# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina 8:55 a.m. Worship



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April 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter 8:55 a.m.

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Prelude Jesus Shall Reign arr. Hayes

# \*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise God in his mighty firmament!

Praise God for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise God with tambourine and dance;

praise God with strings and pipe!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

#### \*Prayer of Adoration

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

## **Confession of Sin**

Mighty God: by your power Christ was raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

Response No. 441 Hear the Good News of Salvation NETTLETON

All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring. I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing: Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

# **Assurance of Pardon**

Response No. 245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia! Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

#### \*Words of Peace

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

## Invitation to the Children

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Almighty God, whose Son broke the bonds of death and scattered the powers of darkness: arm us with such faith in him that, facing evil and death, we may overcome as he overcame; Jesus Christ, our hope and redeemer. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

Sermon

"Faith and Doubt"

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

Crown Him With Many Crowns

arr. Hayes

\*Response No. 716

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

**BEACH SPRING** 

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

\*Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn No. 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

\*Charge and Benediction

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Second Sunday of Easter. 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 filling out the online attendance form on our website, www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance.

**Thank you to** Harriett Williams and Ginger Mauney for assisting in worship.

**Today's bulletin art** is entitled, "Christ Shows His Wounds to Thomas". This mosaic work by Rowan and Irene LeCompte is displayed in the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

The Cardmaking Ministry meets TODAY at 2:00 p.m. in the Agape Room. All creative abilities and skill levels are welcome.

**Youth Group meets TODAY at 5:30 p.m.** We'll have dinner together and then work on a special project for our college students.

The Men's Monthly Breakfast is this Wednesday, April 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**Please keep our Senior High youth in your prayers** as they travel April 12 -14 to Asheville Youth Mission in North Carolina where they will work with a variety of agencies serving those who are homeless or food insecure.

**F3 and GROW for elementary age children** meets April 14 at 12:00 p.m. Come join us for a time of fellowship and fun!

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 today. All ages are welcome!

Our next congregational potluck lunch is April 21 following 11:00 a.m. worship. Fried chicken will be provided and we ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. All are welcome!

Join us September 30 - October 5 for the 2024 US/Mexico Border Mission Delegation! Participating in this short term immersion trip will help participants gain a deeper understanding of the economic, political, and spiritual connection that we have across the border. During our time, we will have the opportunity to foster new relationships with our siblings in Christ across the border, to gain insight into the work of our partner PCUSA mission co-worker, Mark Adams, and to strengthen our relationship with Frontera de Cristo. Participants should come prepared to learn and to participate in a variety of activities, ranging from learning experiences that will help delegations understand life in the borderlands, to service opportunities, all the way to devotions and biblical reflections. Mark Adams will be working with our group to customize and finalize our itinerary as we get closer to our trip. Registration is due by May 1. You can get a registration form either by visiting the church office or emailing Ally.

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge or contribution to the Organ Fund! To date, we have received \$236,370.00 in pledges and gifts towards our goal of \$400,000.00. If you have not already done so, we invite you to prayerfully consider a donation either as a pledge or a one-time gift. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks and at various locations around the church. If you would like a pledge card mailed to you, please contact Lisa Johnson in the church office. Every contribution will make a lasting impact on this congregation's legacy of inspiring people to faith and service. We expect the new Cornel Zimmer organ installation to begin on April 22 and we will say "farewell" to our Etsy organ during worship on April 21.