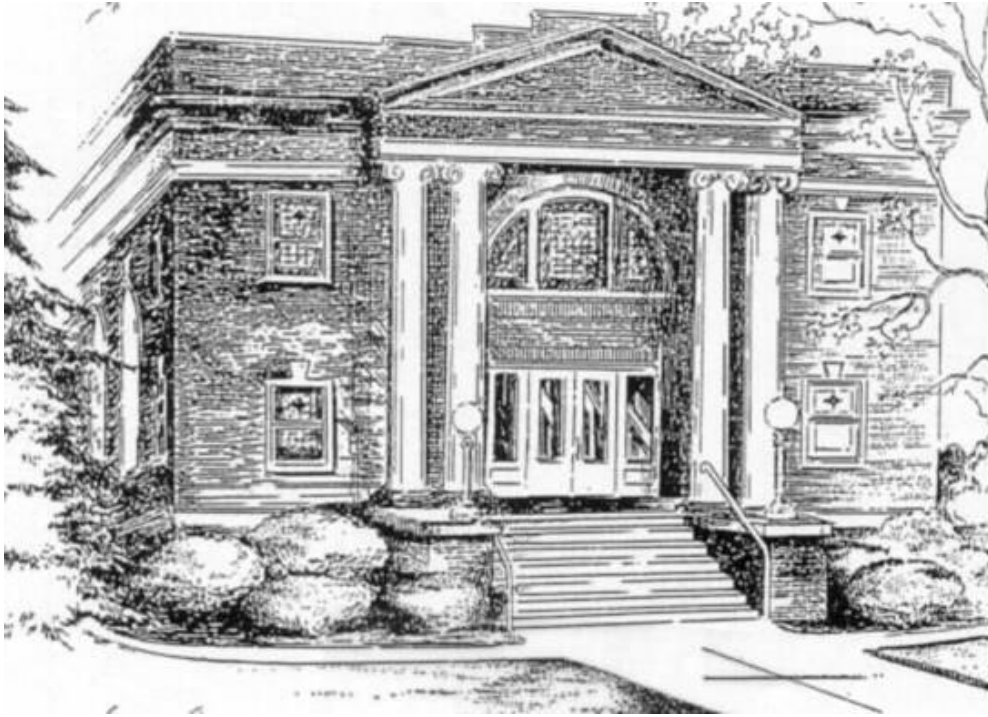


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Hayes

***Call to Worship**

God is our rock and our fortress,
 our refuge and strength.
God is our hope and our trust.
 Praise the Lord!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 305** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, who is ever more ready to hear our confession than we are to confess, and assures us of your forgiveness even before we begin: We admit before you the wrongs we know. There have been breaches in our vows of loyalty to you, for we have neither the courage nor the mind to keep them. We have been thoughtless of our neighbors, timid in speaking out for your truth, irritable under adversity, irreverent in our successes. Forgive us the wrongs we know, but forgive us also the wrongs of which we are unaware, the wrongs from which we hide, the wrongs we call right. Create within us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; 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.

Invitation to the Children

Anthem *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* arr. Ferguson
Congregation is invited to sing upon cue:

Angels help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Prayer for Illumination

Surprise us today, Eternal God, with some unexpected gift of your grace, some needed insight and guidance, some vision of new possibilities, some fresh resource of strength and courage; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58:9-14 Pew Bible, pg. 601

New Testament Reading Luke 13:10-17 Pew Bible, pg. 848

Sermon "Church Bound" Reverend Shelburne

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory *Brother James' Air* 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. 313** *Lord, Make Us More Holy* LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Sing the first time in unison; second time in a round upon cue.

Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! *Shalom, shalom!*
Till we meet again, till we meet again, *shalom, shalom.*

***Postlude** *Trumpet Tune in F* Lasky

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Eleventh 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.

Thank you to Val Hendrickson for assisting in worship.

Pastor Ally is on vacation until August 30 and will be back in worship next Sunday.

TODAY is the First Annual Hymnfest 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. This morning's anthem, *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*, is included in this afternoon's program. We expect a choir of 140+ singers, including members from FPC Greer, a full brass choir, organ, violin, and piano. All are invited to this special time of music and worship!

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!

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.

Mark your calendar for an important youth group parent meeting on September 7 at 5:30 p.m. Parents are asked to join us during our youth group kickoff for an evening of fellowship, worship, and a review of important information for the year.

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 TODAY 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