

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

8:55 a.m. Worship



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Old Testament Reading

Job 38:1-7

New Testament Reading

Mark 10:35-45

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

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*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.*

*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.

Special thanks to Ameka Cruz and the Resounding Joy Bell Choir for sharing their musical gifts in worship today.

Thank you to Heather Gordon for serving as our liturgist 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 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) or indicate your reservation on the ritual of friendship pad.