

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude in F Major* J.S. Bach

***Call to Worship**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,

for his wonderful works to humankind!

Let those who are wise pay attention to these things.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

Confession of Sin

Holy and merciful God, you called us to serve you and gave us the gifts of creation and salvation to use in your service. We accepted your call and your gifts, but we have kept your gifts for ourselves. You put before us a vision of the Kingdom and beckon us to follow, but we have lagged behind, lost our vision, and become preoccupied by comfort and self-interest. Have mercy on us and forgive our sin. Teach us that our gifts and our vision will dwindle if we do not use and share them. Restore to us the joy of your loving and gracious ways, that we might sing your praises and serve your ways; 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

Prayer for Illumination

Ever Gracious God, go into the depths of our lives and speak words of hope, search us out in wayward places and call us to our true purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading	Hosea 11:1-11	Pew Bible, pg. 737
New Testament Reading	Luke 12:13-21	Pew Bible, pg. 847
Sermon	"Bands of 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.

Offering

Offertory	<i>In Remembrance</i>	Courtney/Red
	Chancel Choir; Maria Kithcart, flute	

***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**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Institution
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Musical Responses

No. 556

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS

No. 557

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

No. 558

Amen

AMEN

The Lord's Prayer
Communion of the People
Prayer

***Hymn No. 509** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** *Fugue in F Major* J.S. Bach

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Eighth 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 Rita Danner for assisting in worship today.

The roofing project has begun! Please note that the handicap parking lot at the rear of the church may be unavailable at times during the week as work progresses. Sunday worship parking will not be affected. Thank you for your patience!

The Cardmaking Ministry meets today at 12:00 p.m. in the Agape Room. All artistic abilities and skill levels are welcome.

The Soulos Group will meet for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on August 6 at McAlister's Deli on Wade Hampton Blvd. Contact Rosalind Stringer with questions.

Chancel Choir rehearsal resumes this Wednesday, August 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The Out to Dinner Fellowship Group meets at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 9 at Red Lobster on Wade Hampton Blvd. Contact Lorealea Wright for more information.

Join us in worship on August 10 for the Blessing of the Backpacks and Educator Recognition. Both services will be in the sanctuary. Following 11:00 worship, all are invited to a potluck luncheon in the fellowship hall. Spinx chicken and dessert will be provided and we ask that you bring a side dish to share.

At the potluck luncheon on August 10, we will celebrate and say "thank you" to Anne Helton for 55 years of teaching the children of this congregation. The Faith Formation Committee invites you to write notes of gratitude that will be presented to Anne during a special time of recognition. You can submit notes in the following ways: bring it to the luncheon on August 10, email your note to Lisa Johnson in the church office, or drop it off at the church during regular office hours. **Notes not brought directly to the luncheon need to be received by August 6.**

In both worship services on August 10, we will recognize those in our congregation who have served or currently serve in the field of education. We would like to list the names of our educators in the bulletin, so please contact Lisa Johnson in the church office by Tuesday, August 5 to make sure your name is included. Teachers, administrators, counselors, office support staff, cafeteria workers, and all others who have worked or currently work in our schools are invited to be present on August 10 as we say "thank you" to our educators.

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.

Save the date 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.