

OUR FATHER,
*who art in
heaven*

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN LENT

Lent & Easter @ FPC

2/22 ~ Ash Wednesday

5:30 PM - Pancake Dinner/Youth Fundraiser

6:30 PM - Worship with Communion

3/1 ~ Wednesday Night Dinner & Program

Speaker: Douglas Fletcher, PhD, Author and

First Presbyterian Church Senior Pastor/Head of Staff 2008-2019

The Only Prayer You'll Ever Need

5:30 PM - Dinner

6:30 PM - Program

4/2 ~ Palm Sunday

9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship:

Our Father: a Musical Journey Through the Lord's Prayer

4/6 ~ Maundy Thursday

6:30 PM - Worship with Communion

4/9 ~ Easter Sunday

7:00 AM - Sunrise Contemporary Worship

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship

Palm Sunday Service to Feature a Cantata Presented by the Sanctuary Choir

Our Father: a Journey Through the Lord's Prayer was composed in 2014. With highly original music and thoughtful narration, The Lord's Prayer is turned into a musical presentation and creative worship experience. According to the composer, Pepper Choplin, "I felt a strong calling to do this work. As I have spent many hours setting this timeless text, I have been continuously struck by its profound power. So potent and succinct, so far-reaching are these few lines. Sometimes, when we pray the prayer, we simply recite it out of habit without grasping its power. I hope this cantata will help you connect personally with the prayer so that it will become a significant moment of communion with God."

The choir will be conducted by FPC's Minister of Music Rusty Floyd and accompanied by an instrumental ensemble.

“New Things in 2023”

See, I am doing a new thing! – Isaiah 43:19



At the outset of 2023 I’m excited about these “new things” at FPC this year:

- Calling a second associate pastor. This pastor will help us 1) lead and connect more people to the Lord here; 2) foster more community and fellowship opportunities; 3) enhance our online presence, and 4) expand our ministry in Christ's name beyond the walls of our church (e.g., establishing a ministry to the people who play daily on our disc golf course).
 - Enhancing FPC’s hybrid capabilities. This will enable us to better attract and engage members and visitors, especially when studies show that online worship is a “front door” of churches nowadays (i.e., how visitors first experience or connect with a church before worshipping in person).
 - Establishing a nimble and robust communications plan. A crucial part of this plan is a redesign of our entire website, another “front door” of churches these days. The redesign of our website is slated to be finished by the end of February 2023.
- Increasing our generosity and giving as a church. We especially want to extend the love of Christ to those most in need, near and far.
 - Finally, we’ve had a very well-received and faith-enriching all-church study and worship-sermon series using Adam Hamilton’s *The Walk* as a guide. For Lent, we’ll offer another all-church study and worship-sermon series based on the Lord’s Prayer and using Doug Fletcher’s *The Only Prayer You’ll Ever Need* as a guide. Doug was the Senior Pastor/Head of Staff here from 2008-2019, and he’ll help us kickoff this study on March 1. There will also be opportunities to join a small group or a participating Sunday morning class. As we journey to the Cross, preparing for our Lord's death for us and our salvation, join us in this exploration of the Lord's Prayer and its power (*see the cover page and page 5*).

May the Lord bless you and keep you—and us as a church—in this new year with these and other promising “new things” on the horizon!

Pastor Will

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Will".

Facilities Ministry Announces Change To begin on Sunday, February 26

A high priority of the Facilities Ministry at FPC is the safety and security of our church and congregation. On an ongoing and proactive basis, we look at all ways that help to insure everyone's safety, especially on Sundays.



It is suggested by church safety groups and public safety groups that one way to do this is by limiting access to our buildings to help insure safety.

With this in mind, working with Worship and Music and church staff, we are planning to reduce the overall number of doors and times that doors are

open for Sunday morning access from the outside. All doors will remain open from the inside as they do now for safety purposes.

These changes are not really major, but you may see some doors that won't be open as in the past. Signs will be posted at those doors helping to direct you to the next closest entry door.

We are sorry for any possible inconvenience you may experience but feel that this is simply a proactive way to help secure FPC on Sunday mornings.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation on this!

*Don Krahnke, Facilities Ministry
Bob Gluszik, Safety and Security*

A Message from Pastor Diane *Lamenting in Lent*

The dictionary definition of lament is “to express sorrow, mourning, or regret for; often demonstratively.” Biblical examples of lament are a form of prayer because sorrow, fear, and even anger are offered up to God.

Think of Jesus on the cross, as he gasps out the words of Psalm 22, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” In the throes of his pain, he questions, even accuses God. But notice that he begins with “my God,” affirming his deep trust in his heavenly Father.

