



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

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January 31, 2021—4th Sunday after Epiphany

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Amazing Grace
Amy Couch, piano

arr. Raney

Call to Worship

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.
For the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
For the Lord feeds the righteous with truth.
Let us worship God.

Hymn # 388

Come, All You People

UYAI MOSE

Come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God
who commands all spirits,
comforts those in distress,
and casts out destructive forces,
we confess that we push you aside.
For we are afraid to part with the demons that keep us captive.
We protect what is familiar.
We reject what is unknown.
Forgive us, confront us, make us new.
And show us your way,
which is the way of truth, peace, healing and love.

Assurance of Pardon

Response # 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.

Moment with Children

Anthem

Peace Like a River/Kum Ba Yah
Chancel Choir

arr. Shafferman

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 21-28

Sermon

"Commotion in Church"

Dr. Peery

Prayers of the People

Offering

Response # 709

God, We Honor You
Chancel Choir

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

God, we honor you.
God, we trust in you.
God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring,
offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn # 181

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

EBENEZER

1 "Silence! Frenzied, unclean spirit,"
cried God's healing, Holy One.
"Cease your ranting! Flesh can't bear it.
Flee as night before the sun."
At Christ's voice the demon trembled,
from its victim madly rushed,
while the crowd that was assembled
stood in wonder, stunned, and hushed.

2 Lord, the demons still are thriving
in the gray cells of the mind:
tyrant voices, shrill and driving,
twisted thoughts that grip and bind,
doubts that stir the heart to panic,
fears distorting reason's sight,
guilt that makes our loving frantic,
dreams that cloud the soul with fright.

3 Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit,
in our mind and in our heart.
Speak your word that when we hear it
all our demons shall depart.
Clear our thought and calm our feeling;
still the fractured, warring soul.
By the power of your healing
make us faithful, true, and whole.

Charge & Benediction

Benediction Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Wendi Arms, solo

Lutkin

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

arr. Schrader

Welcome to worship on this Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. 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.

Special thanks to Rebecca Aguirre, Amy Couch, Wendi Arms, and the members of the Chancel Choir for sharing their musical gifts in worship.

Check out the February 2nd newsletter for details on upcoming Lenten activities at First Presbyterian Church.



The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 7th at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom for the following purposes:

1. To hear a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee and to elect a Senior Pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Greer
2. To elect the Personnel Ministry Team to serve as a nominating committee to select nominees for an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

A Zoom link will be emailed to all members of the congregation prior to February 7th.

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Interim Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Pete Peery
Parish Associate: The Reverend Dr. Al Masters
Director of Youth Ministry: Victoria Robinson
Faith Formation Intern: Logan Britt
Director of Music: Lisa Dillard
Assistant Director of Music: Pam Turnage
Praise Team Leader: Wendi Arms
Director of Operations: Maggie Wentzky
Financial Administrator: Lynn Bennett
Administrative Assistant: Lisa Johnson