

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



100 School Street Greer, SC 29651 ~ (864) 877-3612 ~ www.fpcgreer.org

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, open the eyes of our hearts, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your presence discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 11
selected verses

Pew Bible, pg. 873

Sermon

“Lord, If You Had Been Here. . .”

Reverend Proctor

***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

The Lord Is My Light
The congregation is invited to sing the refrain upon cue.
The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation:
in God I trust; in God I trust.

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

Offering

Offertory

Quietude
Joyful Noise Ringers

Eithun

***Response No. 654**

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
Sing Three Times

IN THE LORD

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

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

***Hymn No. 796**

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

LAND OF REST

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response No. 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

***Departure**

Tolling of the Bell

* Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Fifth Sunday in Lent. Please record your presence by signing the fellowship pads located in each pew. If you are worshipping with us online, we invite you to email Lisa Johnson in the church office at lisaj@fpcgreer.org or fill out the online attendance form on our website, www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance.

Thank you to June Schafer for assisting in worship and to Karen Greene, Arnette Johnson, Ken Schafer, Bob Harrison, and the Joyful Noise Ringers for sharing their musical gifts.

Today's bulletin art is by Sarah Lea West, an Anglican priest who lives in New Zealand. Sarah works mostly in printmaking, carving each image by hand. sarahleawest.art - used with permission.

Please note that, in lieu of a postlude, we will toll a bell signifying the number of days remaining in Lent and marking Christ's journey toward the cross.

Taizé is a genre of meditative, repetitive song for congregational prayer and contemplation, originating from the Taizé Community in France. The music is characterized by simple phrases from scripture or liturgy and is sung in ostinato (repeated) or canon form. There are over twenty Taizé songs in our Glory to God hymnal and today's worship service highlights several of these.

Come welcome our new Stated Supply Associate Pastor, Reverend Emily Proctor! We will enjoy Lemonade on the Lawn following 11:00 a.m. worship so you will have an opportunity to greet Emily and share the warmth and love of this congregation.

Youth Group meets today at 5:30 p.m. We will spend some time with Pastor Emily and pack eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4.

The Lent Study Group continues this Wednesday, March 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mt. Tabor Room.

Kids Connection meets this Wednesday, March 25, at 5:30 p.m. K5 through 5th graders are invited to join us for games, stories, music, and fun! Contact the church office for more information.

The FPCG Church Workday is Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All ages and abilities are invited to come help with general clean up and grounds maintenance that will freshen up our campus for Holy Week. If cleaning and yardwork are not your thing, we will also be packing bagged lunches that morning in the church kitchen for the Triune Mercy Center.

Cherub Choir (K4-1st) and Grace Notes (2nd-5th) are singing in worship next Sunday. Please meet in the children's choir room at 10:45 a.m.

Please note that we have one service next Sunday, March 29. Join us in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. for Palm Sunday worship.

Join us for the FPCG annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, at the home of Jed and Anne Marie Wall. Contact the church office for more information or to volunteer.

All are invited to the FPCG Book Club meeting on April 7 at 3:00 p.m. in the Agape Room. Deb Richardson-Moore will discuss her latest book, *The Last Beach Town*. Deb is the author of six mystery/suspense titles and a memoir, "The Weight of Mercy," about her early years as a pastor at the Triune Mercy Center in Greenville, S.C. A national award-winning former reporter for The Greenville News, Deb has also won numerous awards for her work in homeless services and community involvement.

Vacation Bible School is coming June 1-5! We need volunteers in a variety of roles to help from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. as we find our strength in God on the Snow Mountain Challenge. Sign up to volunteer at www.fpcgreer.org/vbs-information or fill out the bulletin insert and drop it in the offering plate. Please contact Pastor Emily or the church office with questions.