

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

8:55 a.m. Worship



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *O How He Loves You and Me* Kaiser

***Call to Worship**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

***Hymn No. 800** *Sometimes a Light Surprises* SALLEY GARDENS

Confession of Sin

We have gone astray, O Shepherd. You call us to follow, yet we choose to heed other voices. We find ourselves drawn to strength more than humility, to excellence more than compassion. We are tempted by empty promises of status, comfort, and a carefree life made by hired hands who care more for profit or glory than for people. Bring us back through the gate of Christ's love and justice that we might know abundant life once again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Response No. 555 *O Lamb of God* LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response No. 232** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. 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 God, by your Word and Spirit guide us down right paths that we might follow you through every valley. Surprise us once again with your abundance and your grace. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:7-16

New Testament Reading John 10:1-10

Sermon "The Good Shepherd" Reverend Emily Proctor

***Affirmation of Faith** from *The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory *There Is a Redeemer* Green

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Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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

***Hymn No. 187** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

***Charge and Benediction**

* Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Fourth 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 by completing the online attendance ritual of friendship form on our website, www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance.

Thank you to Ginger Mauney for assisting in worship today.

Today's bulletin artwork is by Martin Erspamer, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana. He is a well-known liturgical artist and liturgical consultant. Erspamer works in a wide range of media and is nationally known for his illustration of sacred themes.

Youth Group meets this evening at 5:30 p.m. All Mid and Senior Highs are invited to join us for dinner, a conversation with the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, and some fun games.

Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 3. Whether you are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, we want to recognize and celebrate your accomplishments. If you or someone in your immediate family graduates in May/June or graduated in December 2025, **please contact Lisa Johnson in the church office by TOMORROW.**

VBS Registration Is Now Open! All children, K3-5th grade, are invited to join us June 1-5 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God. For additional details or to register, visit www.fpcgreer.org/vbs-information.

Kids Connection meets this Wednesday, April 30, at 5:30 p.m. We will sing some of the music we are learning on Wednesday nights in 11:00 a.m. worship on May 3. Come join us!

A solo handbell ringing workshop will be held this Wednesday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the bell room. Basic music reading skills are needed. Please see Lisa Dillard for more information.

Children who have participated in Kids Connection are singing in 11:00 a.m. worship next Sunday. Please meet Ms. Lisa at 10:45 a.m. in the children's choir room.

Sign up for Camp Fellowship! Camp is open to K5-12th graders and discounts are available. Six day camp is June 21-26 and a \$300.00 discount is offered. The four day camp is July 19-22 with a \$200.00 discount. Register at www.campfellowship.org/summer2026 and use the code **20FPCG26** to receive the discounts. Contact the church office for more information.

Inquirer and New Member Classes begin May 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mt. Tabor Room and continue on May 10 and May 17. These classes are for visitors, those interested in joining the church, or those who just want to find out more about First Greer. Please contact Fred Hyslop or the church office for more information.

FROM THE CHURCH MILITANT TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

DEBBIE DOBSON MOORE

APRIL 21, 2026

“BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD.”