

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Burkhardt

***Call to Worship**

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs! Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

***Hymn No. 196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! *Refrain*

Confession of Sin

Eternal God: in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess we have not hailed you as king, or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power that, in every city, we may live for justice and tell your loving kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Response No. 209

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to our King.

Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response**

Blessed Is He

Allen

Cherub Choir and Grace Notes; Caroline Buff, soloist

***Words of Peace**

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

And also with you.

Invitation to the Children

Anthem *Hosanna to the King* Courtney
Chancel Choir; Karen Greene and Becci Stedry, soloists

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord Jesus Christ, who on this day entered the rebellious city where you were to die; enter into our hearts and subdue them wholly to yourself; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Zechariah 9: 9-12 Pew Bible, pg. 773

New Testament Reading Matthew 21:1-11 Pew Bible, pg. 802

Sermon "Ride On In Majesty" Reverend Shelburne

***Affirmation of Faith** from Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory *Via Dolorosa* Sprague/Borop
Maria Kithcart, solo

***Response No. 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

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

***Hymn No. 197** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE
Congregation - verses 1 and 3; Choir - verse 2

***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 Palm Sunday. 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 Jeff White for assisting in worship and to the Cherub and Grace Notes Children's choirs for sharing their musical gifts.

Today's bulletin art is by John Stushie and is 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.

The rosebud in the sanctuary today celebrates the birth of Emersyn Marie Proffit on March 25. Congratulations to Anna-Paige and the entire Proffit family.

Youth Group meets today at 5:30 p.m. to begin planning for our Youth Sunday service on April 19.

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

Soulos, a fellowship group for single women of all ages, will meet at Della Ventura's Italian Restaurant on Wednesday, April 1 at 4:00 p.m. Contact the church office for details.

Kids Connection meets this Wednesday, April 1 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.

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. An award-winning former reporter for The Greenville News, Deb has won several 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.

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday - April 2

Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday - April 4

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Anne Marie & Jed Wall

Easter Sunday - April 5

8:55 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary

Potluck Breakfast at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

****Bring a Breakfast Item to Share and Flowers for the Flowering Cross****

11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary