

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**                      *Festive Trumpet Tune*                      German  
Judy Mirick, trumpet

**Choral Call to Worship**                      *Come into God's Presence*                      COME INTO HIS PRESENCE  
Grace Notes Elementary Ensemble, orff  
Congregation is invited to sing on repeat:  
Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn No. 611**                      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*                      HYMN TO JOY

**Confession of Sin**

Gracious God, in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve.  
You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more; that we never  
share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack and are jealous of neighbors. We  
misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed and our fears about  
material security. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will  
always be thanking you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Response No. 415**                      *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*                      RESTORATION  
Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.  
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response No. 831**                      *I Depend upon Your Faithfulness*                      TU FIDELIDAD  
Grace Notes Elementary Ensemble, Handbells  
Congregation is invited to sing upon cue  
I depend upon your faithfulness. I can journey on, for you are always there.  
None compares with you, O blessed one; O how great is your faithfulness.

**\*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**

**Recognition of Veterans**                      Bill Koehler, Colonel U.S. Army, Retired

**Anthem**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. Forrest

Congregation is invited to sing the refrain upon cue:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies, I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Almighty God, whom no one by searching can find out, seek us and find us out, we pray.  
Come to us in stimulating thoughts, clear insights, and illumined faith, in moving  
gratitude that makes us humble and in a sense of vocation that challenges us; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Lamentations 3:21-23

Pew Bible, pg. 669

**New Testament Reading**

Luke 21:1-4

Pew Bible, pg. 856

**Sermon**

"Faithful Giving"

Reverend Shelburne

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1991

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that  
nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

arr. Hayes

**Response No. 711**

*Lord of All Good*

TOULON

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your holy purpose to fulfill,  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.

**\*Dedication of Pledges**

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

**\*Hymn No. 697**

*Take My Life*  
verses 1, 2, 4, and 6

HENDON

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response No. 39**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

**\*Postlude**

*Toccata on "Hymn to Joy"*

arr. Wagner

**Welcome to worship on this Stewardship Dedication Sunday.** Please record your presence by signing the fellowship pads located in each pew. If worshipping online, please share your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at [lisaj@fpcgreer.org](mailto:lisaj@fpcgreer.org) or by completing the online attendance form on our website, [www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance](http://www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance).

**Thank you to** Harriett Williams for assisting in worship and to Judy Mirick and the members of the Grace Notes Elementary Ensemble for sharing their musical gifts.

**Today is Stewardship Dedication Sunday.** You will be invited to bring your pledge cards forward during the worship service and place them in the replica of the church that was constructed by Oochie Gibson. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks or in the narthex, if needed.

**In recognition of Veterans Day,** we acknowledge with deep appreciation the service and sacrifice of veterans and their families. Today in worship we will honor those in our congregation - past and present - who have served in the military.

**All are invited to the congregational potluck lunch** in the fellowship hall immediately following 11:00 a.m. worship.

**F3 for our 3rd - 5th graders meets TODAY** after the potluck lunch for fun, fellowship, and a service project.

**Please keep our Mid High Youth and chaperones in prayer** as they travel home today from the PYC retreat at Asbury Hills.

**Senior High Youth** will enjoy a cookout fellowship event this evening at 5:30 p.m. at the Guerrero home. Please contact Ally with any questions.

**A reminder that the Merle State Hunger Walk** in support of Daily Bread Ministries (Greer Soup Kitchen) begins at 2:00 p.m. at Memorial Methodist Church next Sunday, November 19.

**Advent is just around the corner!** Be sure and check out the resource table near Door A to see samples or to order items that will help you celebrate the season at home.

**Advent Bible Study begins November 29th at 5:00 p.m.** We will explore together *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark* by Tracy S. Daub. Books can be ordered on Amazon or purchased for \$10.00 in the church office.

**Save the date for Joygift on December 10!** Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary for this service of music and worship. A time of fellowship with hot chocolate and cookies will follow.

**All girls third grade through twelfth grade** are invited to sing with in the Young Ladies' Ensemble for Christmas. Rehearsals are November 19 as well as December 3 at 9:45 a.m. in the choir room. We will sing for the Joygift service on December 10.

**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.