

Lord's Day Worship  
Narrative Lectionary  
February 9, 2025  
10:30 AM

**Prelude:** *Our Father, Which Art in Heave* ..... Felix Mendelssohn

**Welcome**.....Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

**\*Call to Worship** (from St. Teresa of Ávila)

Leader: Christ has no body but ours, no hands, no feet on earth but ours.

**All: Ours are the eyes with which Christ looks with compassion on this world.**

Leader: Ours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.

**All: Ours are the hands with which Christ blesses the whole world.**

Leader: Ours are the hands, ours are the feet, ours are the eyes; we are  
His body.

**All: Christ has no body now on earth but ours!**

**\*Hymn:** *Come, Great God of All the Ages*..... No. 309

**Prayer of Confession**

God of All, we confess that we've failed to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with You. Indeed, in a world of poverty, oppression, injustice and need, we have not been Your eyes, hands and bodies. In Your abundant mercy, forgive these and all of our sins. And, by Your Spirit, open our eyes and hands and use our bodies to love, serve and free people, as Your Son our Lord did. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Response:** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* ..... No. 451 (stanza 1)

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Scripture:** Luke 4:14-21

**Sermon:** *The Politics of Jesus*.....Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

**Anthem:** *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*.....Lloyd Larson

Sanctuary Choir

*May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by His love and pow'r controlling all I do and all I say. May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and pow'r.*

*May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything that I may be calm to comfort the sick and sorrowing. May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.*

*Christ exalting, self abasing for this is victory!*

*May I run the race before me strong and brave to face the foe. Looking only unto Jesus as onward I will go! May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day.*

*By His love and pow'r controlling all I do and all I say.*

*May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and pow'r.*

*May the mind of Christ live in me. Amen.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and

culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

### Prayers of the Church 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.

### Offering

**Offertory:** *Prelude*.....Theodore Dubois

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn:** *Great God of Every Blessing* .....No. 694

### \*Charge and Benediction

### Annual Congregational Meeting

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*



### 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 better understand 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 each 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 these services via our website's homepage or on our YouTube channel.

Contact the church to provide flowers for Sunday worship in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a particular event.

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).

Leading in worship: Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor of Congregational Evangelism and Engagement; Jane Jude, AV/Tech Coordinator; Chad Martin, Director of Music and Organist; Rev. Dr. Will Robinson, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

### **YOU'RE INVITED!**

Join FPC at our next new member class on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, AT 11:45 AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!**

FPC's annual congregational meeting is **TODAY** at the conclusion of 10:30 AM worship here in the Sanctuary. We'll elect the 2025 Nominating Ministry team and hear important updates about what God's doing through this church from our Finance, Giving and Personnel ministry teams.

## **IN THE LIFE OF FPC**

### **PRAYERFUL STUDY**

"Christian Beliefs: Asking Questions to Grow our Faith," Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 PM through February 26, Library/Zoom. 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](http://fpchhi.org)!

Paul's Letter to the Romans, Mondays, 10-11 AM through March 10, 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](http://fpchhi.org)!

To learn *more* about faith formation for all ages and all stages of life and faith, go to [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org) or contact the church.

### **SACRIFICIAL SERVICE**



FPC Youth Group members will collect monetary donations for food pantries in our community following both worship services **TODAY**. This national ministry raises awareness about the children and adults who face food insecurity on a daily basis and heeds our Lord's command to feed the hungry.

Help those devastated by the fires in California by giving to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). PDA, in partnership with local faith leaders, has released emergency grants and is working with disaster organizations to provide immediate and long-term support to those affected. Give via our website; select PDA-CA. Or make checks payable to FPC noting PDA-CA on the memo line.

"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 canned chicken, Spam, canned fruit, grits and small containers of laundry detergent or pods. 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](http://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 FPC-sponsored Boy Scout Troup 245 table **TODAY** in the Gathering Space to sign up for their annual spaghetti dinner on February 25. Each meal is \$10, and you may dine in or take out!

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](mailto:info@fpchhi.org) or a pastor ([ejohnson@fpchhi.org](mailto:ejohnson@fpchhi.org), [bkilburn@fpchhi.org](mailto:bkilburn@fpchhi.org), [wrobinson@fpchhi.org](mailto: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 Bettina Kilburn (404-771-7608) 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 the church.

### THIS WEEK AT FPC!

*To learn more, go to [fpchhi.org](http://fpchhi.org) or contact the church.*

#### Monday, February 10

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

#### Tuesday, February 11

- 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, February 12

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen (Room 219)
- 10:00 AM Women's Spiritual Exercise (Library/Zoom)
- 4:00 PM **Son-Light Singers at The Centerfield in Bluffton**
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)
- 5:30 PM Christian Beliefs class (Library)

#### Thursday, February 13

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 3:30 PM Meditation Group (South Room)
- 5:30 PM Carillon Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Choir Room)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

#### Friday, February 14

- 10:30 AM Book Talk (Library/Zoom)
- 2:00 PM **Lyle Sharp Memorial Service (Sanctuary)**

#### Sunday, February 16

- 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)

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