

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *You Servants of God* arr. Childs

***Call to Worship**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 236** *The Strife Is O'er* VICTORY

Confession of Sin

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Response No. 470 *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts* LONGING
Congregation is invited to sing on the refrains.
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!* EASTER HYMN
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!

***Words of Peace**

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

Recognition of Graduates

Presentation of Graduates

Presentation of Gifts

Congregational Blessing (Unison)

We bless you to grow in body, mind, and spirit. We bless you to make mistakes and to learn from them, even if the consequences are difficult and painful. We bless you to explore life and to be adventurous in discovering who God has created you to be. We encourage you to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and not to rely on your own understanding. Seek God's will in all you do, and God will direct your paths." We promise to support you with our love, counsel, and prayers, and to continue to walk with you on your journey. May God's blessings be with you. Amen.

Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

Shepherd of Souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen.

Old Testament Reading	Psalm 23	King James Version
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New Testament Reading John 10:22-30 Pew Bible, pg. 873

Sermon	“Tell Us Plainly”	Reverend Shelburne
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*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 *This Is My Father's World* arr. Sheppard

*Response No. 240	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks</i>	ALLELUIA NO. 1
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Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

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

***Hymn No. 803** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

*Charge and Benediction

*Response	<i>Gaelic Blessing</i> Chancel Choir	Rutter
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***Postlude** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. DeRouse

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Fourth 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.

Today we honor and celebrate our graduates. Those graduating from high school are Jeremiah Cruz, Jackson Harvey, Eliza Jones, Julia Hoskins, Zachary Kehn, Samantha McPhail, Colin Smith, Lucy Smith, and Preston Taylor. Our college graduates are Andrew Buczkowski, Holan Cartee, Ella Casto-Waters, Grace Guerrero, Rory Holmes, Fionna Hook, Ivey May, Lily Smith, and Sophie Wall.

The Out to Dinner Group will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, at Monterrey Mexican Restaurant in Greer. Contact Lorelea Wright or the church office for more information.

All are invited to a free community meal on Sunday, May 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the back parking lot. Hosted by the Evangelism Committee, this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our neighbors. There will be fun activities for the kids and we will enjoy hot dogs, chips, cookies, and beverages as we share a meal with folks from the community. Come and bring a friend!

As the school year winds down, please note that we do not need Dunbar Pantry donations during the summer months. We will begin restocking in mid-August for the 2025-26 school year. Thank you to everyone who has supported the effort to help feed students at Dunbar CDC and Greer Middle School. With our love - Marguerite, Ansley, and Amy.

VBS Registration is 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.

Save the Date! The congregational VBS cookout is Wednesday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m.

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.

June 8 is Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday. We will have one service in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. Following worship, we will enjoy lemonade and cookies in the columbarium courtyard as we celebrate our confirmands.

We will be hosting basketball training camps in our gym the week of June 9-13. The camps are designed for young athletes of all skill levels who want to learn the game of basketball by building strong fundamentals in a fun, positive, and energetic environment. There will be sessions for rising 1st - 3rd graders from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and for rising 4th - 6th graders from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. An all-day option is offered for 4th - 6th graders where they can assist with the younger age group in the morning, enjoy lunch with friends, and then jump into their own afternoon session. Please visit our church website for more information or to register your child.