It may feel unfaithful or self-indulgent to offer God our messy emotions. My training as a Stephen Leader helped me to see that lamenting is faithful and brings me closer to God. Stephen Ministry founder Kenneth Haugk is someone who has experienced suffering. He asks:

“Does God want to have a real relationship with you? Or will God be content to have a relationship with some phony, prettied-up, pious you?” (Answer: God wants the real you!)

“How angry are you allowed to get at God? How much wailing, screaming, crying and venting are you allowed?” (Answer: As much as it takes—God can handle it)

“How long should suffering last? How long should it be tolerated?” (Answer: much longer than people think or are willing to tolerate. Yet our culture encourages us to “get on with your life!”)

As we approach the Lenten season, I invite you to try engaging in lament, for yourself or on behalf of others

or our world. Could you write your own words of lament expressing your needs? Let Psalm 13 (or another psalm of your choosing) be your guide.

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, “I have prevailed”;
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Notice how the psalm moves from honest protest to petitioning God for help, to praising God for his trustworthiness. Lamenting is holy work, because when we offer our pain to God, he meets us in it. Only God has the power to transform our pain into intimacy with him, not by making it disappear, or explaining it away, but by fully acknowledging its impact.

In His name,
Pastor Diane



Thank you!

We thank God for you and your pledge/tithe for 2023. Your commitment to **Give** will help First Presbyterian **Grow** our reach into this community and beyond to do God's work. With your gift, you **Glorify** God and demonstrate your trust in Him.

We warmly and sincerely thank you.

In His Name,
2022 Giving Ministry
Debbie Berling, Kaye Black, Jeff Myers, John Simpson, Bob White,
Dr. Will Robinson and Jane Upshaw, chair

FPC's Organist Charlie Frost Is President-Elect of Hymn Society

Charles D. Frost, FPC's organist since August 2018, is President-Elect of the Hymn Society and will become President in 2024. Founded in 1922, the Hymn Society's mission is to encourage, promote, and enliven congregational singing. The organization was formerly known as The Hymn Society of America, but the name was changed in 1991 to The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

"I am humbled, honored, and excited to be asked to serve as President-Elect," says Frost, who has learned a lot about congregational song from the conferences, quarterly periodicals, and monthly webinars sponsored by the Hymn Society. "Three years ago I was co-chair for the Annual Conference which was a wonderful experience. By participating in this organization, I have met people from all over the world and have learned so much about other's worship and song traditions."

As FPC's organist, Frost accompanies the Sanctuary Choir and plays for the traditional worship services. He participates with the staff in planning and coordinating worship, and directs the FPC Carillon Handbell Choir.

A native of Red Bank, NJ, Frost began his music studies at an early age. He played the organ in churches and directed choirs as a sophomore in high school. He attended Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, where he received both the Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in Church Music. His organ studies were with Dr. Joan Lippincott, retired head of the organ department and world-renowned concert and recording artist. As a graduate student, he was teacher to all the organ minors. He studied conducting with the late Dr. Joseph Flummerfelt, Head of Choral Activities, and conductor of the famed Westminster Choir.

Currently, Frost is the conductor of the Sea Island Chamber Singers, an auditioned choral group in the Beaufort community. He is on the Board of Directors for the Beaufort Symphony Orchestra and Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra as well as keyboardist for the Beaufort Orchestra. He was a member of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song which developed *Glory to God*, the newest Presbyterian Hymnal released in 2013.

In addition to his many other musical activities, Frost performs recitals at other churches and as part of FPC's Music Ministry. He and pianist Jerry Anderson will perform together in a recital at FPC on Sunday, March 5.



Charles D. Frost
Organist

H. Gerald Anderson
Pianist

In recital featuring music for organ and piano

The program will include works by Debussy, Price, Ham/Varner, Fassig/Innes, Nielson/Young, Bach

MARCH 5, 2023
First Presbyterian Church HHI
4:00 PM



Dr. Will Robinson
Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Diane E. Knauf
Associate Pastor

With questions about
FPC communications,
email cbobbitt@fpchhi.org

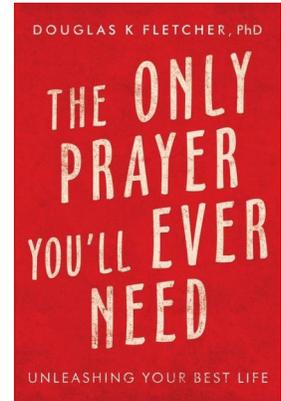
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Suggested Lenten Reading

*The Only Prayer You'll Ever Need:
Unleashing Your Best Life*

"The Lord's Prayer is, in fact, an ancient treasure of profound and relevant wisdom. As it teaches us how to pray, it invites us in to seven critical conversations about perspective, hope, trust, our current wants and needs, forgiveness and generosity, self-awareness and gratitude."

