

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**                      *Praise To The Lord, the Almighty*                      arr. Springer

**\*Call to Worship**

The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

**God will judge the peoples with equity.**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

**let the sea roar, and all that fills it.**

Let the field exult, and everything in it.

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord.**

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn No. 321**                      *The Church's One Foundation*                      AURELIA

**Confession of Sin**

**Forgive us, O God, if we have gone for days without hint of honest prayer: sealing ourselves off against mystery; relying on native wit and acquired skills; postponing life's big questions; busying ourselves with spending and getting; over-committed to things that do not really matter. Move into our lives in a saving, centering way, confirming what is strong in us and filling what is empty. Let your love so possess us that whatever we do in word or deed, we may do in your strength and to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Response No. 431**                      *Forgive Us, Lord*                      CONFESIÓN

Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us, Lord.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response No. 750**                      *Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil*                      GOODNESS IS STRONGER

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;

light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.

**\*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**

**By your Word, O God of grace, find us as we are lost, free us as we are bound, help us as we are weak, wound us as we are proud, require of us our very souls and send us into the world as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	Psalm 96:1-9	Pew Bible, pg. 479
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	Matthew 22:15-22	Pew Bible, pg. 803
<b>Sermon</b>	"Giving to God"	Reverend 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

#### Offering

<b>Offertory</b>	<i>We Give Thee but Thine Own</i>	Thygerson
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**\*Response No. 606** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

<b>*Hymn No. 295</b>	<i>Go to the World!</i>	SINE NOMINE
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#### \*Charge and Benediction

<b>*Response</b>	<i>A Clare Benediction</i> Chancel Choir	Rutter
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<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>The Heavens Declare the Glory of God</i>	Marcello
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\* Those who are able may stand.

**Welcome to worship on this Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost.** Please record your presence today 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** Rebecca Aguirre, Diana Babineau, and Cal Cannon for assisting in worship today.

**Youth Group meets TODAY** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center for pizza and a movie. Bring a friend!

**Adult Bible Study** concludes this Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Room 104 under the sanctuary.

**Sunday Funday for K4 - 5th grade children is October 22.** Contact Maggie Wentzky for details.

**Basketball Registration closes TODAY.** To register, visit [www.fpcgreer.org/basketball](http://www.fpcgreer.org/basketball) or click the basketball graphic on our website.

**Café Justo Coffee has finally arrived!** The cabinet in the Gathering Area has been restocked, so pick up your favorites today and help support our mission partners at Frontera de Cristo.

**Please note there will be one worship service** next Sunday, October 29.

**Our annual Fall Festival** is Sunday, October 29 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for dinner, games, pumpkin decorating, and a cakewalk. Costumes are encouraged! Cost is \$7.00 per person or \$25.00 max per family. To RSVP and/or sign up to bring a dessert for the cakewalk, click the Fall Festival graphic on the homepage of our website or email Lisa Johnson in the church office.

**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 October 29 if you are interested.

**At its September meeting,** the Session approved the purchase and installation of a new Cornel Zimmer hybrid organ with both pipes and digital components. As we move forward with this long-needed project, we give thanks for the one-hundred-year lifespan of our 1922 Estey organ. We anticipate the new organ will be installed by this summer. More information will be shared in the new year about a capital campaign to help cover the cost of the organ and to allow every member to be a part of the music ministry of this church for the next 100 years!

**Thank you to Organ Ad Hoc Committee members** Susan Burch, Sarah Cannon, Fred Hyslop, Missy Nicholson, Steven Peters, and Judy Pearson for their service. Representing the staff were Lisa Dillard, Pam Turnage, and Reverend Will Shelburne.

**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.

