

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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Chiming of the Hour Hadley Cash

Welcome and Announcements McNeill Lister

Prelude *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Vandall
Caroline and Lisa Dillard, 4-hand duet

***Call to Worship** Jules Ryan

Come, all you who are weary and tired.
Christ will give us rest.
Come, all you who are worried and heavy burdened.
Christ will give us peace.
Come, let us worship the Lord, our God.
Let us follow our Savior, who leads us into new life.

***Prayer of Adoration** Maeve Hook

***Hymn No. 187** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

Call to Confession Pearl Wright

Confession of Sin Jules Ryan

Gracious God, we confess to you and to each other that we are tired and weighed down by the mistakes we have made, even in our closest relationships. We have failed to love you with our whole hearts, souls, and minds. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have tried to handle everything on our own, failing to bring our burdens to you. So we bring them to you now, trusting in your forgiveness, and we remember that Jesus will give us rest. 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 Maeve Hook

***Response No. 624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.

***Words of Peace** Marley Mangum

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

Invitation to the Children Ryan Greene and Wills Ryan

Anthem *Our God Who Art in Heaven* McNeill
Young Ladies' Ensemble

Congregation is invited to join on the 3rd verse: please see back of bulletin.

Prayer for Illumination

Sam Shelburne

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds to hear your word, so that we know your love is always with us. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 121

Maeve Humphrey

New Testament Reading

Matthew 11:28-30

Carson Garrett

Sermon

Gavin Guerrero

*Affirmation of Faith - from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

William Shelburne

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. 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. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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

Charlotte Buff

Offertory

Sanctuary

arr. Dillard

*Response No. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Prayer of Dedication

Ashlyn Fulkerson

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Institution

Cate Olmert

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Lucy Smith and Kaylea Wright

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

Jeremiah Cruz

*Hymn No. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

Verse 1: Carson Garrett
Verse 2: Meryl Grace Fallat
Verse 3: Duet
Verses 4 and 5: Congregation

***Charge and Benediction**

Gavin Guerrero

***Response No. 543**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
Hadley Cash, solo

GREEN TYLER

***Postlude**

Doxology

arr. Hayes

* Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on Youth Sunday! We invite you to record your presence by signing the fellowship pads located in each pew. If worshipping with us online, we ask that you share your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org or completing the online attendance form on our website, www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance.

Thank you to our Mid and Senior High Youth for leading worship today, to Cate Olmert for providing our bulletin artwork, and to Smith Olmert and Brianna Wright for serving as head ushers.

Join us for a time of fellowship and Lemonade on the Lawn following worship.

A reminder there is no Spring Bible Study on March 6. Classes resume on March 13 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 104.

A new group for single women, "Soulos", will hold its next gathering on Wednesday, March 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in downstairs Kirk Hall. Single women of all ages and stages of life are invited to enjoy fellowship with one another. Please bring a snack to share. Kindly RSVP to Rosalind Stringer via call or text at 803-517-7211.

Grace Notes Elementary Ensemble will rehearse on March 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the children's choir room and will participate in worship on Palm Sunday.

F3 and GROW for elementary children meets on March 10 at 12:00 p.m. for study, fellowship, and fun related to Lent and Easter. Contact Maggie Wentzky for more information.

The 8:55 service music leader search committee has been formed and will begin its work in early March. Committee members are: Heather Gordon, chair, Ameka Cruz, Bob Greene, and Amy Couch. Lisa Dillard and Will Shelburne will be serving as ex-officio members. Please keep the committee's work in your prayers.

The 2024 Border Mission Trip to Douglas, Arizona and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico is September 30th-October 5th. Pre-trip meetings will be held in May and September with dates to be determined. The trip is open to 15 participants, ages 16 and older and the cost is \$400.00 which includes airfare, housing, and meals. A \$100.00 deposit is due at registration. Contact Ally Pexa for registration forms. The registration deadline is May 1st.

Our God Who Art in Heaven - Verse 3

Thine the kingdom, thine the power, thine the glory evermore.
Thine all majesty and honor, God to you we praise, adore.
You are God, you reign forever, "Sovereign, Holy Lord!" we sing,
Our God who art in heaven, Lord, eternal king of kings.