

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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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.

