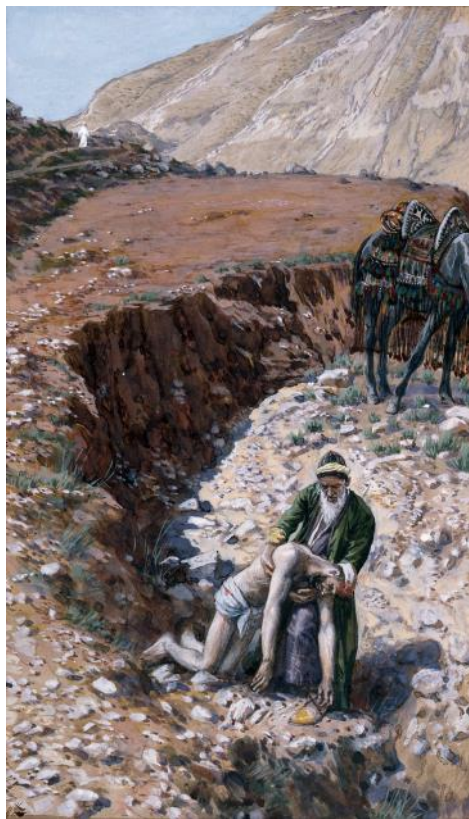


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

10:00 a.m. Worship



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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

Swedish Folk Melody

***Call to Worship**

Love the Lord your God,
 with all your heart, and with all your soul,
 and with all your strength, and with all your mind!
Love your neighbor as yourself,
 with all your heart, and with all your soul,
 and with all your strength, and with all your mind!
Do this and you will live!
 Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 649**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to live as your beloved sons and daughters. We have set our minds on the things of this world, and we have neglected the inheritance of love you bestow upon your saints. We have not loved you with all our heart, mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We do not defend the weak or honor the dignity of the immigrant. We do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not seek to rescue the weak and the needy and so we deliver them into solitude and neglect. Rise up to judge us, O God. We prefer your merciful justice to living with guilt and fear. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Response No. 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response No. 581**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

***Words of Peace**

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

Invitation to the Children

Anthem

Picture of Jesus
Travis and Smith Olmert

Harper

Prayer for Illumination

O God, as we receive your Word through your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to your justice, open our ears to your judgement, open our hearts to your love. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 82

New Testament Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

"Left for Dead"

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

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Irish Ballad

***Response No. 606**

Doxology

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**

***Hymn No. 465**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response No. 543**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
Caroline Buff, solo; congregation join on repeat.

GREEN TYLER

***Postlude**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. We invite you to record your presence by signing the fellowship pads located in each pew. If worshipping with us online, please share your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org or filling out the online attendance form on our website, www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance.

Thank you to Rebecca Aguirre for assisting in worship and to Caroline Buff, Smith Olmert, and Travis Olmert for sharing their musical gifts.

Today's bulletin art is by James Tissot, 1836-1902. Entitled, *The Good Samaritan*, the piece is sourced from "Art in the Christian Tradition", a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library in Nashville, TN, and is used with permission.

Elementary Kids and Mid High Youth are invited to an afternoon of fun TODAY at Otter Creek Water Park. Drop off at the park at 1:00 p.m. and pick up at 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 per person and please bring extra money for snacks. Children age 6 and under need a parent or other adult chaperone.

Join us for July Intergenerational Sunday School. We are gathering each week at 9:00 a.m. to explore the question, "What is a Disciple?" Through the sharing of scripture, play, prayer, and group discussion, each lesson focuses on the ways Jesus shows us that the role of a disciple is the way of love - love for God and love for others.

Singers of all ages are invited to join the Summer Songbirds choir for 10:00 a.m. worship. Rehearsal next Sunday, July 20, begins at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room.

Join us following worship next Sunday, July 20, for popsicles and fellowship on the front lawn.

The Officer Nominating Committee invites the congregation to submit names of individuals you believe God is calling to serve as elders and deacons. You may do this by filling out the form found in the pews and dropping it in the offering plate. You can also email your suggestions to Lisa Johnson in the church office at lisaj@fpcgreer.org by Sunday, July 20.

Volunteers Needed! Our Audio/Visual Team needs folks to assist with camera operation, sound adjustment, and slide presentation during both worship services. No prior experience is required! This important job enhances in person worship and ensures that worship is available online for those who cannot attend in person. Information and training sessions will be held in the fellowship hall on July 27 at 11:00 a.m. and on August 10 at 10:00 a.m. Contact Maggie Wentzky with questions.

Save the Date! Join us on August 10 for the Blessing of the Backpacks, Educator Recognition, and a Congregational Lunch after worship. More information coming soon.

We mourn the tragic loss of life and offer prayers for those devastated by the catastrophic flooding in Texas. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with the Synod of the Sun and Mission Presbytery to assess the needs and coordinate short and long term responses. Our Mission and Outreach Committee is considering ways to help as needs become clearer in the days ahead.

If you would like to donate to PDA, please make your check payable to the church and designate it for "Texas Flood Relief". You can also donate online using your Realm account by selecting "miscellaneous" and designating your contribution for "Texas Flood Relief".