# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina 11:00 a.m. Worship



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October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

#### Chiming of the Hour

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Prelude For the Beauty of the Earth Duane
Rebecca Aguirre, violin

\*Call to Worship

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:

he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber or sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in

from this time forth, and even for evermore.

## \*Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn No. 465 Wh

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**CONVERSE** 

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, prepare our hearts, we ask you, to reverence you, to adore you, to love you; and to love all which you love and whom you love. Give us, Lord, fervor of love, shame for our unthankfulness, sorrow for our sins, longing for your grace, and to be wholly united with you. Let our very coldness call for the glow of your love; let our hurts and our hurting, our acts of injury and our withholding of forgiveness, find in you wholeness and the joy of new life. Let our hearts ache for you, who stills the aching of the heart. Let our mute longings praise you, who satisfies the empty soul that waits on you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

**Moment for Stewardship** 

Leanna McCord

#### \*Words of Peace

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

### Invitation to the Children

Anthem O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Raney

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Almighty God, help us by your Spirit and by your Word to yield ourselves to you, that with body, soul, and spirit we may truly serve you, and in your service find our deepest joy. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 32:22-31 Pew Bible, pg. 26

New Testament Reading Luke 18:1-8 Pew Bible, pg. 853

Sermon "We Got to Pray!" 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.

## **Prayers of the People**

Offering

Offertory I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light arr. Burkhardt

\*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. 840 It Is Well with My Soul VILLE DU HAVRE

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Response No. 547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS

"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 Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices Manz

<sup>\*</sup> Those who are able may stand.

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

**Thank you to** Harriett Williams and Ginger Mauney for assisting in worship and to Rebecca Aguirre for sharing her musical gifts.

The Cardmaking Ministry meets TODAY at 12:00 p.m. in the Agape Room. All are welcome!

Youth Group meets this evening at 5:30 p.m. Contact Lizzie McCallum 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.

**Fall Bible Study continues this Wednesday, October 22.** 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.

**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.

**Inquirer and New Member Classes** started today at 10:00 a.m. in the Mt. Tabor Room and continue on October 26, November 2, and November 9. Contact Betsy Porter or the church office for more information.

**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 are during Sunday School on October 26 and November 2.

**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!

**Veterans Day is November 11.** We will recognize the service and sacrifice of our military veterans and their families during worship on November 16. If you are a military veteran and have not previously provided us your name or the name of a living or deceased veteran family member, please contact Lisa Johnson in the church office.