

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

8:55 a.m. Worship



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *He Is Exalted* Paris

***Call to Worship**

I keep the Lord always before me;
 because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
 my body also rests secure.
You show me the path of life.
 In your presence there is fullness of joy.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 463** *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

Confession of Sin

Holy God, Lord of love and Searcher of hearts, in whose sight the fine print of our lives is magnified, if we do nothing else in worship, let us be honest with you. We have tried to build ourselves up by cutting others down. We have taken others to task for their shortcomings, while excusing our own. We have played games with our souls to stave off the moment of full surrender to you. Move into our lives in a forgiving, saving way, confirming in us that which is strong and helpful, correcting that which is weak and hurtful, and filling the empty spaces with new resolve to follow Jesus Christ, in whose name 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

Prayer for Illumination

Speak, Lord, for your servant hears. Grant us ears to hear, eyes to see, wills to obey, hearts to love; then declare what you will, reveal what you will, command what you will, demand what you will; for Christ's sake. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

"The Banquet Table"

Reverend Shelburne

***Affirmation of Faith**

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Hearn

***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. 372**

O for a World

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***Charge and Benediction**

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Twelfth 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 Reverend Cara B. Hochhalter, a minister in the United Church of Christ. Entitled, "A Parable: Where to Sit", the work is based on Luke 14:7-14 and is used with permission.

Thank you to Kamin Lambertson for assisting in worship.

The church office is closed tomorrow, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

The Soulos Group will gather for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3 at White Wine & Butter, located in the Greer Golf Country Club. Contact Rosalind Stringer for more information.

Join us next Sunday, September 7, for our Rally Day kickoff! 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 kick-off is right around the corner! All youth and parents are invited to join us on September 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a night of fellowship, food, and important information. This year our theme is "Tune In" and we will be exploring themes of trust and discernment. We look forward to a great year!

Kids Connection for K5 through 5th grade kicks off on September 10 at 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Youth Group Field Trip to Flying Rabbit Adventures! All Mid and Senior High Youth are invited to join the fun on September 14 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Drop off and pick up at Flying Rabbit, located at 821 Laurens Road in Greenville. Cost is \$15.00 per person. RSVP in Realm or with Pastor Ally by September 7.

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. Gathering music will begin ten minutes before each service.

"One and Done" Handbell Opportunity! All ages and skill levels are invited to rehearse for one hour and then ring for worship. No experience needed. Please join us for rehearsal on September 21 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the bell room. We will play in 11:00 worship on September 28. Please RSVP to Lisa Dillard by September 14.

Save the Date! Fall Bible Study begins on Wednesday, September 24. More details coming soon.

Volunteers Needed! Dunbar Buddies is a student mentoring, teacher support, and food supplement program for Dunbar Child Development Center in Greer. A mission of FPC Greer since 2012, volunteers visit Dunbar CDC weekly to read to students, sing with classes, and assist teachers with classroom activities. Volunteers also help pack and deliver food from our Dunbar Pantry to supplement meals for students on the weekends. Contact Amy Couch or Marguerite De Maria for more information about the Dunbar Buddies program or to volunteer. Thank you for your support!