

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

10:00 a.m. Worship



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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**                      *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*                      arr. Hayes  
Becci Stedry, solo

**\*Call to Worship**

We give thanks, O Lord, with our whole heart;  
**before all the world we sing your praises.**  
When we called, God answered us;  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn No. 839**                      *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*                      ASSURANCE

**Confession of Sin**

**Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, but we do not always take it to heart. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that you demand. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask that you forgive us as we forgive others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way 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**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**God of Wisdom, you promise to give your Spirit to those who ask. Overwhelm us with your Word, that we may know you more fully, love you more passionately, and follow you more closely; in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 85:4-13

**New Testament Reading**

Luke 11:1-13

**Sermon**

"Teach Us to Pray"

Reverend Pexa

**\*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 Still My Soul*

arr. Larson

India Fulkerson, clarinet; Courtney Proffit, flute

**\*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. 69**

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response No. 543**

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

GREEN TYLER

\*Those who are able may stand.

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

**Thank you to** June Schafer for assisting in worship and to Caroline Buff, India Fulkerson, Courtney Proffit, Becci Stedry, and the Young Ladies' Ensemble for sharing their musical gifts.

**All Senior High Youth are invited to enjoy some fun at the lake TODAY 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 **TODAY at 11:00 a.m. and on August 10 at 10:00 a.m.** Contact Maggie Wentzky with questions.

**The Soulos Group will meet** for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on August 6 at McAlister's Deli on Wade Hampton Blvd. Contact Rosalind Stringer with questions.

**Join us in worship on August 10** for the Blessing of the Backpacks and Educator Recognition. Both services will be in the sanctuary. Following 11:00 worship, all are invited to a potluck luncheon in the fellowship hall. Spinx chicken and dessert will be provided and we ask that you bring a side dish to share.

**At the potluck luncheon on August 10, we will celebrate and say "thank you" to Anne Helton** for 55 years of teaching the children of this congregation. The Faith Formation Committee invites you to write notes of gratitude that will be presented to Anne during a special time of recognition. You can submit notes in the following ways: bring it to the luncheon on August 10, email your note to Lisa Johnson in the church office, or drop it off at the church during regular office hours. **Notes not brought directly to the luncheon need to be received by August 6.**

**In both worship services on August 10,** we will recognize those in our congregation who have served or currently serve in the field of education. We would like to list the names of our educators in the bulletin, so please contact Lisa Johnson in the church office by Tuesday, August 5 to make sure your name is included. Teachers, administrators, counselors, office support staff, cafeteria workers, and all others who have worked or currently work in our schools are invited to be present on August 10 as we say "thank you" to our educators.

**Café Justo Update** - an order to restock the coffee cabinet was placed on July 3. We have received word of some shipping challenges and hope the order will arrive this week.

**Senior Pastor:** Reverend Will Shelburne  
**Associate Pastor:** Reverend Ally Pexa  
**Director of Music:** Lisa Dillard  
**Assistant Director of Music:** Pam Turnage  
**Early Service Music Leader:** Maria Kithcart  
**Director of Operations:** Maggie Wentzky  
**Financial Administrator:** Christi Yenser  
**Administrative Assistant:** Lisa Johnson  
**Faith Formation Intern:** Lizzie McCallum  
**Kitchen Manager:** Emily Huff