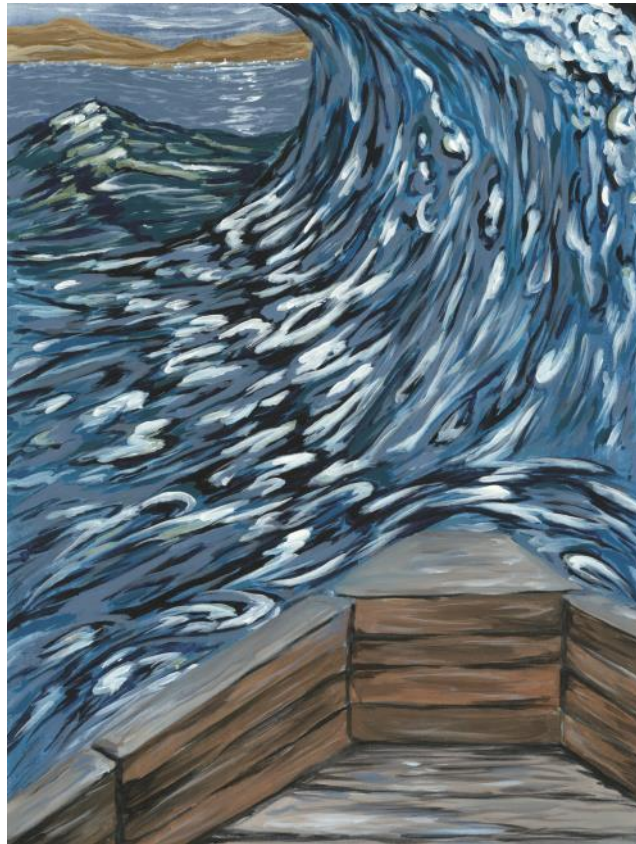


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8:55 a.m. Worship



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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Rebecca Aguirre & Ginger Greer, violin duet

arr. McMichael

***Call to Worship**

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,**

to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

***Hymn # 159**

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie # 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Assurance of Pardon

***Response # 447**

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

Prayer for Illumination—Unison

O God, who has prepared for those who love you such good things as pass all understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, hearing your word, may trust in your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading	Psalm 46	Pew Bible, p. 450
New Testament Reading	Matthew 14:22-33	Pew Bible, p. 796
Sermon	"In the Same Boat"	Reverend Shelburne
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	<i>Glory to God</i> , p. 35
Prayers of the People		
Offering		
Offertory	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i> Rebecca Aguirre & Ginger Greer, violin duet	arr. McMichael
*Response # 606	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD HUNDREDTH
*Prayer of Dedication & the Lord's Prayer		
<p>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</p>		
*Hymn # 353	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>	SOLID ROCK
*Charge and Benediction		
*Response # 543	<i>God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me</i> verse 1	GREEN TYLER

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Ninth 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.

Special thanks to Rebecca Aguirre and Ginger Greer for sharing their musical gifts in worship.

Today's bulletin artwork is entitled "Step Into the Swell" by Lisle Gwynn Garrity and is used with the permission of A Sanctified Art.

The Nursery is Open! We are excited to announce that the nursery is open with adjusted hours for the summer. The children's nursery is open from 10-12 pm for Sunday School and Late Service. Volunteers and Staff will be masked and we ask that all children who are able to also wear a mask.

VBS School Supply Drive—join our Vacation Bible School participants as they support Greer Community Ministries by collecting school supplies. Bring your items to the church August 1st—5th and leave them in the conference room across from the church office. Items needed include:

New Backpacks
Composition Notebooks
Crayola Classic Markers
Highlighter Markers
Red, Black & Blue Ball Point Pens
Colored Pencils
#2 Pencils
Erasers (both chunk & cap)
Pencil Pouches
Small Pencil Sharpeners
1-inch, 2-inch, and 3-inch Three-Ring Binders
3-Ring Binder Subject Dividers
3-Prong Folders with Pockets
3x5 and 4x6 Index Cards
Calculators
Protractors
Rulers with both Centimeters & Inches
Fiskar Brand Scissors (both blunt & sharp-tipped)

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Will Shelburne
Parish Associate: The Reverend Dr. Al Masters
Director of Youth Ministry: Victoria Robinson
Faith Formation Intern: Logan Britt
Director of Music: Lisa Dillard
Assistant Director of Music: Pam Turnage
Praise Team Leader: Wendi Arms
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