

Lord's Day Worship
Narrative Lectionary
November 17, 2024
10:30 AM

Prelude: *Holy, Holy, Holy*..... arr. Josh Ring

Welcome.....Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

Introit: *A Grateful Heart*.....Edward Miller

Sanctuary Choir

*A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.*

***Call to Worship**..... Rev. Dr. Diane Knauf

Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,
All: who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

Leader: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
All: who is worthy of our ceaseless praise and singing.

Leader: We have come to worship God, our all-gracious God,
**All: who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Good News into the world.
Holy, holy, holy is our God!**

***Hymn:** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*..... No. 1

Prayer of Confession

Holy Maker,
You call us to bear Your love into this world,
yet we find it easier to keep it to ourselves.
You ask us to shine Your light in the dark places,
but we turn away from those opportunities.
You encourage us to speak Your Word,
yet fear has stilled Your Word within us.
Forgive us our sin.
Break open our self-centeredness.
Heal our fear.
Cleanse us and send us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *Glory Be to the Father* No. 581

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-6

Sermon: *Help Wanted*.....Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

Anthem: *Here Am I, Send Me*.....John Purifoy

Sanctuary Choir

*Here am I, send me. Here am I, Lord send me.
Unto Thee, willingly, yielded I come.
Show the path that I must walk, compel me then to go,
and if I stray bring back the light of day, for here am I; send me, I pray.*

*Send me to be what's created in me. Formed in Your image, I stand.
Turn my weakness into Your power, pow'r to be at last all I'm able to be.*

*Here am I, send me. Here am I, Lord, send me.
Precious Holy Spirit come, fill me anew. Give me wisdom, send me strength.
Grant that I may be a mirror of Your neverending love, for here am I; send me, I pray.*

*Send me to be what's created in me. Formed in Your image, I stand.
Turn my weakness into Your power, pow'r to be at last all I'm able to be.
And if I stray, bring back the light of day, for here am I; send me, I pray.*

***Affirmation of Faith** (from PCUSA's *Brief Statement of Faith*)

**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.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of 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 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.

Offering

Offertory: *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*..... Michael Burkhardt

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*..... No. 69

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response:** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*..... No. 408 (stanza 1 only)

***Postlude:** *Toccata* Stanley Vann

**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 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 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 9 AM and 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.**

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 Genesis 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 (NOTE: there are a few Sundays when we'll veer from the NL). 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).

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Robert (Bob) Savage, by Pamela Savage and their family. The memorial roses are in honor of Fannie Levy, Joe Liedtke and Kit Ingram who entered the Church Triumphant on November 8, November 9 and November 10, 2024, respectively. (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 new member class TODAY AT 11:45 AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!

Lowcountry Thanksgiving Interfaith Service November 25 at 6:30 PM in FPC's Sanctuary

Together with other faith leaders in our community, Pastors Diane and Elizabeth will lead this special service of gratitude, including thanking God for the diversity and unity of our faith communities. All are welcome!

IN THE LIFE OF FPC

PRAYERFUL STUDY

To learn about our classes and small groups for all ages and all stages of life and faith, go to fpchhi.org.

FPC's women's retreat at the church, *Lesson's from Letters: Living the Abundant Life*, is Friday, January 24, 4-8:30 PM, and Saturday, January 25, 9 AM-4 PM. Register now at fpchhi.org!

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Visit the ministry table of Boy Scout Troop 245 (sponsored by FPC!) TODAY in the Gathering Space to order your holiday Kringle (a large award-winning danish), or order online at tinyurl.com/245Kringle. Cost is \$20 each; delivery is soon!

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) especially needs oatmeal, grits and paper products. 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

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).

THIS WEEK AT FPC!

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

Monday, November 18

- 9:00 AM Memory Matters' MoCA Mondays (Room 213)
- 10:00 AM Acts Bible Study (Library/Zoom)

Tuesday, November 19

- 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 (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 PM **FPC Kids Drama Performance (Sanctuary)**

Wednesday, November 20

- 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Journeymen Group (Room 219)
- 10:00 AM Women's Spiritual Exercise Group (Library/Zoom)
- 4:00 PM Son-Light Singers rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 4:15 PM Lowcountry Lessons class (Zoom)

Thursday, November 21

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM Bereavement Support Group (Gathering Space)
- 3:30 PM FPC Kids (Creation Station)
- 4:30 PM Meditation Group (South Room)
- 5:10 PM FPC Kids Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM Carillon Handbell Choir rehearsal (Bell Choir Room)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, November 24

- 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 (Day School wing)
- 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 (Day School wing)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time (Gathering Space)
- 11:30 AM JOY class (Zoom)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Space)

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