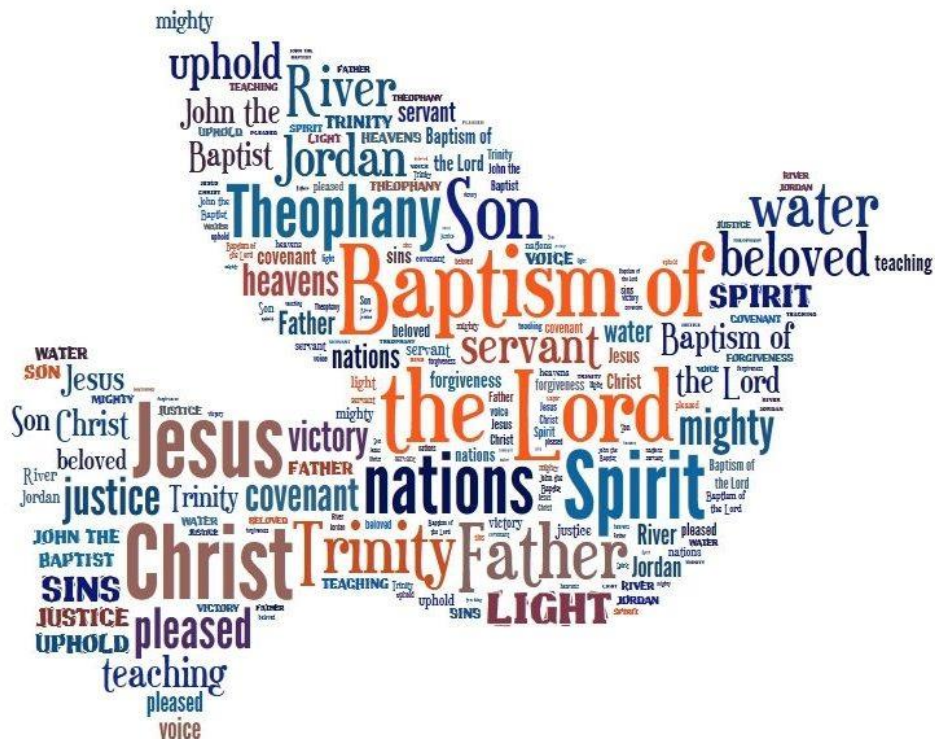


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

8:55 a.m. Worship



100 School Street Greer, SC 29651 ~ (864) 877-3612 ~ www.fpcgreer.org

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Today Is the Day* Brewster/Baloche

***Call to Worship**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn # 291** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* SPIRIT

Confession of Sin

Almighty and everlasting God, on whom we rely for life and its meaning: we confess that we have sinned against you by failing to hear and accept your promises, by taking for granted your blessings, by relying on ourselves to be both the source and object of our own faith. Forgive us, we pray, and once more open our hearts to your mercy, our minds to your promises, and our hands to our neighbors in need. Restore us to faith in your never-ending care and your abundant grace and your everlasting love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response # 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

Assurance of Pardon

***Response # 435** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

*For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.*

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, come to us, each one, with the particular and personal word that each needs to hear; that we may experience your grace and serve you with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7, 18-19

New Testament Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon "With You I Am Well Pleased" Reverend Shelburne

***Affirmation of Faith** from a Brief Statement of Faith

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory *Who But Jesus* Story

***Response # 609** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

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.

***Hymn # 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

***Charge and Benediction**

*Those who are able may stand

Welcome to worship on this Baptism of the Lord Sunday. 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.

2022 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup at the table by Door A.

We welcome and give thanks for those who are being ordained and/or installed at the 11:00 a.m. service today to the office of Elder or Deacon: Elders (Class of 2024) - Amy Couch, Carlton Greene, Nick Nicholson, Alex Olmert, Stacey Shamis, Rick Turner, and Patty White; Deacons (Class of 2022) - Charlotte Koehler and Linda Nicholson; (Class of 2024) - Rebecca Aguirre, Jennifer Keller, Jenny Munro, Margaret Nesbitt, Marsha Painter, Amy Smith, and Anne Marie Wall.

We give thanks for the faithful service of those who are completing their terms on the Session and Diaconate: Elders - Bob Greene, Nancy Jones, Bob Kelly, Ken Schafer, Mike Senn, and Jeff Smith; Deacons - Wendi Arms, Jessica Bruce, Sarah Cannon, Jamie Garrett, Doreen Magaha, Bob Schmidt, and David Taylor.

Joyful Noise Ringers—a beginning handbell choir open to all ages, no musical experience needed and a one-month-at-a-time commitment. We will rehearse January 23rd, 30th, February 6th, 13th, and play for worship on February 20th. If interested, please let Lisa Dillard know by January 16th.

Reverend Will Shelburne will be installed as our senior pastor on Sunday, January 23rd at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Watch your email and the January newsletter for more information.

Church Office Closed—please note the church office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

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
Director of Operations: Maggie Wentzky
Financial Administrator: Lynn Bennett
Administrative Assistant: Lisa Johnson