



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Resounding Joy Handbell Choir

arr. Kinyon

Call to Worship *please meditate silently as the liturgist offers these words from Psalm 95*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture,
and the sheep of God's hand.

Hymn # 384

Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *please meditate silently on the prayer as it is offered by the liturgist*

God you are merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Yet we test the limits of your grace,
constantly turning away from you and toward that which is evil in your sight.
We do not understand our own actions,
why we know what is right but do what is wrong despite your clear commandments.
In a world awash in hate and fear,
we are to be those who love others and trust you.
Forgive us when instead we resemble the worst rhetoric of our culture
rather than the compassion of our Lord.
We place ourselves before you, asking again for your transformative grace,
honest in our confession because we know you will not abandon us.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Moment with the Children

Anthem

As the Deer
Wendi Arms, soprano; Resounding Joy Handbell Choir

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25: 1a, 14-30

Sermon

"You Better Watch Out"

Dr. Peery

Prayers of the People

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn # 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. (Refrain)

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Here I Am, Lord
Resounding Joy Handbell Choir

arr. Sherman

Welcome to worship on this Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Please indicate your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org.

Please note that we now have the capability to accept your offering via text message. Please text GIVE to 18649993612. You may also give on our website or by mailing a check to the church office.

The Prayer of Confession is by the Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield, Pastor-elect, First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC and currently the Editor of *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

Reminder—it's not too late to turn in your 2021 Pledge Card. You can mail or drop it off at the church office, email it to our Financial Administrator, Lynn Bennett at lynnb@fpcgreer.org, or place it in the offering plates stationed around the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for pledging your support to the ministry of First Presbyterian Church Greer.

2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up at the church during regular office hours (Mon.-Wed., 9:00-4:00 and Thurs., 9:00-3:00). The envelopes are located in the hallway at the Door A entrance.

Daily Bread Ministries is hosting its Annual Hunger Walk next Sunday, November 22nd, from 1-3 p.m. The walk will begin at Memorial UMC and end at Greer Soup Kitchen. A facilities tour will be offered including the STEP building, the Soup Kitchen, and the new tiny homes. Face masks are required for the facilities tour. Your time, tithes, and offerings support Daily Bread Ministries as one of our long-time and local mission partners. **Below is a list of current needs for the Greer Soup Kitchen. Donations can be dropped off at the Soup Kitchen which is located at 521 E. Poinsett Street. Black-Eyed Peas (dried or canned), Canned Beef Stew, Manwich Canned Sauce, Mayonnaise, Canned Yams, BBQ and Teriyaki Sauces, Chicken Broth, Boxed Jiffy Mix, and Cream of Chicken, Mushroom, and other "Cream-Of" Soups.**

Please join us on next Sunday, November 22nd, from 12:00—2:00 for a drive thru Faith Formation & Mission event. We will have pre-made Advent Wreaths or Advent Wreath making supplies for \$5 each. We'll also have "Advent in a Box" for the families of Children and Youth. Café Justo coffee will be available for purchase and we invite you to drop off new toys & unwrapped gifts in support of the Greer Relief Christmas Morning Shoppe. Watch for more details in the November 17th newsletter.

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Interim Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Pete Peery
Associate for Pastoral Care, Adult Education and Mission: Whitney Moss
Parish Associate: The Reverend Dr. Al Masters
Director of Youth Ministry: Victoria Robinson
Director of Music: Lisa Dillard
Assistant Director of Music: Pam Turnage
Praise Team Leader: Wendi Arms
Director of Operations: Maggie Wentzky