

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

10:00 a.m. Worship



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June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude Hymn No. 458**      *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*      Grant/Smith  
VBS Kids and Congregation

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be with me to the end.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
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**\*Call to Worship**

Because God gives you strength,  
**I can share my gifts and be brave!**  
Because God gives you strength,  
**I can give my all and pray!**  
Because God gives you strength,  
**I can hope!**

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn No. 839**      *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*      ASSURANCE

**Confession of Sin**

**O God, our creator, you call us to trust in your strength, to be brave, but we cower in fear before the powers of the world. You bless us with many gifts, but we hoard them, refusing to share them with others. You call us to boldly serve you, to give our all to you and our neighbors, but we settle for half-hearted discipleship. You call us to pray for guidance, healing, for a world groaning in pain, but we insist we are too busy. You call us to hope, but we prefer to revel in the things that make us hopeless. Forgive us Lord, with your almighty strength pull us out of the raging waters of our complacency and plant us firmly on the solid ground of courage and hope that we might be your faithful people, boldly sharing the love of Christ with the world. Amen.**

**Response No. 695**      *Change My Heart, O God*      CHANGE MY HEART

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response No. 447**      *We Are Forgiven*      WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

**\*Words of Peace**

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

**Invitation to the Children**

**Anthem** *Rise, Children, Gonna Praise the Lord* Burkhardt  
VBS Kids

**Prayer for Illumination**

**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** Nehemiah 8:5-6, 9-12

**New Testament Reading** Philippians 4:4-7, 12-13

**Sermon** "God Our Strength" Reverend Shelburne

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles' Creed*

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn No. 621** *I Will Call upon the Lord* O'Shields  
VBS Kids and Congregation

**\*Response No. 606** *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*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.**

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Communion of the People

Hymn No. 464

*Our Father, Which Art in Heaven*

WEST INDIAN

Prayer

**\*Hymn No. 462** *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *I Love to Tell the Story* Hankey/Fischer

\* Those who are able may stand.

**Welcome to worship on this Second 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](mailto:lisaj@fpcgreer.org) or by completing the online attendance ritual of friendship form on our website, [www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance](http://www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance).

**Thank you to** Gavin Guerrero, Gayle Johnson, and Lucy Smith for assisting in worship today and to our VBS kids for sharing their musical gifts.

**We had a great week at Vacation Bible School** with over 50 children and 45 youth and adult volunteers participating in Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God. A big “thank you” to everyone who supported VBS with their time, talent, and treasure! This important ministry for our congregation and the local community would not happen without your help.

**The Men’s Monthly Breakfast** is Tuesday, June 9 at 8:00 a.m. We will gather at the A&P Restaurant on Highway 14. Contact Cal Cannon or the church office for details.

**The Out to Dinner Fellowship Group** is meeting for dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13 at Capri’s Italian Restaurant in Greer. Contact Lorelea Wright or the church office with questions.

**Mid High Mission Weekend!** Our Mid Highs will meet on Saturday, June 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the church kitchen to help pack meals for distribution at the Triune Mercy Center. Afterwards, we will go to Otter Creek Water Park for some fun. Be sure to bring some money for snacks! Parents should pick up their children at the water park at 3:00 p.m. Then, on Sunday, June 21, we will deliver the meals to Triune where we will join them for worship and lunch and take a tour of the Mercy Center to learn more about their mission and ministry. We will return to FPCG at 2:00 p.m. for parent pickup. Contact Lizzie McCallum or Pastor Emily with questions.

**All Children, K5-5th Grade, are invited to a pool party** on Saturday, June 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the home of Ansley and Mike Wright. A pizza lunch will be provided. Contact Pastor Emily or the church office for more information.

**Summer Cleaning Volunteers Needed!** There are several areas of the church that need deep cleaning and summer is the perfect time to tackle these tasks. Individuals, families, and small groups are invited to help out at their own pace and at times that fit their schedules. Contact Maggie Wentzky in the church office for a list of tasks and to schedule a day that works for you.

**Save the date for the FPCG blood drive** on Sunday, August 9. More details coming soon!

**A reminder of our June worship schedule with regular Sunday School classes for children and adults starting at 9:00 a.m. and one worship service at 10:00 a.m.** Then, beginning July 5 and throughout the month, we will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for intergenerational Sunday School and worship at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**Senior Pastor:** Reverend Will Shelburne  
**Stated Supply Associate Pastor:** Reverend Emily Proctor  
**Director of Music:** Lisa Dillard  
**Assistant Director of Music:** Pam Turnage  
**Early Service Music Leader:** Maria Kithcart  
**Director of Operations:** Maggie Wentzky  
**Financial Administrator:** Christi Yenser  
**Administrative Assistant:** Lisa Johnson  
**Faith Formation Intern:** Lizzie McCallum  
**Kitchen Manager:** Emily Huff