FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina 11:00 a.m. Worship



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October 29, 2023 Reformation Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Highland Cathedral
Andrew Greer, bagpipes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

'Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn No. 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Confession of Sin

Martin Luther (1438-1546)

O God, who does not let those who fail perish if they desire to be converted and live: suspend the judgement of our sins and be present to us. And let not our hypocrisy heap up for us punishment, but let your compassion evermore abound for our sins; through the Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Response No. 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart, who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; no harshness hast thou and no bitterness. O grant to us the grace we find in thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response No. 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

Andrew Greer, bagpipes

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

*Words of Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please greet your neighbors with words of God's peace.)

Invitation to the Children

Prayer for Illumination

John Calvin (1509-1564)

O Lord, heavenly Father, in whom is the fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 124 Pew Bible, pg. 498

New Testament Reading Romans 3:19-28 Pew Bible, pg. 915

Sermon "Reformed by the Grace of God" Reverend Shelburne

*Affirmation of Faith Reformation Sunday Litany See Insert

All Saints Remembrance

June Johns John McWilliams
Delores Whittington Ed Williams

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory For All the Saints arr. Krapf

Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive; sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.

*Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 326 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

*Charge and Benediction

*Response No. 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

*Postlude Scotland the Brave

^{*} Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Reformation Sunday. Please record your presence today by signing the fellowship pads located in each pew. If worshiping online, please share your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org or by completing the online attendance form on our website, www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance.

The Flowers in the sanctuary today are given by First Presbyterian Church in gratitude for our pastors Rev. Will Shelburne and Rev. Ally Pexa, as well as the retired clergy in our congregation who help support the life and ministry of this church.

Thank you to Andrew Greer, bagpipes; Amy Couch, piano, for sharing their musical gifts in worship today.

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Last call for Basketball Registration. To register, visit www.fpcgreer.org/basketball or click the basketball graphic on our website.

Veterans Day is November 11. During worship on November 12, we will acknowledge and recognize with great appreciation the service and sacrifice of our veterans and their families. If you have not previously provided us your name, please contact Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org to be added to the list of those who have served our country.

Our annual Fall Festival is today Sunday, October 29 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for dinner, bounce house, games, pumpkin decorating, and a cakewalk. All ages are invited to join in the fun and costumes are encouraged! Cost is \$7.00 per person or \$25.00 max per family.

Young Ladies' Ensemble All girls third grade to twelfth grade are invited to sing with this group for Christmas. Rehearsals are November 5 and 19 as well as December 3 from 9:45-10 a.m. in the choir room. We will sing for Joygift on December 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Joyful Noise Ringers will rehearse November 5, 12, and 19 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and will play for worship on December 3. This beginner to intermediate handbell choir will play Christmas music this session. Please contact Lisa Dillard by today if you are interested.

Helpers needed after worship today to move bell equipment to the fellowship hall. Please meet in room 204 in the youth wing.

The Monthly Men's Breakfast will move to the 2nd Wednesday of each month in November. The next breakfast will be on November 8 at 8:00 a.m. Reach out to Cal Cannon with questions.

A friendly reminder! Infants and children up to age 6 are welcome in the nursery or in worship at any time. Children up to 1st grade who attend worship are welcome to go to the nursery following the invitation to children. We ask that older children remain in worship.

Please note we have several methods available to receive your tithes and offerings. You may place your offering in the plate, mail a check to the church office, text give to 18649993612, give on our website, or scan the QR code.

