



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

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January 24, 2021—3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

*How Great Thou Art*  
Resounding Joy Handbell Choir

Hine/Helman

**Call to Worship**

For God alone, we are still;  
**we wait in silence assured of strength and healing.**

If we put our trust and hope in other than God,  
**we are setting our hearts on worthless distractions.**

Rejoice in the knowledge that we can safely reveal our innermost thoughts  
within the safety of God's heart.

**Hymn # 305**

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWELL'S 148TH

1 Come sing, O church, in joy!  
Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us  
through the ages long!

Refrain:  
In bold accord,  
come celebrate the journey now  
and praise the Lord!

2 Long years have come and gone,  
and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision,  
dream the dream! (Refrain)

3 Let courage be our friend;  
let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify  
the Crucified! (Refrain)

4 Come sing, O church, in joy!  
Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er  
the ages long! (Refrain)

**Call to Confession**

**Confession in Song # 426**

*Search Me, O God*

KAM-CHHAT

Search me, O God, and know my heart.  
Try me, O God, and know my thoughts,  
and see if there be any wicked way in me.  
And lead me in the everlasting way.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us when we listen to the voices who tell us to put our trust in our investments or our government or technology. Renew our trust in you and help us to use this time to deepen our relationship with you and re-align our priorities with yours. Renew our desire to seek the kingdom of God even if it means having the direction of our lives completely changed. Forgive us when we forget that the One who calls us empowers us with the Holy Spirit to take risks of faith.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response # 188**

*Jesus Loves Me!*  
Hadley Cash, solo

JESUS LOVES ME

**Moment with Children**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading**

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

**New Testament Reading**

Mark 1: 14-20

**Anthem**

*People Need the Lord*  
Wendi Arms, solo

McHugh/Nelson

**Sermon**

*"Gone Fishing"*

Dr. Masters

**Affirmation of Faith**

*from A Declaration of Faith*

**We believe in one true and living God.  
We acknowledge one God alone,  
whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient.  
That One is Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.**

**God is greater than our understanding.  
We do not fully comprehend who God is or how he works.  
God's reality far exceeds all our words can say.  
The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best.  
The Lord's care for us is not always what we want.  
God comes to us on his own terms and  
is able to do far more than we ask or think.**

**God makes himself known in Jesus Christ.  
Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement.  
His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion.  
His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand.  
His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness.  
Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering**

**Response # 709**

*God, We Honor You*  
God, we honor you.  
God, we trust in you.  
God, we worship and adore you.

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

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 # 721

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.

2 You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labor. (Refrain)

3 You need my hands, full of caring,  
through my labors to give others rest  
and constant love that keeps on loving. (Refrain)

4 You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me: (Refrain)

### Charge & Benediction

Postlude

*Fantasy on "Hyfrydol"*  
Resounding Joy Handbell Choir

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**Welcome to worship on this Third Sunday after Epiphany.** 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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