

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**                      *Jesus Loves Me Medley*                      arr. Knight

**\*Call to Worship**

Come, children of God! Just as you are. Receive God's grace, hope, and love.

**We come to walk in God's ways.**

Come! Just as Jesus did, with open hands and open hearts.

**We come with rejoicing, to learn and to serve wherever God calls us.**

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn No. 628**                      *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*                      JE LOUERA L'ÉTERNEL

**Confession of Sin**

Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable, and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in our midst. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. In the name of Jesus we pray, 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.**

**Invitation to the Children**

**Anthem**                      *The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune*                      R. Vaughan Williams

Congregation is invited to sing upon cue:

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from man and from the angel host  
be praise and glory evermore.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Lord Jesus, you brought the fire of the Holy Spirit. May that fire burn within our hearts as we hear the Scriptures today. Teach us to choose your way. In your holy name we pray, Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**                      Jeremiah 23:23-29                      Pew Bible, pg. 634

**New Testament Reading**                      Luke 12:49-56                      Pew Bible, pg. 848

**Sermon**                      "Thanks be to God?"                      Reverend Pexa

**\*Affirmation of Faith**                      from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Offering**

**Offertory**                      *Beautiful Savior*                      arr. Wood

**\*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. 838**                      *Standing on the Promises*                      PROMISES

#### **\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response No. 540**                      *Farewell, Good Friends!*                      SHALOM, CHAVERIM

**\*Postlude**                      *Voluntary in A*                      Selby

\*Those who are able may stand.

**Welcome to worship on this Tenth 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** Jenny Munro for assisting in worship today.

**Join us TODAY following 11:00 a.m. worship for a baby shower** celebrating Rachel Branham. All are invited to stop by Kirk Hall to offer your congratulations and well wishes. Visit [amazon.com/baby-reg](http://amazon.com/baby-reg) or [my.babylist.com](http://my.babylist.com) to access Rachel's gift registry.

**Reminder! Resounding Joy Handbell Rehearsals resume** this Wednesday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. Contact Lisa Dillard for more information.

**School is back in session!** That means it is time to restock the Dunbar pantry with individual food items to fill weekend backpacks for the students at Dunbar Child Development Center and Greer Middle School. Needed items include applesauce and pudding cups, pop tarts, cereal, juice boxes, soups, small cans of vegetables and pasta entrees, individual snacks, and packets of grits and oatmeal. Donations can be dropped off at the church or visit our Amazon Wish List on the church website and have your order shipped directly to the church. Thank you for your faithful support!

**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.

**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.

**The Session has called a congregational meeting for August 24** at the beginning of 11:00 a.m. worship for the purpose of hearing a report from the Officer Nominating Committee and for electing the slate of nominees for Elder and Deacon for the Class of 2028 and Corporate Officers for the Class of 2026.

In accordance with the Book of Order (G-2.0401), full opportunity shall always be given to the congregation for nomination from the floor of the congregational meeting by any active member of the congregation. Nominations from the floor require prior consent of the person being nominated. All active members of the congregation present are entitled to vote. The nominees for your consideration are:

**Elders** (Class of 2028) - Cal Cannon, Amy Couch, Heather Gordon, Carlton Greene, Fred Hyslop, Thad McCord, and Youth Elder, Maeve Hook (Class of 2026).

**Deacons** (Class of 2028) - Preston Burch, Virginia Cononie, Al Jenkins, Ann Drayton Lister, Karen Scott-Kubias, Kathy Vanderhoff, and Donna Ware.

**Corporate Officers** (Class of 2026) - Leland Burch, President; Elizabeth Clayton, Vice-President; Carlton Greene, Secretary; Jack House, Trustee; Nick Nicholson, Trustee; and Heather Gordon, Trustee