

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Trumpet Tune
Joyful Noise Ringers

Clarke/Mitchell

***Call to Worship**

Come, give thanks to our God.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
God is our strength and might and salvation.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
This is the day that Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 248**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

Confession of Sin

Risen Lord, you stood among your disciples and offered peace, but we have closed our hearts in fear. You showed us your wounds so that we might believe, but we have turned away from the suffering of others. You sent your Spirit to make us bold, but we are slow to speak of your mercy and hesitant to trust your promises. Forgive us, O God. Meet us in our fear and breathe your peace upon us. Open our eyes to your presence in our midst. Strengthen our faith, renew our spirits, and lead us to live as people of the resurrection—bearing your love and hope in the world.

Response No. 470

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts
Congregation is invited to sing on the refrains.

LONGING

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response No. 245**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

EASTER HYMN

***Words of Peace**

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

Invitation to the Children

Anthem

God So Loved the World

Stainer

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 5:27-32

Pew Bible, pg. 889

Sermon

"We Must Obey God"

Reverend Pexa

***Affirmation of Faith**

from *A Declaration of Faith*

We declare that Jesus Christ is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Joyful Noise Ringers

arr. Ingram

***Response No. 240**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

ALLELUIA NO. 1

***Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn No. 826**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response No. 238**

Thine Is the Glory
Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

JUDAS MACCABEUS

***Postlude**

Carillon on "*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*"

Callahan

*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 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 the members of the Joyful Noise Ringers for sharing their musical gifts.

Youth Group meets this evening at 5:30 p.m.

The Mom's Group will gather at Wild Ace Pizza and Pub tomorrow, April 28, at 7:00 p.m.

A drop-in bridal shower celebrating Timbre Cruz and Matthew Mason will be held on May 4 in downstairs Kirk Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. All are invited to stop by and offer congratulations and well-wishes. Visit zola.com/wedding/timbreadmatthew/registry to view Timbre's registry.

We need your help stocking the Dunbar Pantry for the final weeks of the school year. Donations can be dropped off in the church office or you can visit the Amazon wish list on the home page of the FPCG website to have your order shipped directly to the church. We need breakfast items, small canned vegetables, fruit and pudding cups, juice boxes, individual-sized snack items, and small canned entrees. Thank you for your support!

The Soulos Group will meet for lunch at Southern Growl on Wednesday, May 7, at 1:00 p.m.

The Dunbar CDC Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is May 7. Please contact Marguerite De Maria if you can help provide sandwiches, salads, or desserts.

Graduate Sunday is May 11 during 11:00 a.m. worship. Whether you are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, we want to recognize and celebrate your accomplishments. If you or someone in your immediate family graduates in May/June or graduated in December 2024, please contact Lisa Johnson in the church office by Monday, May 5.

VBS Registration is Now Open. Join us for *Road Trip: On the Go with God!* Our journey takes place June 2-6 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for children ages K3-5th Grade. For additional details or to register, visit www.fpcgreer.org/vbs-information.

Don't forget to sign up for Camp Fellowship. Camp is open to K5-12th graders and a \$350.00 scholarship is available to each child or youth from our congregation who attends camp. Our church's week is scheduled for June 22-27, but you can sign up for any week that suits your calendar. Register at campfellowship.org/summer2025 and use the code **Greer2025** to receive the scholarship. Contact Pastor Ally for more information.

You can make a difference in children's lives! Join our team of nursery volunteers and be a part of the joy of caring for our youngest members during Sunday worship services. Contact Becci Stedry or Maggie Wentzky and they will gladly add you to our volunteer rotation.

Save the Date! All are invited to a community meal on May 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the back parking lot. More details coming soon.