

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Worship



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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major, BWV 1007: IV. Sarabande* J.S. Bach
Kevin Vivas, cello

***Call to Worship**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name.

How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done; turning the sea into dry land; bringing us across the river Jordan.

How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Even when God has tested us; even when we have gone through fire and water:

God has brought us out to a spacious place. Our God is an awesome God!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 619** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

Confession of Sin

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you - have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Response No. 422 *Create in Me a Clean Heart* CREATE IN ME

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response No. 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shine on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Words of Peace**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Invitation to the Children

Anthem *Near to the Heart of God* arr. Whitman
Kevin Vivas, cello

Prayer for Illumination

These are your words, O God. Humble us to speak their weight. Strengthen us to hear their truth. Unbind us to live their call. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 66:1-12 Pew Bible, pg. 459

New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Pew Bible, pg. 967

Sermon Reverend Dottie Metropol

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory *Meditation on "Amazing Grace"* arr. Wood

***Response No. 692** *Spirit, Open My Heart* WILD MOUNTAIN THYME
Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

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

***Hymn No. 39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response No. 547** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* AR HYD Y NOS
verse 2
"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

***Postlude** *Fanfare on "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* arr. Machemer

* Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Please let us know of 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 by completing the online attendance form on our website, www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance.

Thank you to Sallie Smith and June Schafer for assisting in worship and to Kevin Vivas for sharing his musical gifts on cello.

Special thanks to Reverend Dottie Metropol for serving as our guest preacher this morning.

Reverend Shelburne is on continuing education leave and returns to the office on October 15. Please contact the church office with any pastoral care needs.

Youth Group meets this evening for Halloween movie night. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Ansley and Mike Wright. Contact Lizzie McCallum for more information.

The Dunbar Pantry Needs Your Help. We currently provide weekend food for 71 students at Dunbar Child Development Center and Greer Middle School. This adds up to 852 items going out of the pantry each week. We invite you to set up recurring donations through our Amazon wishlist found on the home page of the church website. Or, you can purchase these needed items and bring them to the church office - applesauce and pudding cups, pop tarts, juice boxes, soups, small cans of vegetables and pasta entrees, individual snacks, and packets of grits and oatmeal. Thank you!

Fall Bible Study continues this Wednesday, October 15. Join Reverend Dottie Metropol in the Mt. Tabor Room at 1:00 p.m. as we focus on some of the Creeds we say in worship each Sunday.

Kids Connection for K-5 through 5th grade meets this Wednesday, October 15, at 5:30 p.m. Join us as we connect to God through fellowship, stories, recreation, and music.

Join the chancel choir for Christmas music! Rehearsals for Joygift begin Wednesday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. Contact Lisa Dillard for more information.

Inquirer and New Member Classes begin October 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mt. Tabor Room and continue on October 26, November 2, and November 9. Contact Betsy Porter for more information.

Our Fall Festival is October 26 at 5:30 p.m. This year's event is free and is a congregational and community gathering. We will enjoy great food, a bouncy house, cake walk, and games for all ages while meeting our neighbors in the community. RSVP in Realm or call the church office.

Basketball Registration is now open! Based on registration numbers, teams will be formed for ages 4 and up with practices and games scheduled to begin in November. Please visit www.fpcgreer.org/basketball for more information and to register. We also need basketball coaches. If you are interested in serving as a coach, please contact Jamie Garrett or Maggie Wentzky.

Joyful Noise Ringers will rehearse on November 2 at 1:00 p.m. We will practice for three weeks and play during worship on November 23. No experience is required and all ages and skill levels are welcome. Please RSVP to Lisa Dillard by October 26.

The Cherub Choir for pre-school and younger elementary children will sing during 11:00 a.m. worship on November 9. Rehearsals will take place during Sunday School on October 19, 26, and November 2.

Save the Date! Stewardship Dedication Sunday is November 9. Both services will be in the sanctuary and we will enjoy a potluck luncheon in the fellowship hall following 11:00 a.m. worship. Spinx chicken and dessert will be provided and we ask that you bring a side dish or two to share.