

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**                      *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of the Lord*                      Wagner

**\*Call to Worship**

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your torrents;

**all your waves and your billows have gone over me.**

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

**let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.**

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn No. 463**                      *How Firm a Foundation*                      FOUNDATION

**Confession of Sin**

**Saving God, we confess that our faith is too small, our fear is too great. When we are overwhelmed, we think you do not care enough for us. When life is uncertain and risky, we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts. Even when you move among us in powerful ways, we question who you are. Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray.**

**Teach us to trust in your power to save and guide us in every circumstance. Grant us your peace, which is clearly beyond our understanding. In Christ's 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**                      *On Eagles Wings*                      arr. Hayes  
Maria Kithcart, solo

## Prayer for Illumination

**Eternal God, by the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us this day, that hearing, we may know your truth and live ever more faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Scripture Reading

## 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Pew Bible, pg. 941

## Sermon

## “Genuine Love”

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

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

Thygerson

**\*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. 712**

*As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

FOREST GREEN

### \*Charge and Benediction

**\*Response**

## Jesus, Be With Us

Gambrell/Morgan

Jesus, be with us, help us each day  
to follow the gospel and live as we pray.  
Send us your spirit and show us your way.  
Jesus, be with us today.

## \*Postlude

### How Firm a Foundation

Burkhardt

\*Those who are able may stand.

**Welcome to worship on this Second 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](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).

**Reverend Shelburne begins vacation tomorrow, June 23.** He will return to the office on July 9. Please contact Pastor Ally or the church office with any care needs during this time.

**Please pray for our children and youth** as they head to Camp Fellowship this afternoon for a week of fun activities.

**All youth are invited to meet** for lunch and fellowship at Cartwright Food Hall after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on June 29. Bring money for your meal.

**Summer Songbirds kicks off July 6th!** Singers of all ages are invited to join the choir for 11:00 a.m. worship with rehearsal at 10:30 a.m. in the choir room.

**Intergenerational Sunday School begins July 6.** All ages will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. each week in July to explore the question, "What is a Disciple?"

**The revised worship schedule** begins July 6 with one service at 10:00 a.m.

**The Mission & Outreach Committee invites the congregation to donate items** in support of Greer Community Ministries school supply drive. Place your donations in the labeled areas located near the Door A entrance by the gym and outside the church office near Door C. You can also visit the church website and click the school supply graphic to purchase items from our Amazon wish list. The deadline for donations is Sunday, July 13. Thank you!

**School Supplies Wish List: New Large Backpacks, Black & Blue Ink Pens, Colored Pencils, 24 Pack Crayola Crayons, White Glue Sticks, #2 Yellow Pencils, 3x5 Index Cards, Handheld Calculators, Pencil Pouches & Boxes, and Wide and College Ruled Composition Books**

**The Session has called a congregational meeting for TODAY at 11:00 a.m.** for the purpose of electing the Officer Nominating Committee. The nominees are: Ann Lelo (appointed by the Session); Sallie Smith (appointed by the Session); Annette Hull (nominated by the Diaconate); Jeff White (nominated by the Faith Formation Committee); Rick Turner (nominated by the Mission and Outreach Committee); Amy Caldwell (nominated by the Care of the Congregation Committee); Gayle Johnson (nominated by the Sisterhood Class/PW); and Ryan Greene (nominated by the Senior High Youth).

In accordance with the Book of Order, full opportunity shall be given to the congregation for nominations from the floor of the meeting by any active member of the congregation. Nominations from the floor require prior consent of the person being nominated.

FROM THE CHURCH MILITANT TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

GLENNIS GRINER  
MAY 28, 2025

"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD."