

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**                      The Rejoicing (*from Fireworks Music*)                      Handel/Wolff

**\*Call to Worship**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
**and give thanks to his holy name.**  
Weeping may linger for the night,  
**but joy comes with the morning.**  
You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
**you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn No. 250**                      *Hymn of Promise*                      PROMISE

**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. 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**

**Almighty God, whose Son Jesus 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, through Jesus Christ, our hope and redeemer. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**                      John 21:1-19                      Pew Bible, pg. 883

**Sermon**

"Do You Love Me?"

Reverend Shelburne

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

from *The Confession of 1967*

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. His complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. Amen.

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*  
Chancel Choir

Hearn/Wilson

**\*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**

**\*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

*Eat the bread individually, symbol of our personal communion with the Lord;  
drink the cup together, symbol of our shared communion with the Lord.*

**The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not the sharing in the blood of Christ?**

**The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Prayer

**\*Hymn No. 498**

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

BEACH SPRING

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Easter Fanfare and Chorale*

Chesterton

\*Those who are able may stand.

**Welcome to worship on this Third 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](mailto:lisaj@fpcgreer.org) or filling out the online attendance form on our website, [www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance](http://www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance).

**Thank you to** Christy and Ed Driggers for assisting in worship.

**A drop-in bridal shower celebrating Timbre Cruz and Matthew Mason will be held TODAY** 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.

**Join us for cardmaking today at 1:00 p.m.** in the Agape Room. All artistic abilities and skill levels are welcomed! The cards made are available for anyone to use and can be found in a basket near the Door A entrance.

**Did you know that Maggie Wentzky, our Director of Operations, is a notary public?** She is happy to assist with any of your notary needs and this is a free service to the congregation.

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

**All handbell ringers are invited to a end-of year dinner** this Wednesday, May 7. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for a time of food and fellowship at Cartwright Food Hall.

**The Men's Monthly Breakfast** is this Thursday, May 8, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**We will recognize our graduates next Sunday, May 11, during 11:00 a.m. worship.** Whether you are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, we want to acknowledge 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 TOMORROW.

**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](http://www.fpcgreer.org/vbs-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.

**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 for more information.

**Save the Date! All are invited to a free community meal on 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!