

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

8:55 a.m. Worship



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

From the Rising of the Sun

RISING SUN

***Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars!

Praise the Lord, you highest heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 693**

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

Confession of Sin

Holy God, your love knows no bounds. Forgive us when we try to confine it. Your grace is for all people. Forgive us when we try to restrain it. Your Spirit beckons us to follow.

Forgive us when we choose not to listen. Forgive us, God, of the ways we fall short. Set us free from our bondage, that we may love and serve you. 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.

Invitation to the Children

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow the path you set before us.

In Christ Jesus we pray, Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

New Testament Reading

John 13:31-35

Sermon

“By This”

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

Give Thanks

Smith

***Response No. 240**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

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. 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

***Charge and Benediction**

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Fifth 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 Gayle Johnson for assisting in worship.

All are invited to a free community meal on TODAY 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.

Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

Mark your calendars for the congregational VBS cookout on Wednesday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$7.00 per person or \$25.00 max per family. Please RSVP in Realm or call the church office.

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.