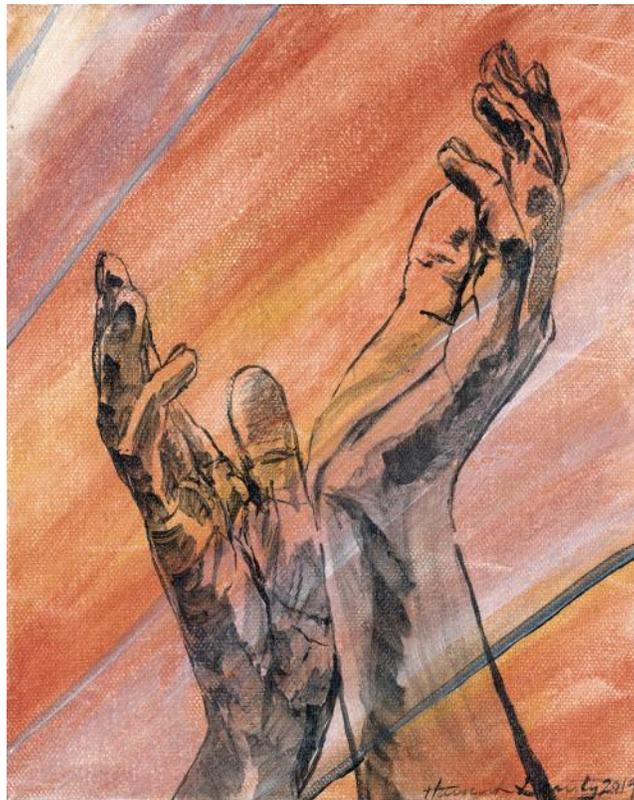


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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Scripture Reading Luke 1:39-55 Pew Bible, pg. 831

Sermon "A Mother's Song" Reverend Shelburne

***Affirmation of Faith** from A Declaration of Faith, 1977

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory *What Child Is This* arr. Olstad

***Carol of Commitment # 145** *What Child Is This* GREENSLEEVES

*What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!*

Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn # 113** *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Once in Royal David's City* IRBY
Marcy Roseveare, verse 1; All, verse 4

*And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.*

***Postlude** *Flourish on "Adeste Fideles"* Mitchell

*Those who are able may stand

Welcome to worship on this Fourth Sunday of Advent. Please record your presence in worship today by signing the fellowship pads located in each pew. If worshipping with us online, please share your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org.

Today's bulletin cover comes from the Sanctified Art, LLC website (sanctifiedart.org). This piece by artist Hannah Garrity is entitled, "A Dance", and is inspired by Luke 1:46-55 and depicts Mary's hands reaching up in prayer and praise.

Special thanks to those sharing their musical gifts in worship today: Amy Couch and Judy Pearson, 4-hand piano; MJ Pella, flute; Rebecca Aguirre, Caroline Dillard, Caroline Greene, violin; Hampton Cash, Harper Cash, Ginger Greer, viola; and Marcy Roseveare, cello and vocal solo.

It's not too late to contribute to the Joygift offering. You can make an online donation via the church website (www.fpcgreer.org) or mail your gift to the church office.

2022 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the hallway near Door A.

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee continues to meet weekly as we work to discern who God is calling to serve at FPC Greer. We are very excited to announce that we have a few initial interviews scheduled in January. Please continue to pray for our work and for our church. Gratefully, Graham Cobb, Amy Couch, Ameka Cruz, Caroline Greene, Fred Hyslop, David Orr, Mark Roseveare, and Patty White.

Copies of These Days and Our Daily Bread (January—March) are available for pickup at various locations throughout the church.

Café Justo makes a delicious and meaningful Christmas gift. We have 1 lb. bags for \$10 and 1/2 lb. bags for \$5 available for purchase. Look for the display table in the fellowship hall gathering area. Thank you for your support of our mission partners and coffee farmers in the Café Justo cooperative.

Look for the Christmas Card Box in the hallway near Door A. You may use this to distribute Christmas Cards to and pick up cards from members of the FPC family. Cards not picked up by January 2nd will be recycled.

Christmas Eve Worship—December 24th

4:00 p.m.—Live Nativity Service in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.—Candlelight Communion Service in the Sanctuary

December 26th

No 8:55 Worship
No Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Worship in the Fellowship Hall

January 2nd

No 8:55 Worship
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 a.m.—Worship with Communion in the Fellowship Hall