

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *God the Sculptor of the Mountains* arr. Nelson

***Call to Worship**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 267** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, who is always ready to hear our confession and by such mercies as we cannot give one another, save us from our sin: where age has hardened our hearts, surprise us by your tenderness; where youth has kept us from trust, capture us by your truth; where fear has divided us from one another, overwhelm us with your grace; where anxiety has muted our praise, fill us with gratitude. From views too earthbound, futures now foreclosed, conclusions already drawn, commitments never dared, save us most Sovereign Lord, and in your great compassion lift our hearts and spirits heavenward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 68:4-10, 32-35 Pew Bible, pg. 460

New Testament Reading Acts 1:6-14 Pew Bible, pg. 884

Sermon	“He Was Lifted Up”	Reverend Shelburne
Affirmation of Faith	<i>I Believe in God the Father</i> Chancel Choir	arr. Moody
Prayers of the People		
Christ has gone up, taking our prayers into God’s heart.		
Offering		
Offertory	<i>This Is My Father’s World</i>	arr. Raney
*Response No. 232	<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today</i>	EASTER HYMN
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. 268	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	DIADEMATA
*Charge and Benediction		
*Response No. 236	<i>The Strife Is O’er</i>	VICTORY
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o’er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!		
Postlude	<i>Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen</i>	arr. Nelson

* Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Seventh 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.

Today's bulletin artwork is entitled "The Ascension" and is sourced from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Used with permission.

The Prayers of the People refrain is taken from the sermon "Christ Has Come Up" by the Very Reverend Dr. Samuel T. Lloyd III. A priest of the Episcopal Church in the United States, Lloyd served as the ninth Dean of the Washington National Cathedral from April 2005 to September 2011.

Our offertory anthem, *I Believe in God the Father*, was commissioned by Foothills Presbytery for the second annual HymnFest. All are invited to attend this free event at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Greenville.

The Cardmaking Ministry meets today at 1:00 p.m. in the Agape Room. All are welcome!

The coffee cabinet in the Gathering Area has been restocked! Stop by and pick up your favorites for \$13.00 per bag and help support our mission partners at Café Justo.

Join us on May 24 for Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday. We will have one service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Following worship, come celebrate our confirmands with lemonade on the lawn.

Have you registered for VBS?? 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.

Save the date for the congregational VBS cookout on Wednesday, June 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$7.00 per person or \$25.00 max per family. Please RSVP in Realm or call the church office.

All are invited to help with decorating for VBS on May 24 and May 31 immediately following 11:00 a.m. worship. Come help prepare our facility for Snowball Mountain Challenge! Contact Annette Hull or the church office for more information.

Please note our June and July Worship Schedule is Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship at 10:00 a.m.

FROM THE CHURCH MILITANT TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

KATHRYN "KATIE" HEILE

MAY 10, 2026

"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD."