



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Rejoice, the Lord the King*

arr. Young

**Call to Worship** *please meditate silently as the liturgist offers these words from Psalm 100*

Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he that made us, and not we ourselves,  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Let us worship God.

**Hymn # 265**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*  
Stanzas 1,4, & 5

DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
honors peculiar to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

**Call to Confession**

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

Righteous God,  
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord to all.  
We confess that we have not bowed before him,  
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.  
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,  
and fail to be governed by justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us.  
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,  
that we may be loyal ambassadors,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Connor Truman Saul  
*Infant son of Justin and Carly Saul*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**New Testament Reading**

Matthew 25: 31-46

**Sermon**

*"Anonymous Christians"*

Dr. Peery

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn # 269**

*Lead On, O King Eternal*  
Stanzas 1 & 3

LANCASHIRE

Lead on, O King eternal!  
The day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
your tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
your grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal:  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er your face appears;  
your cross is lifted o'er us;  
we journey in its light.  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might!

**Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

arr. Young

**Welcome to worship on this Christ the King Sunday.** Please indicate your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at [lisaj@fpcgreer.org](mailto: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.

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**We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism today** as Carly and Justin Saul present their infant son, Connor, to the church for this sign and seal of God's grace.

**The flowers today** are given by the Saul family to the glory of God and in celebration of Connor's baptism.

**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](mailto:lynnb@fpcgreer.org), or place it in the offering plates stationed in the sanctuary. 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 TODAY 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 TODAY from 12:00—2:00 for a drive thru Faith Formation & Mission event.** We'll 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 and unwrapped gifts in support of the Greer Relief Christmas Morning Shoppe.

**Advent Resources - watch your mail this week** for an Advent Devotional Booklet from A Sanctified Art entitled, *Those Who Dream*. We invite you to use this daily devotional throughout the Advent season. Also included in the mailing is a card listing the various Advent activities being offered this year. The reverse side of the card offers a full description of each event.

**Advent Sermon Series**—join us next Sunday as we begin an exploration of "The Senses of Christmas". Together, we'll seek to discover how God speaks to us through taste, touch, smell, hearing, and sight. As we wait and prepare for a fresh "sense" of Advent & Christmas, let us prepare our hearts, minds, and spirits once again for the living Christ to enter in.

**Heart disease is the number one killer in America.** 17 million folks die each year. This is more than all cancer deaths combined. Our church has developed an American Heart Association certified First Responder program to provide life saving skills should someone suffer a cardiac arrest or heart attack. Please consider joining our 26 trained First Responder team members. For more information contact Bill Koehler at [koehlerrn@aol.com](mailto:koehlerrn@aol.com) or 864-968-9238.

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