Follow along in worship, with your small group, Sunday school class or read as an independent study during Lent.



Wednesday, March 1

Join us for dinner (5:30 PM) followed by a presentation (6:30 PM) by author Douglas K. Fletcher, PhD & First Presbyterian Church Senior Pastor/Head of Staff 2008-2019
We'll kick off the next all-church study and sermon-worship series!

At this Wednesday evening program you'll have the opportunity to hear about the first two chapters of the book as they are discussed by author Doug Fletcher.



DIGGING DEEPER

Thursdays, 10 AM
During Lent: March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6
in the Library and via Zoom

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY
JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE THE LORD'S PRAYER AND ITS POWER.

FPC's Amazin' Grazin'

A monthly "Dining Together" event



Giving Ministry

January 2023

We are so grateful for the generosity of all of you.

Your December giving was extraordinary.

Thank you to all who pledged and gave to God's work in 2022.

— Jane Upshaw, Giving Ministry Chair

2023 MEMBER GIVING			
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	VARIANCE
December	\$356,721	\$163,244	\$193,477
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$1,909,128	\$1,958,927	(\$49,799)



Children's & Youth Ministry

Have you checked out the new FPC Kids' Word Wall?



The education hallway at FPC recently got a very cool update! We encourage everyone to take a stroll to the second floor to see the new FPC Kids' word wall.

Here you see children hanging out in comfy beanbags. Each week they pick a few words to talk about before going into Sunday school or Wednesday night programming.

We invite you up to take a look!



Help Us Tackle Hunger!

FPC Youth will be collecting money for local food pantries after worship on Sunday, February 12

Adventures in Music (AiM) Choir
Wednesdays at 4:15 PM
In the Choir Room

WEDNESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 22 ~ 5:30 PM

PANCAKE DINNER



ASH WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP TO FOLLOW
@ 6:30 PM

Support FPC Youth
Suggested donation \$10 per plate
RSVP to the church office
843.681.3696

First Presbyterian Church HHI

New Volunteer Opportunity

Share Your Time & Talent at South End Soup Kitchen

Thirteen years ago, the Soup Kitchen at St. Andrews by the Sea United Methodist Church served its first Friday lunch to the homeless, hungry, unemployed, and working poor in our community. Open now on Tuesdays and Fridays, the kitchen feeds as many as 80 guests each day in the Celebration Center where lunch is served.

FPC member Freddie Hodges played a key role helping to start the program that serves the needs of many on the south end of the Island. Food comes from Second Helpings and Panera Bread, other local organizations, and soup kitchen volunteers. "Our dream was providing a safe, warm or cool place to enjoy a hot meal," says Tom Sharp, who currently heads the program. "Our goal was always simple: to share a good meal in God's house with those less fortunate with dignity, compassion and lots of love," he adds.

Volunteers are needed as the program expands to serve a hot lunch on Tuesdays. In the past, bag lunches were provided. "If you enjoy cooking or simply want to

dedicate time helping others, plan a visit to experience the joy that takes place," says Martha Clements, an FPC member who is a long-time soup kitchen volunteer. She explains that much more than lunch happens at the Soup Kitchen. Guests get to know one another, enjoy a social outlet, and have an opportunity for young children to play with one another. In December there was a holiday meal and Santa came with gifts for all the children.

The cooks arrive around 8:30 a.m. – there are two leads and about 4-5 volunteers who help prepare and serve the meals. Other volunteers assist with the Harvest Table, a complete selection of perishable and non-perishable food provided by partners Second Helpings and Deep Well. Meat, dairy, salads, fruit, vegetables, canned goods, sweet pastries and pies, bread, and fellowship are distributed on a no-limit basis.

If you're ready to help or want to learn more, contact Martha Clements, 843.671.5773.

Feed My Sheep

First Sunday of Each Month



Please bring nonperishable donations to the church with you on Sundays and leave them in the gathering space.

During the week donations may be left in the church office.



SAVE THE DATE!

FPC Women & Friends

You're invited to the
Spring Luncheon
Hosted by Sarah Circle



Thursday, March 23

Buffet lunch
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Cost is \$24



Speaker
David Lauderdale
Unsung Heroes in FPC's 65 Years

**Mark your calendar and
watch for registration information**

540 William Hilton Parkway
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Jan/Feb
NEWSLETTER

Many thanks to all who helped with, participated in, and came to Journey to Bethlehem!



JOURNEY TO
BETHLEHEM
2022

Thank you for
your help!

Have you been wondering where your offering envelopes are?

You are not alone. Unfortunately, our vendor is having supply chain problems. They have advised us they do not know when in February they will be able to ship envelopes to us. We will communicate with you once the envelopes arrive. Thank you for your patience.