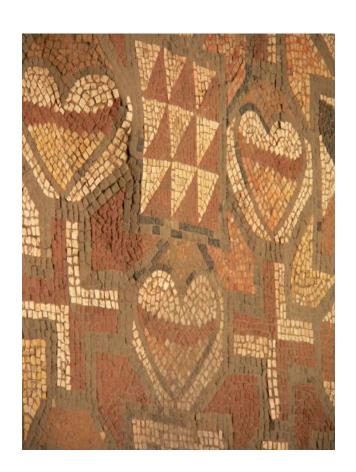
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina 11:00 a.m. Worship



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March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Beneath the Cross of Jesus arr. Sanborn

*Call to Worship

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Those who go out weeping, shall come home with shouts of joy.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn No. 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who is ever more ready to hear our confession than we are to confess, and assures us of your forgiveness before we begin: We admit before you the wrongs we know. There have been breaches in our vows of loyalty to you, for we have neither the courage nor the mind to keep them. We have been thoughtless of our neighbors, timid in speaking out for your truth, impatient in adversity, irreverent in our successes. Forgive us the wrongs we know, but forgive us also the wrongs of which we are unaware, the wrongs from which we hide, the wrongs we call right. Create within us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response No. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

When I survey the wonderous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response No. 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

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.

*Words of Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Invitation to the Children

Anthem Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Thiman

Bob Harrison, bass

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, who spared not your own Son but delivered him up for us all and who with him has freely given us all things; help us by your Spirit and by your Word to yield ourselves to you, that with body, soul, and spirit we may truly serve you, and in your service find our deepest joy. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 Pew Bible, pg. 642

New Testament Reading John 12:20-33 Pew Bible, pg. 875

Sermon "Faithful Hearts" Reverend Shelburne

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, Lord arr. Burkhardt

*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. 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised ANGELS' STORY

*Charge and Benediction

*Response No. 215 What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

*Postlude Love Divine, All Loves Excelling arr. Velde

^{*} Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Fifth 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.

The flowers today are given by Kendrick and Paul Govan to the glory of God and in honor of their twin daughters, Grace and Charlotte, as they celebrate their third birthday.

Thank you to Amy Couch for assisting in worship and to Bob Harrison for sharing his musical gifts.

Today's bulletin artwork is a mosaic from Lullingstone Villa and is sourced from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Copies of These Days and Our Daily Bread Devotionals for April, May, and June are available at various locations throughout the church.

No Youth Group this evening due to spring break. The gathering with the Fort Hill youth will be rescheduled for the summer. Next Sunday, March 24, all youth are invited to remain after worship. After having lunch together, we will help get the church ready for Holy Week.

Spring Bible Study meets this Wednesday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 104.

Please note we have one service next Sunday, March 24. Join us in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. for Palm Sunday worship.

Our Organ Fundraising Campaign is officially underway. The installation of the new Cornel Zimmer organ will enrich our worship experience and greatly enhance our music programs. We invite you to join in this opportunity to advance the ministry and mission of our congregation. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Organ Fund, either as a pledge or as a one-time gift. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. Every contribution will make a lasting impact on this congregation's legacy of inspiring people to faith and service. Thank you for your generous support!

Each week we help feed 33 students at Dunbar CDC and 30 students at Greer Middle School through your donations to the Dunbar Pantry. The pantry shelves need to be restocked with breakfast items, canned vegetables, fruit and pudding cups, juice boxes, snack items, and canned entrees. Donations can be dropped off at the church or you can visit the Amazon wish list on the FPCG website and have your order shipped directly to the church.

The 2024 Border Mission Trip to Douglas, Arizona and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico is September 30th-October 5th. Pre-trip meetings will be held in May and September with dates to be determined. The trip is open to 15 participants, ages 16 and older and the cost is \$400.00 which includes airfare, housing, and meals. A \$100.00 deposit is due at registration. Contact Reverend Pexa for registration forms. **The registration deadline is May 1st.**

Please note that 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.