

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

8:55 a.m. Worship



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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Daniel 12:1-3

**New Testament Reading** Mark 13:1-8

**Sermon** "Cosmic Hot Mess" Dr. Al Masters

**\*Affirmation of Faith** from the Confession of 1967, adapted

**The new life does not release us from the 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.**

**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. Life in Christ is eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Even so, we pray Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering**

**Offertory** *Soon and Very Soon* Crouch

**\*Hymn of Dedication # 708** *We Give Thee But Thine Own* SCHUMANN

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.*

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

**\*Hymn # 357** *The Days are Surely Coming* LLANGLOFFAN  
Wendi Arms, verse 1; All, verses 2 & 3

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response # 375** *Shall We Gather at the River* HANSON PLACE

*Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

\*Those who are able may stand.

**Welcome to worship on this Twenty-fifth 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).

**The final session of our Fall Bible Study**, “Lessons with the Master: A Study of Matthew’s Gospel” is this Wednesday, November 17th at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

**F3 (Faith, Fellowship, & Fun) for our 3rd-5th graders is TODAY immediately following 11 am worship.** Reach out to Maggie Wentzky with questions.

**Calling all Mid High and Senior High Youth!** Join us on November 21st at 6 pm as we celebrate “Friendsgiving”. Contact Logan Britt for details.

**Stewardship T-Shirts are here!** Long sleeve T-shirts with our stewardship logo are available for purchase. We have sizes from youth small to adult 3X. Children’s sizes are \$10 and adult sizes are \$15. Pick yours up at the table in the gathering area after 8:55 worship and outside the church office after 11 worship.

**Be a Souper-Hero!** Support the Greer Soup Kitchen by participating in the Merle State Hunger Walk on Saturday, November 20th from 4-7 pm. The Walk begins at Memorial United Methodist Church and ends at the Greer Soup Kitchen. Walk, Donate, Take a Tour of the Step Building and Soup Kitchen, or check out the Tiny Homes Open House. Enjoy the local food trucks, live music, and Anne Helton’s apple pies for sale. Go to [greersoupkitchen.com](http://greersoupkitchen.com) for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE**—Advent Wreath & Ornament Making from 3-5 pm on November 28th. More details coming soon!

**Senior Pastor:** The Reverend Will Shelburne  
**Parish Associate:** The Reverend Dr. Al Masters  
**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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