



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

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Sunday School ~10:00 a.m.  
Worship ~ 8:55 & 11:00 a.m.

**Welcome and Announcements****Prelude***He Leadeth Me*

arr. IJames

**Call to Worship**

God is in the water that restores our soul.

**And God is in the night when we lose our way.**

God is in today and tomorrow, raising up leaders, prophets and dreamers.

**And God is in the wilderness with us—every step of the way.**

So with confidence we declare—

**If God is in those spaces, then God is surely here.**

Let us worship the God of creation.

**Let us worship the God of wilderness spaces.****Hymn # 314***Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.****Longing for truth, we turn to you.****Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.****Christ, be our light!****Shine in our hearts.****Shine through the darkness.****Christ, be our light!****Shine in your church gathered today.****Call to Confession****Prayer of Confession****Jesus of Nazareth,****There are stories of you healing the blind all over scripture.****You were constantly opening people's eyes.****So today we confess that we often choose to keep our eyes closed.****We turn away from injustice in our world,****worried you might ask us to work for change.****We close our eyes to our privilege, because the truth is uncomfortable.****We avoid eye contact with those who are suffering****to avoid identifying with their pain.****Forgive us for failing to be your Church in the world.****Guide us from the depths of our wilderness into your light.****Assurance of Pardon****Moment with the Children****Prayer for Illumination****Old Testament In Song***Psalm 23*  
Wendi Arms, soprano

Mawby/Wilson-Dickson

**New Testament Reading**

Romans 8: 28-39

**Sermon**

"Chased"

Dr. Peery

**Affirmation of Faith**

From A Brief Statement of Faith—Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves  
and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering**

**Congregational Response # 698**

*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn # 803**

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
Stanza 3

RESIGNATION

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

Finale on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Bender

**The Session has called a Congregational Meeting** for April 5 at the beginning of the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of electing the Officer Nominating Committee. The nominees are: Andrew Buczkowski, Jim Caldwell, Christy Driggers, Carlton Greene, Nancy Jones, and Ann Drayton Lister.

**Don't forget to check your email tomorrow** for the next FPCG newsletter.

**The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession** are by Sarah Are, A Sanctified Art LLC, [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

**Today's bulletin cover** comes from the Sanctified Art, LLC website ([sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)). This piece by artist Sarah Are is entitled "Through The Valley" and is inspired by Psalm 23.

**Ministers:** All Members of the Congregation

**Interim Pastor:** Dr. Pete Peery

**Interim Associate Pastor:** The Reverend Berry French

**Associate for Pastoral Care, Adult Education and Mission:**

Whitney Moss

**Parish Associate:** The Reverend Al Masters

**Director of Music:** Lisa Dillard

**Assistant Director of Music:** Pam Turnage