

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

8:55 a.m. Worship



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March 31, 2024

Easter Day

8:55 a.m.

Choral Call *Sing for Joy* Hopson

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* arr. Wallace-Head

***Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 248** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* HYMN TO JOY

Confession of Sin

O Risen Lord, who has conquered death for our sakes and saved us from our sins, we confess we are yet bound by the grave. Free us from our fear of death and cast out our doubts. Teach our hearts to trust you, our feet to follow you, our minds to know you and our mouths to proclaim your grace to all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response No. 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Assurance of Pardon

Response No. 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

***Words of Peace**

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

Invitation to the Children

Anthem *Christians, Celebrate and Sing!* Larson

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1-12 Pew Bible, pg. 860

Sermon "An Idle Tale?" 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.

Offering

Offertory

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Handel/arr. Johnson

***Response No. 232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Institution

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Communion of the People

Music

This Is Amazing Grace

Wickham/Riddle/Farro

Prayer

***Hymn No. 826**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Toccata from Symphony V

Widor

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Easter Sunday! We invite you to record your presence by signing the fellowship pads located in each pew. If worshipping 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 June Schafer for assisting in worship and to those sharing their musical gifts: John McClimon, trombone; Judy Mirick, trumpet; Deb Kladvko and Amy Smith, handbells; and Ameka Cruz, vocalist.

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

Spring Bible Study concludes this Wednesday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 104.

Soulos, a fellowship group for single women of all ages, meets Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30 pm. in downstairs Kirk Hall. Drinks are provided and feel free to bring a snack to share.

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!

The Cardmaking Ministry meets April 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Agape Room. All creative abilities and skill levels are welcome. Contact Maggie Wentzky with questions.

Youth Group meets next Sunday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. We'll have dinner together and then work on a special project for our college students.

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!

April Worship Schedule

April 7

8:55 Service in the Fellowship Hall
11:00 Service in the Sanctuary

April 14

8:55 Service in the Fellowship Hall
11:00 Service in the Sanctuary

April 21

8:55 & 11:00 Services in the Sanctuary
Congregational Potluck Lunch Following 11:00 Worship

April 28

8:55 Service in the Fellowship Hall
11:00 Service in the Sanctuary