space)

Monday, January 20 **MLK Holiday: Church Office Closed**