

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



Parable of the Mustard Seed

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3rd Sunday After Pentecost

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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Judy Pearson and Lisa Dillard, duet

arr. Burkhardt

***Call to Worship**

adapted from Wild Goose Worship

Lord Jesus Christ, you called your disciples to go forward with you on the way to the cross.

Since you first walked that road, countless millions have followed you.

In all that we do as your disciples, save us from false familiarity with your journey.

May we never presume to step into your shoes, but make us small enough to fit our own, and to walk in love and wonder behind you.

We gather to worship you: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

Gather our praise and our prayers.

***Hymn # 839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, we admit that we often confuse the way of your Kingdom and reign with our ordinary way of doing things. God, we like to do things our way, be in control, we are productive overachievers; we are impatient and fail to recognize that spiritual growth and intimacy with you grows naturally just like a seed in the ground. We like to see results and so often miss the mystery and surprise of your power at work in us and in the world. Forgive us when we close our imaginations to the wonder of growth. Amen.

Kyrie # 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Assurance of Pardon

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

Thanks be to God!

***Response # 447**

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

Invitation to the Children

Anthem

Let All the People Praise Thee
The congregation is invited to sing on cue

Sleeth

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:26-41

Sermon

"The Mystery of Sowing and Growing"

Dr. Al Masters

***Affirmation of Faith**

from the Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind...the new life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear. We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of humankind in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But we have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Our strength is in our confidence that God's purpose rather than humankind's schemes will finally prevail.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. Mier

***Response # 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

***Hymn # 171**

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

ELLACOMBE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response # 543**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
verse 1

GREEN TYLER

Postlude

Carillon Toccata

Wagner

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Third Sunday After Pentecost. Please record your presence in worship today 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.

Please note that we 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.

Sunday Funday at 4:00 p.m. TODAY! All Kindergarteners—5th Graders are invited to join us for a mission project, crafts, and music. See Logan Britt for more information.

Intergenerational Choir for 11:00 Worship will continue next week, June 20th. All are welcome! Please meet in the choir room at 10:30 for rehearsal. No commitment necessary - just one Sunday at a time.

Summer Bible Study continues this Wednesday, June 16th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please email Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org for more information.

The Faith Formation Ministry Team is sponsoring an “all church book read” this summer to continue our conversations about racial justice. We have selected “Blood Done Sign My Name,” by NC native Tim Tyson. It is the true story of Henry Marrow, a young black veteran. In the summer of 1970, Marrow walked into a crossroads store and the white owner and his two sons chased him, beat him, and then killed him in public, while Marrow pleaded for his life. The three men were charged with murder and then acquitted by an all-white jury. The book has won a number of awards, and one review said ‘If you want to read only one book to understand the uniquely American struggle for racial equality...this is it.’

Join your church family in reading this powerful story. We will gather for discussion on August 11th. Copies are available for purchase on Amazon or a limited number of copies are available from the church office for \$10.00 on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org if you’d like a copy reserved for you.

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