

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

8:55 a.m. Worship



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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Triumphal March* Handel/Wolff
Judy Mirick, trumpet; Adam Alvarado, trombone

Choral Call to Worship *Easter Call to Worship* Dillard

***Call to Worship**

Jesus Christ is risen today!
He is risen indeed!
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Hymn No. 232** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN
Congregation - verses 1,2, and 4; Choir only - verse 3

Confession of Sin

Risen Lord, we have such good news to tell. For you have cast off your grave clothes and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we have heard this news before. How often have we let our "alleluias" fall silent as we passed through the church doors? How often have we returned to daily routines as if Easter changes nothing? How often have our actions belied the power of the resurrection to transform our world? Risen Lord, forgive our half-hearted witness. Free us from the bindings of fear or indifference, disappointment or disenchantment. Fill us with the light of resurrection and send us into the world to proclaim in word and deed that we have seen the Lord! Alleluia and amen!

Response No. 238 *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response No. 240** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1

***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, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6-9 Pew Bible, pg. 568

New Testament Reading

Mark 16:1-8

Pew Bible, pg. 829

Sermon

“Who Will Roll Away the Stone?”

Reverend Shelburne

***Affirmation of Faith**

from *A Declaration of Faith*, 1977

We declare that Jesus Christ is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Believe For It
Ameka Cruz, solo

Winans/Lee/Wong/Hill

***Response No. 238**

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

***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

Prayer

***Hymn No. 233**

The Day of Resurrection
Congregation - verses 1 and 3; Choir only - verse 2

LANCASHIRE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Toccata from Symphony V

Widor

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Easter Sunday! 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 Cal Cannon and Jenny Munro for assisting in worship. Special thanks to Ameka Cruz, soloist, Judy Mirick, trumpet, and Adam Alvarado, trombone, for sharing their musical gifts.

Today's musical offerings during communion are *Come, Ye Faithful* and *Crown Him with Many Crowns*, arranged by Stephen Bulla.

Following this service of worship, all are invited to the potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

Please note the church office is closed on Easter Monday, April 6.

Reverend Shelburne and Reverend Proctor are out of the office April 6-11. Please contact the church office with any pastoral care needs.

Lenten Bible Study meets this Wednesday, April 8, at 1:00 p.m. in the Mt. Tabor Room.

Kids Connection meets this Wednesday, April 8, at 5:30 p.m. K5-5th graders are invited to join us for games, stories, music, and fun! Contact the church office for more information.

The Dunbar Backpack Buddies Pantry needs applesauce and pudding cups, juice boxes, soups, small cans of vegetables, pasta entrees, breakfast items, and individual snacks. Visit our Amazon shopping list on the church website or drop off items during office hours. Thank you for your support!

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.

The Merle State 5K Run/Walk is April 11. This annual event supports our mission partners at Daily Bread Ministries and their various programs that provide assistance with meals and shelter to the Greer community. The run begins at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot of Memorial United Methodist Church in Greer. Contact Suellen McConnell or the church office for more information.

The Out to Dinner Group will gather at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 at the A & P Restaurant located at 1526 Hwy. 14 in Greer. Contact Lorelea Wright or the church office for more information.

Join us next Sunday, April 12, as we welcome the Reverend Dr. Buz Wilcoxon to the pulpit at both worship services. Buz serves as the Lassiter Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Life at Presbyterian College. During 11:00 a.m. worship, Dr. Anita Gustafson, president of Presbyterian College, will offer a moment for mission.

The Young Ladies' Ensemble will meet in the choir room on April 12 at 9:50 a.m. to rehearse for Youth Sunday.