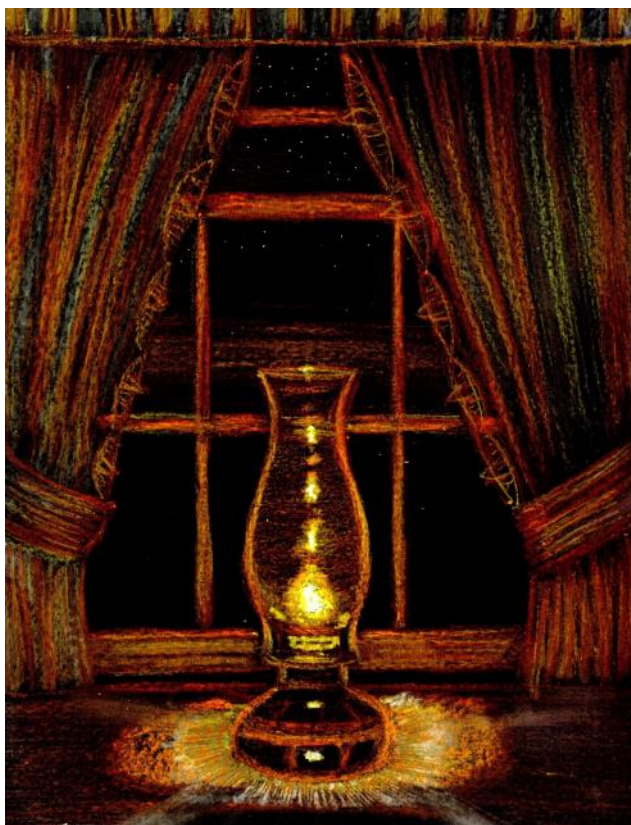


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

8:55 a.m. Worship



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Anonymous

***Call to Worship**

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

The earth declares God's beauty.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

God's word shines forth in glory.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 314** *Christ, Be Our Light* CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Confession of Sin

Eternal God, you alone know how often we have sinned: you wait upon us even as we wait upon the wisdom of the world for the beacon of our hope. You hold us still as we fall prey to promises other than your own. You have found us even as we have wandered in the blindness of our hearts, seeking such light as only you can give. Have mercy upon us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life, so that as long as we live we may serve you, until, dying, we enter the joy of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response No. 829 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

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.

Blessing of the Backpacks and Recognition of Educators

Prayer for Illumination

O God, who by your Word and Spirit confronts and upholds us; enlighten our minds in the knowledge of your Son, that we may continue in the fellowship of your children, and obtain the promises which exceed all we desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 33:12-22

New Testament Reading Luke 12:32-40

Sermon

"Dressed for Action"

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

From the Rising of the Sun
Caroline Buff, solo

RISING SUN

***Response No. 711**

Lord of All Good

TOULON

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.

***Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn No. 610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

***Charge and Benediction**

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Ninth 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 artwork, based on Luke 12:35, is by John Stushie and is used with permission.

All are invited to the potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall following 11:00 worship where we will celebrate and recognize Anne Helton's 55 years of teaching the children of this congregation.

The Café Justo coffee cabinet has been restocked! Stop by the gathering area today and pick up your favorites for only \$10.00 a bag. All proceeds support our mission partners at Frontera de Cristo.

The Men's Monthly Breakfast is this Tuesday, August 12 at 8:00 a.m. at the A&P Restaurant on Highway 14.

All Sunday School teachers are invited to an appreciation breakfast on August 17 in the Mt. Tabor Room. Drop in between 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. for food and fellowship as we say "thank you" to our faithful volunteers.

Please join us for a baby shower celebrating Rachel Branham in downstairs Kirk Hall on August 17 following 11:00 a.m. worship. All are invited to stop by to offer your congratulations and well wishes. Visit amazon.com/baby-reg or my.babylist.com to access Rachel's gift registry.

Make plans to attend the First Annual Hymnfest on August 24 at 4:30 p.m. at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Greenville. This is a free event presented by the Music Ministry Leaders of Foothills Presbytery and features combined choirs and musicians from churches across our region, including FPC Greer. Come join us for an afternoon of beautiful music!

Join us for our Rally Day kickoff on September 7! Both services will be in the sanctuary and at 10:00 a.m. we will gather in the fellowship hall for a pancake breakfast and to learn about our Fall Faith Formation programming.

Youth Group kicks off at 5:30 p.m. on September 7. More information coming soon!

Save the Date! Bluegrass Sunday is September 14 and both services will be in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we welcome the award-winning Cockman Family Bluegrass Band, cousins of our Early Service Music Leader, Maria Kithcart.

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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
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