

Lord's Day Worship
"The Hard Sayings of Jesus" Series
August 4, 2024
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Jesus Loves Me/Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*..... arr. Michael C. Moore

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

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

Leader: God, who is love, created us in love.

All: We are the body of God's unconditional love.

Leader: Christ, who is love made flesh, came with grace and healing.

All: We are beloved, blessed and embraced.

Leader: The Holy Spirit, who is the energy of love, gives us life.

All: We are bearers of love to this world.

Fill us with Your love, O Holy One.

Fill us to overflowing,

for the sake of the world You love. Amen.

***Hymn:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*No. 366

Prayer of Confession:

Holy Maker,

**We confess that we do not always love our neighbor and
we find it even more difficult to love our enemies.**

Forgive us.

**We don't often pray for their well-being or
act in their best interests.**

Forgive us.

**Help us to see ourselves with the eyes of love,
to see what is in us that is loving, and what is not loving.**

**You call us to turn away from our judgements and
the attitudes of the world around us.**

**We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness,
knowing that nothing is impossible in You. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*No. 582

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon: *Hard Sayings of Jesus: Love Your Enemies*Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

Anthem: *The Gift of Love* arr. Hal Hopson

Summer Sanctuary Choir

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love;
my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.*

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

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

Today we're serving communion in the pews. We will pass trays of homemade wafers, with a gluten-free option available. Please hold the bread until all are served. The pastors will invite us to commune together. As you serve your neighbor you're encouraged to say, "The body of Christ, broken for you." We will then pass trays of juice. Please hold the cup until all are served. The pastors will invite us to commune together. As you serve your neighbor you are encouraged to say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Prayer after Communion

Offering:

Offertory: *God So Loved the World*.....arr. Don Wyrzten and Don Hustad

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* No. 300

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response: *The Bond of Love*Otis Skillings**

**We are one in the bond of love; We are one in the bond of love.
We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God; We are one in the bond of love.**

***Postlude: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*arr. Mary Hayes and Marvin Gaspard**

**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 hear God speak to you and see how to live the gospel through today's service.

In-person worshipers: 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 worshipers: 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 of the Sanctuary), which helps engage children in worship; check it out!

ABOUT WORSHIP

Worship 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks: During both services on Sunday, August 11, children and their parents will have the opportunity to come forward for the blessing with our pastors. What a joyful way start the new school year!

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; 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

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 and our Mission of "Changing Lives...Making Disciples" at our new member class on AUGUST 25 AT 11:45 AM IN THE LIBRARY!

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

PRAYERFUL STUDY

S.T.E.P.S.: Studying, Teaching, Equipping, Praying, Serving

Saturday, August 24

Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church (Charleston)

Open to all; preregister by August 12; cost: \$12

Our presbytery (regional governing body) provides this special time of faith formation and leadership development.

To learn more, go to our website.

Why do the pastors wear different colored stoles? Come and learn about the liturgical calendar, which follows the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with Pastor Elizabeth on August 13 at 1:00 PM in Honey Horn Chapel. No sign up needed; just come! Questions? Contact Pastor Elizabeth at ejohnson@fpchhi.org.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

FPC's Knitting Ministry: Tuesdays at 1:30-3:00 PM in the Library; all skill levels welcome and supplies provided. Help create knitted and crocheted items to be shared with others throughout the year. To learn more, contact Betty Bush at 843.816.3457.

Feed My Sheep is the first Sunday of the month. 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 is in particular need of canned tuna, pasta, boxed mac and cheese, children's cereal and dish detergent.**

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 Deacon's Prayer Project continues! One hundred and one members are praying for every member of our church family in July and August.

Join the pop-up prayer group on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM. The Zoom link may be found in FPC emails or call the church office, and it will be sent to you.

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)

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).

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).

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THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

Monday, August 5

- 9:00 AM Memory Matters MoCA Monday (Room 213)
- 5:00 PM Couples Together in Faith (Library)
- 5:00 PM Soul Food Women's Group ((Zoom))

Tuesday, August 6

- 7:45 AM Ironman Small Group (Library)
- 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry (Library)
- 2:00 PM Women Growing in Faith (Room 202/Zoom)

Wednesday, August 7

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 10:00 AM Pop-Up Prayer (Zoom)
- 11:30 AM Grandparenting with Grace (Room 213)

Thursday, August 8

- 2:00 AM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)

Friday, August 9

- 10:30 AM Book Talk (Library/Zoom)

Sunday, August 11

- 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 Work In Progress class (Library/Zoom)
- 9:15 AM Summer Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)
- 10:30 AM **Traditional worship (Sanctuary/livestream)**
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES