

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

10:00 a.m. Worship



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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Raney
Amy Couch and Lisa Dillard, 4-hand piano duet

***Call to Worship**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 625** *How Great Thou Art* HOW GREAT THOU ART

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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 *Peace Like a River, Kum Ba Yah* Schafferman

Prayer for Illumination

O God, as the Scriptures are read and the gospel proclaimed, open our ears to hear your Word, open our eyes to see your truth, and open our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 139:1-12 Pew Bible, pg. 503

New Testament Reading Luke 10:38-42 Pew Bible, pg. 845

Sermon "Poor Martha" 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.

Recognition of the Faithful Service of Lisa Dillard

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory *Holy Ground* arr. Larson
Carson Garrett and Karen Greene, duet

***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. 462** *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response No. 543** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* GREEN TYLER
Carson Garrett, solo; congregation join on repeat.

***Postlude** *Trumpet Tune in D* Clarke

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Sixth 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 Gayle Johnson for assisting in worship and to Amy Couch, Carson Garrett, and Karen Greene for sharing their musical gifts.

Today's bulletin art depicts Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary. The artist is unknown.

Join us today following worship for Popsicles on the Lawn as we celebrate Lisa Dillard's thirty years of faithful service as our Director of Music.

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies in support of Greer Community Ministries. We had a great response and the items were delivered to GCM on Thursday.

Come 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?"

Singers of all ages are invited to join the Summer Songbirds choir for 10:00 a.m. worship. Rehearsal next Sunday, July 27, begins at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

All Senior High Youth are invited to a Day at the Lake on July 27 at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Suellen and Joel McConnell. Contact Pastor Ally for more information.

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.

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

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is coordinating a response with the Synod of the Sun Partnership for Disaster Recovery and Mission Presbytery following flash flooding in the Texas Hill Country that has resulted in more than 130 lives lost. The response includes support for Mission Presbytery staff and volunteers, material aid such as flood buckets and more. Recovery work is ongoing, and assessment of the long-term needs is just beginning.

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". Please continue to offer prayers for those devastated by this catastrophe.

Today is the deadline! 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 pew racks and dropping it in the offering plate. You can also email your suggestions to Lisa Johnson in the church office at lisaj@fpcgreer.org.