



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Amazing Grace Newton/Walker
Travis Olmert, dobro/vocals; Mike Branham, guitar; Lee Loftis, percussion; and Wendi Arms, keyboards/vocals

Call to Worship

Our Lord Jesus did not leave us without God's guidance when he ascended into heaven.

The Spirit of Truth is with us to lead us in the way Christ would have us go.

We feel our Lord leading us, because his Spirit is present even as he promised.

We are disciples of Christ, willing to follow our Lord's bidding and assured the Spirit of Truth will lead us.

Hymn # 625

O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)

HOW GREAT THOU ART

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great Thou art!
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess in these days and months that your grace doesn't seem so amazing.
We admit our impatience and fear of the unknown future.

We long for past normality yet we understand you are doing a new thing through us and in us.
Like the Apostle Paul's list of negative human tendencies,
we admit our hearts and minds and motives are mixed.

Help us Lord to remember the power of the gospel even when we fall short of the glory of God
and that at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Assurance of Pardon

FORGIVENESS

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We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 G Am7 Dsus D G Am
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995
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WE ARE FORGIVEN
 10.8.10.8

Moment with the Children

Anthem

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen
 Wendi Arms, solo

arr. Burleigh

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Romans 5: 1-11; 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Sermon

"Faith, Hope, Love"

Dr. Al Masters

Affirmation of Faith

from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

**To the world in its rebellion and alienation God promised blessing and restoration.
 The Lord chose Abraham and his descendants as bearers of that promise for all peoples.
 They had done nothing more than others to deserve the Lord's favor,
 but God loved them and made them his own.
 We acknowledge God's freedom and grace.**

**Though we are unworthy, the Lord has made us his own in Christ.
 God has chosen us as his servants for the sake of the world and destined us
 to be his daughters and sons, giving us love and life, calling us to worship and honor him.**

Prayers of the People

SERVICE MUSIC

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
 here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
 Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn # 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
FPC Praise Team

SOLID ROCK

**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name. (Refrain)**

**When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)**

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
Meryl Grace Fallat, solo

GREEN TYLER

Postlude

Love Divine Slide Show
Courtesy of University Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill, NC

Welcome to worship on this Second Sunday of Pentecost. We invite you to indicate your presence by emailing Maggie Wentzky at maggiew@fpcgreer.org.

Summer Bible Study Series Wednesdays 10:30-11:30am via Zoom—Looking for a creative way to connect with scripture and one another? We invite you to join us on Wednesday mornings as we gather via Zoom to read scripture, reflect, share stories, and pray together. If you would like to participate in this study, please email Whitney (whitneym@fpcgreer.org) to receive the Zoom link. Study books/journals to accompany this study are available for pick up from the church at Door B. If you are not able to join us via Zoom, we invite you to pick up a book and read the biblical texts along with us.

Book Study—we invite everyone (particularly parents and grandparents) to read together a book by the American Baptist pastor and professor, Dr. Jennifer Harvey, *Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America*. Led by Dr. Peery, we will read the book over an eight-week period and gather weekly via Zoom for reflection and discussion. Participants are responsible for obtaining their own copy of the book. The first Zoom study session is scheduled for June 21st at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining this book reading, please contact Lisa Johnson in the church office (lisaj@fpcgreer.org) to receive more information.

Devotional Booklets from Our Daily Bread Ministries (June-August) are available for pickup at the church. Please help yourself to a copy from the mailbox at Door B. If you need a copy mailed to you, please contact Lisa Johnson in the church office.

Thank you to Wendi Arms, Pam Turnage, Mike Branham, Lee Loftis, Travis Olmert, and Meryl Grace Fallat for sharing their musical gifts in worship.

We offer sincere appreciation to Maggie Wentzky, Mike Senn and Mark Pella for their faithful work in producing our online worship services.

Please note that we now have the capability to accept your offering via text message. Please text GIVE to 18649993612. You may also give on our website or by mailing a check to the church office.

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