

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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6th Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Patriotic Medley

arr. Olstad

***Call to Worship**

You came to us, Word made flesh,
to show us what it means to love.
You came to us, Word made flesh,
to teach us how to serve.
You came to us, Word made flesh,
to clothe the naked and feed the hungry.
Come to us now, Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Show us. Teach us. Clothe us. Feed us.

***Hymn # 340**

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

God, you have called us to be a people, to be the church.
But we confess that we can be a people, a church, with problems.
We can seem to be too strong for the weak,
too unadventurous for the young,
too respectable for the poor,
too divided for mission,
too obsessed with our own lives to think of the lives of others,
too proud of our power,
too unsure of our message to speak to the world.
So God, we pray you might move us.
Move us on our journey from where we are to where you want us to go,
and give us courage to practice what we preach. Amen.

Kyrie # 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Assurance of Pardon

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!
Not because of anything we have done, but in spite of what we have done.
By grace, we are redeemed: in spite of our selfishness,
in spite of scores we have to settle,
in spite of our stubbornness and arrogance, in spite of ourselves!
All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! Amen.

***Response # 447**

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

Invitation to the Children

***Hymn # 462**

I Love to Tell the Story
verse 1

HANKEY

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

O God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength,
now and always for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:1-13

Sermon

"Homeboy and Disciple Rejection"

Dr. Masters

***Affirmation of Faith**

from A Declaration of Faith, 1977

In forming his people and sending them into the world
Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.
We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.
Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God's undeserved gift to each of us.
It is also God's demand upon every one of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.
Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
we strive to become more faithful and effective in our
daily practice of the Christian life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory

Here I Am, Lord

arr. David

***Response # 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

***Hymn # 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response # 543**

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

GREEN TYLER

Postlude

God of Our Fathers

arr. Mansfield

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Sixth 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 Judy Pearson for serving as the liturgist in worship today.

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day. The staff of FPC Greer wishes you a safe and happy holiday!

Summer Bible Study continues this Wednesday, July 7th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please email Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org for more information.

Pool Party—Calling all Children who just completed Kindergarten through 2nd Grade! You are invited to gather at the Wright family's home on Wednesday, July 7th, from 4 to 6 pm. Parents will receive an email with details. We welcome visitors or friends who may want to join us. Reach out to Logan Britt (loganb@fpcgreer.org) with questions.

Sunday Funday for Elementary Children—next Sunday, July 11th, at 4:00 p.m. Parents check your email for registration information or reach out to Logan Britt (loganb@fpcgreer.org) for details.

Vacation Bible School Registration—Sunday, July 11th, stop by the VBS registration table and see Logan and Maggie. Sign up to join the fun as we get ready for Discovery on Adventure Island!!

Camp Fellowship—on July 18th, close to 20 of our elementary children and youth head to Camp Fellowship for the week! If you'd like to send mail to them, please contact Maggie Wentzky (maggiew@fpcgreer.org) for details.

July—September copies of *These Days* and *Our Daily Bread* are now available at several locations around the church. Pick up your copy today!

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. 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.

*May the blessing of God, who plays alongside you in creation, walks with you on your journey,
and inspires you with dreams for the future, accompany you in love and friendship,
and welcome you home in joy. Amen.*