

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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Chiming of the Hour

Choral Call to Worship # 413 *Come into God's Presence* COME INTO HIS PRESENCE
verse 1, call and response

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Pinkston
FPC String Ensemble

***Call to Worship**

God, show your faithfulness to us, bless us, and make your face smile upon us! For then the whole earth will acknowledge your ways, and all the nations of earth will know of your power to save.

May all the nations praise you, O God; may all the nations praise you!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn # 240** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1

Confession of Sin

Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not within us. You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and lives within us, O God. Shattered by our sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep within our souls can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love.

Response *Kyrie from Mass in G* Schubert
Chancel Choir; Rebecca Aguirre, soprano
Translation: Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy. Christe eleison: Christ, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response # 447** *We Are Forgiven* WE ARE FORGIVEN
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)

Invitation to the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Psalm 67 Pew Bible, pg. 460

New Testament Reading John 5:1-9 Pew Bible, pg. 866

Sermon "Unstuck" Dr. Masters

***Affirmation of Faith**

Immigrant Apostles' Creed

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger. When he returned to his own country he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death. But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead, not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races. I believe that the Church is the secure home for foreigners and all believers. I believe that the communion of saints begins when we embrace all God's people in their diversity.

I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God, and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness. I believe that in the resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time. I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be a foreigner but all will be citizens of the kingdom where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory

Blessings
Ameka Cruz, solo

Story

***Response # 609**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn # 796**

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

LAND OF REST

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response # 589**

Alleluia
Please sing twice.

HONDURAS ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.

***Postlude**

Celebration

Mansfield

* Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Sixth Sunday of Easter. Please record your presence 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 or by completing the online attendance ritual of friendship form on our website, www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance.

Today's bulletin artwork, "The Healing at Bethesda", is by ceramic tile artist, Lynn Eastin.

Special thanks to Ameka Cruz, Rebecca Aguirre, and the FPC String Ensemble for sharing their musical gifts in worship.

Sunday Funday—all children K4-5th grade join us **TODAY at 4:00 p.m.** We'll play games and make appreciation gifts for our Sunday School teachers. Contact Maggie Wentzky with questions.

One Service on May 29th—we will have one service next week at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Join us on the front lawn after worship for lemonade and cookies.

Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed—we need volunteers to work at the Greer Soup Kitchen on June 13th, 20th, and 27th from 9 am to 1 pm. We are short staffed due to vacations. If you can help on any of these dates, please contact Sandy Thomason at 864-907-2031.

Café Justo Coffee—the cabinet in the Gathering Area has been restocked. Purchase your favorites for \$10 per bag and help support our ministry partners within the Café Justo co-operative of farmers who produce fair trade, organic, family grown coffee.

