

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude** *What Wondrous Love is This* arr. Krapf

**\*Call to Worship**

O Majesty, O Magnificence, O Mystery, come!  
Be hammer, and break our indifference.  
Be sun, and splinter our shadows.  
Be wind, and scatter our despair.  
In the dry country of our souls, let your grace rain.

**So that we take root in you and grow.**

**Make us trees strong in all seasons, bearing good fruit,  
giving shade to all who are weary and shelter to those that are lost.**

Pieces of wood, broken and burnt,

**Let us gather around the cross.**

Pieces of wood, cut and stained,

**Let us gather around the table.**

Pieces of wood, our hope for the world.

**Let us gather around our call.**

Come, let us carry these pieces of wood,

**Let us bind piece with piece to build one cross to the glory of Jesus Christ  
who made the crosstree green and flourishing forever. Amen.**

**Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn # 826** *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

**Call to Confession**

**Confession of Sin**

**O Lord Jesus, forgive us for the times we have racked you on the cross of God's  
purpose and our rebellion. Let us gaze at that cross and recognize what our  
willfulness has done. So join our grief with your passion, Lord: that with your whole  
creation we may be redeemed. Amen.**

**Response # 422** *Create in Me a Clean Heart* CREATE IN ME

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response # 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD

**Invitation to the Children**

**Anthem** *On Eagle's Wings* Joncas

Chancel Choir; Jennifer Keller, soprano; MJ Pella, flute  
Congregation is invited to sing on the refrains:

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn;  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

## Prayer for Illumination

Unless you speak, O God, there is nothing to hear. Unless you speak, O God, there is no way to live. Unless you speak, O God, there is nothing to say. Because you are more faithful than the rising of the sun, more gracious than the whispered affections of a mother, more hopeful even than the young, we trust you will choose to speak. Then be in our ears that we may hear. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** Job 38:1-7 Pew Bible, pg. 420

**New Testament Reading** Mark 10:35-45 Pew Bible, pg. 823

**Sermon** "The Son's Cocky Confidence" Dr. Masters

**\*Affirmation of Faith** from The Theological Expressions of Art Ministry

In the beginning, the earth was formless and void. Darkness covered the earth. Only the Spirit of God moved like the wind over the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light!" and there was! Then God created plants and fish and fruits and finally, humans. So, we walk the earth with God. And God shines light before us to hold us up, to guide us forward, to give us truth. In God's awesome truth, we are confronted by the light. Amazed by God's glory and majesty, we see our own smallness, our own weakness. We turn away and are drawn to the shadows where our sin overtakes us and overtakes our world. However, we cannot keep God away. Even there in our dark, formless world God comes to us and shines brighter than before. We are blinded by the light - converted, renewed, reborn. Then God says to us: Go live in the light! You are my child, my beloved, you are a new person in my love. Your identity is changed. God says: Go do good things. Feed the poor. Cure the sick. Stand with the oppressed. Love your neighbor. Speak to the world about who I am. Arise, shine, for your Light has come!

## Prayers of the People

### Offering

**Offertory** *Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless* arr. Cherwin

**\*Response # 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

### \*Prayer of Dedication & the Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn # 216** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

### \*Charge and Benediction

**\*Response # 697** *Take My Life - verse 6* HENDON

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.*

**Postlude** *Cornet Voluntary* Berg

\*Those who are able may stand.

**Welcome to worship on this Twenty-first 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](mailto:lisaj@fpcgreer.org).

**Special thanks to** Jennifer Keller and MJ Pella for sharing their musical gifts in worship today.

**Thank you to** Heather Gordon and Marley Mangum for serving as our liturgists today.

**Reverend Shelburne is on continuing education study leave through October 19th.** In the event of a pastoral care emergency, please contact the church office.

**The third session of Faithful Conversations: Racial Justice and Equity is TODAY at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Reach out to Stuart Mauney with questions.

**The second session of our Fall Bible Study**, “Lessons from The Master: A Study of Matthew’s Gospel” is this Wednesday, October 20th at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. To sign up, please contact Lisa Johnson in the church office.

**Join us for Joygift**—choir rehearsals for Christmas music begin October 20th at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Lisa Dillard if you are interested.

**F3 (Faith, Fellowship, & Fun) for our 3rd—5th graders** is next Sunday, October 24th following 11:00 worship. To sign up, please contact Maggie Wentzky.

**Calling all Mid High and Senior High Youth!** Join us on October 24th at 5:00 pm for dinner and a program. Reach out to Logan Britt for details.

**Flu shots will be available at our drive-thru clinic on Sunday, October 24th, from 3-5 p.m.** Vaccines will be administered in the back parking lot at the corner of School and Randall Streets. Sign ups are NOT required and there is no cost. The vaccine available is approved for ages 6 months and up. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer the higher strength dose recommended for those 65 and older.

**In recognition of Veterans Day on November 11th**, Bill Koehler is collecting the names of men and women in our congregation who have served in the military. The focus is on our deceased and current church members. These names will be placed as an insert in the bulletin honoring our veterans on Sunday, November 14th. Military service includes active duty, National Guard, or Reserve duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard. Please send the names to Bill at [koehlerrn@aol.com](mailto:koehlerrn@aol.com) or call him at 864-968-9238.



Join us Wednesday, October 20th from 5:30—7:00 pm for an outdoor BBQ dinner, games, crafts, and FUN! To make a reservation for dinner, please email Lisa Johnson in the church office ([lisaj@fpcgreer.org](mailto:lisaj@fpcgreer.org)) or indicate your reservation on the ritual of friendship pad.