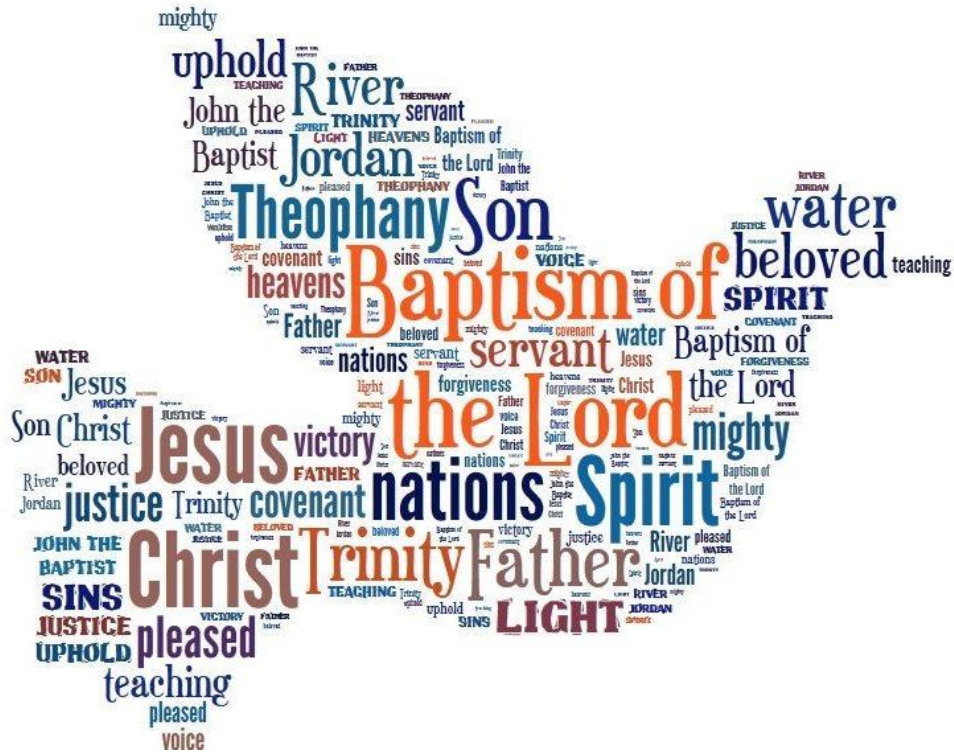


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

8:55 a.m. Worship



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *This is the Day* Wickham/Wickham

***Call to Worship**

Arise, shine; for your light has come!
Behold the glory of the Lord. Alleluia!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

Call to Confession

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 No. 422 *Create in Me a Clean Heart* CREATE IN ME

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response No. 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Invitation to the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Send down your Holy Spirit, O God—tear open the veil of heaven and speak to us as beloved children so that we may hear and believe the good news of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

New Testament Reading Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

"Given As a Covenant"

Reverend Will Shelburne

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Institution

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Communion of the People

Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Called Me Higher

Jordan

***Response No. 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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn No. 700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

***Charge and Benediction**

*Those who are able, please stand.

Welcome to Worship on this Baptism of the Lord Sunday. Please record your presence by signing the fellowship pads located in each pew. If you are worshipping with us online, please share your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org or by completing the online attendance ritual of friendship form on our website, www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance.

Thank you to Patty White for assisting in worship today.

We welcome and give thanks for those who are being ordained and installed today during 11:00 worship to the offices of Elder and Deacon (Class of 2025): Elders—Ed Driggers, Tricia Greene, Ann Lelo, Travis Olmert, Rudy Painter, and Betsy Porter. Deacons—Beth DelSavio, Marian Hyslop, Kamin Lambertson, Susan Lynn, Becci Stedry, Chad Wentzky, and Lorelea Wright.

We give thanks for the faithful service of those who are completing their terms on the Session and Diaconate: Elders—Elizabeth Clayton, Rick Danner, Becky DelSavio, Heather Gordon, Fred Hyslop, Alex Olmert, and Judy Pearson. Deacons—Buddy Carter, Charlotte Koehler, Becky McKay, Linda Nicholson, Jennifer Olmert, and Ron Vanderhoff.

Please pray for safe travel as our Senior High Youth return today from the PYC Conference in Montreat.

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Last reminder to pick up your Christmas Cards from the box near the Door A entrance.

The Dunbar Pantry is nearly empty. School starts again on January 4th and we need to restock the shelves to feed the 50 children we serve. Our immediate needs are: **juice boxes, individual cans of vegetables, snacks (crackers, cookies, goldfish), individual packs of pudding, fruit, or Jello, and breakfast items such as cereal cups, pop tarts, grits, and oatmeal.**

Want to learn handbells? Join us for Joyful Noise Ringers starting on January 22nd at 1:00 p.m. This group is for beginner to early intermediate levels, requires a one month commitment, and is great for both youth and adults. If interested, please contact Lisa Dillard by January 15th.

The Mid and Senior High Youth are traveling to Banner Elk, NC for a ski trip on February 24-26. The total cost is \$275 and scholarships are available. **A \$100 deposit is due now.**

Attention Mid High Youth and Parents! We are registered to participate in CROSS Missions at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte the week of July 23-28. CROSS is a unique urban outreach ministry that combines worship, reflection, and service. The total cost of the trip is \$250.00 and scholarships are available. **A \$50 deposit is due by January 15th.** Contact Maggie Wentzky for more information.

Attention Senior High Youth and Parents! We are registered to attend the Montreat Youth Conference the week of July 9-15. The theme this year is "In Joy". The total cost is \$350 and scholarships are available. **A \$50 deposit is due by January 15th.** Contact Maggie Wentzky for more information.

Our Daily Bread and These Days Devotional Booklets (January—March) are available for pickup at various locations around the church.