FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Greer, South Carolina 11:00 a.m. Worship



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ebruary 25, 2024	Second Sunday in Lent	11:00 a.m.
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome and Annou	ncements	
Prelude	I Want Jesus to Walk with Me	arr. Hayes
*Call to Worship		Romans 4:25
Christ died for our tre Thanks be to God	espasses but was raised for our justification.	
*Prayer of Adoration		
*Hymn No. 396	Brethren, We Have Met to Worship	HOLY MANNA
Confession of Sin		
yet do not take his willing to bear the o our selfish desires	onfess we have not been sincere Christians. We clai path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, y cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-deni and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, O Lord. We ask Y ncere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. An	ret we are not al, yet we indulge ou to give us all
Response No. 223	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	HAMBURG
	survey the wonderous cross on which the Prince of glory died, hest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.	
Assurance of Pardon	1	
*Response No. 624	I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free; Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.	TOULON
*Words of Peace		
The peace of our Lot And also with yo	rd Jesus Christ be with you all. ou.	
Invitation to the Child	dren	
Anthem	Once and For All Ameka Cruz, solo	Daigle
Prayer for Illuminatio	n	
	ask you to open wide the ears of our hearts to hear y rit would burn your words deep in our hearts. Amen.	
Scripture Reading	Romans 4:13-25	
Sermon	Rever	end Dottie Metropol

*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayers of the People

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onening			
Offertory	My Jesus, I Love Thee	arr. Austin	
*Response No. 223	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	HAMBURG	
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.			
*Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer			
*Hymn No. 838	Standing on the Promises	PROMISES	
*Charge and Benediction			
*Response No. 215	What Wondrous Love Is This	WONDROUS LOVE	
	When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!		
*Postlude	O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing	arr. Hayes	

* Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Second Sunday of Lent. We invite you to record your presence by signing the fellowship pads located in each pew. If worshiping with us online, we ask that you share your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org or completing the online attendance form on our website, www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance.

Thank you to Stuart Mauney and Maggie Wentzky for assisting in worship and to Ameka Cruz for sharing her musical gifts.

Special thanks to Reverend Dottie Metropol for leading worship while Reverend Shelburne and Reverend Pexa are chaperoning the youth ski trip.

All children K4 - 5th grade are invited to Sunday Funday TODAY at 4:00 p.m. Contact Maggie Wentzky for more information.

Youth Group meets today at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and a final planning session for Youth Sunday.

Check out the Lenten resource table near the Door A entrance for items that are helpful in observing the season at home.

Spring Bible Study led by Reverend Dottie Metropol continues on February 28 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 104. The study of Ephesians focuses on Eugene Peterson's book, *Practicing Resurrection: A Conversation on Growing Up in Christ.* Register with Lisa Johnson in the church office to receive the weekly homework email.

FPC Greer and Foothills Presbytery are hosting a Mental Health First Aid Training Event at the church on Thursday, February 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch is provided. The event is held in partnership with MHFA and provides training for pastors, educators, youth leaders, elders, deacons, and volunteers. Contact Pastor Ally for more information.

Youth Sunday is March 3. Join us for one service of worship at 11:00 a.m. led by the incredible young people of FPC Greer. This year's theme is: "Lifting the Load - Bringing Your Burdens to God".

Young Ladies' Ensemble will sing for worship on Youth Sunday, March 3. Please meet Lisa Dillard in the choir room at 10:40 a.m. that morning to rehearse.

Grace Notes Elementary Ensemble will participate in worship on Palm Sunday, March 24. Rehearsals will be on March 3 and 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the children's choir room.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School! Join us June 3 - 7 for Camp Firelight: A Summer Adventure with God. More details coming soon!

Save the Date for the 2024 Border Mission Trip on September 30 - October 5 to Douglas, AZ and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. More details, including registration and costs, will be available by March 1.

Please note we have several methods available to receive your tithes and offerings. You may place your offering in the plate, mail a check to the church office, text GIVE to 18649993612, give on our website, or scan the QR code.

