

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

8:55 a.m. Worship



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Here I Am to Worship* Hughes

***Call to Worship**

Let us call to mind the deeds of the Lord.
We remember God's wonders of old.
With a strong arm, God led the people through the sea.
The waters saw you, O God, and trembled.
You led your people like a flock.
Come, let us follow our Shepherd.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 401** *Here In This Place* GATHER US IN

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, you call us to live lives shaped by mercy, grace, and truth. But we confess that too often we choose what harms – violence instead of love, fear instead of faith, self-interest instead of compassion. We turn from your care and follow paths that wound others and ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to check our destructive ways. Turn our hearts back to you. Teach us once again to walk in your love and to trust that your way leads to peace, wholeness, and life. 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

O God, by your Spirit plant your word within us that we may follow Christ wherever he leads us. May we find our home in your kingdom and our life in your Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 9:51-62

Sermon

"Following Love's Lead"

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

Our God Is an Awesome God
Caroline Buff, soloist

Mullins

***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. 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

***Charge and Benediction**

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Third 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.

Today's bulletin art is by Lauren Wright Pittman. Entitled, "Toward Jerusalem", the work is based on Luke 9:51-62 and is sourced from the website of A Sanctified Art, www.sanctifiedart.org.

Thank you to Gayle Johnson for assisting in worship and to Caroline Buff for sharing her musical gifts.

Reverend Shelburne is on vacation and returns to the office on July 9. Please contact Pastor Ally or the church office with any care needs during this time.

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

The Soulos Group will gather for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, at Tropical Grille on Wade Hampton Blvd. in Greer. Please contact Rosalind Stringer for more information.

Summer Songbirds kicks off July 6th! Singers of all ages are invited to join the choir for 10:00 a.m. worship. Rehearsals each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Contact Lisa Dillard for more information.

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?"

Our revised worship schedule begins next Sunday, July 6, with one service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Reverend Dottie Metropol will be our guest preacher.

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.

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

July Worship Schedule

Intergenerational Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee and Doughnuts in the Gathering Area at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 10:00 a.m.