FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



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March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Fanfare Prelude: All Glory, Laud, and Honor Southbridge

*Call to Worship

Look! Your king is coming - humble and riding on a donkey.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Raise your voices! Lift your hearts! Rejoice - our Savior comes! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*Hymn No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! *Refrain*

Confession of Sin

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess we have not hailed you as king, or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power that, in every city, we may live for justice and tell your loving kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Response No. 223 When I Su.

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 Sing Hosanna! Turnage

Grace Notes Elementary Ensemble

*Words of Peace

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

Moment for Music Ministry

Judy Pearson

Invitation to the Children

Anthem Blessed Are They

Raney

Chancel Choir; Rebecca Aguirre, violin; Courtney Proffit, flute

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, our strength in suffering and our hope for salvation, lift up your Word of life and pour out your Spirit of grace so that we may follow faithfully on the way to the cross; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Pew Bible, pg. 492

New Testament Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Pew Bible, pg. 823

"Hosanna"

Reverend Shelburne

*Affirmation of Faith

Sermon

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 Jesus Walked the Weary Road

Koury

*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. 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

*Charge and Benediction

*Response No. 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

*Postlude Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. Burkhardt

^{*}Those who are able may stand.

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

Thank you to Jeff White for assisting in worship and to Rebecca Aguirre, Courtney Proffit, and the Grace Notes Elementary Ensemble for sharing their musical gifts.

Today's bulletin artwork, "Hosanna", is used with permission of the artist, Rebekah Krevens.

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

Spring Bible Study meets this Wednesday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 104.

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge or contribution to the Organ Fund! If you have not already done so, we invite you to prayerfully consider a donation 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 support!

Who wants to try handbells? Joyful Noise Handbell Choir will rehearse April 14, 21, and 28 and play for worship on May 5. This is a great place to learn the basics of ringing and share your gifts in worship. If interested, please let Lisa Dillard know by April 7. All ages are welcome!

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 the church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1.

Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday - March 27

Spring Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in Room 104

Thursday - March 28

Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday - March 30

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Anne Marie & Jed Wall

Easter Sunday - March 31

Worship with Communion at 8:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary Potluck Breakfast at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a Breakfast Item to Share and Flowers for the Flowering Cross

Worship with Communion at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary