

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

10:00 a.m. Worship



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Choral Introit and Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Showalter

***Call to Worship**

O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths will declare your praise.
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within us.
Deliver us, O God of our salvation,
and our tongues will sing aloud of your deliverance.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 267** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. For the transgressions that are ever before us, forgive us. For the sins hidden from our sight, teach us wisdom in our secret heart that we may repent and make amends. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. 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. 463** *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

***Words of Peace**

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

Invitation to the Children

Anthem *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Courtney
Byron Honbarger, bass; Maria Kithcart, flute

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 Lesson Psalm 51 Pew Bible, pg. 452

New Testament Lesson Romans 7:14-15, 21-25; 8:1-6 Pew Bible, pg. 918

Sermon

"Wondering and Wandering"

Reverend Proctor

Commissioning of Senior High Youth and Chaperones to the Montreat Conference

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

All: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers live together in unity!

**All: It is like the dew of Mount Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained the blessing of life forevermore.**

Words of Commissioning

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

All: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his Word and showing his love?

All: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Do you welcome the responsibility of representing First Presbyterian Church, Greer, and will you seek to follow Christ in all that you do and say while at Montreat?

Commissionees: I do and I will, with God's help.

Leader: Do you, the members of First Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our sisters and brothers to grow in faith, learning, and fellowship by participating in the Montreat Youth Conference?

All: We do.

Leader: Will you support them with your prayers while they are away, welcome them warmly when they return, and pester them enthusiastically for stories about their experience?

All: We will.

Commissioning Prayer

Choral Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Whelpton

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory

Amazing Grace
Travis Olmert, Dobro

AMAZING GRACE

***Response No. 694**

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

Great God of every blessing, of faithful loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

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

***Hymn No. 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response No. 543**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

* Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. Please record your presence by signing the fellowship pads located in each pew. If worshipping with us online, we invite you to share your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org or by completing the online attendance ritual of friendship form on our website, www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance.

Thank you to Rudy Painter and June Schafer for assisting in worship and to Byron Honbarger and Travis Olmert for sharing their musical gifts.

Reverend Shelburne is on vacation and returns to the office on July 16. Please contact Pastor Emily or the church office with any care needs during this time.

Please keep our Senior High Youth and their chaperones in your prayers as they depart this afternoon for the Montreat Youth Conference.

The Men's Monthly Breakfast is Tuesday, July 14 at 8:00 a.m. at the A&P Restaurant on Highway 14.

All adults are welcome to join the Out to Dinner Group at The Mason Jar in downtown Greer on Saturday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m. Come and bring a friend! Contact Lorealea Wright or the church office for more information.

Please join us next Sunday, July 19 to express your gratitude and say farewell to our Faith Formation Intern, Lizzie McCallum, as she prepares to enter graduate school at UNC Chapel Hill. We will enjoy popsicles and fellowship on the front lawn following worship.

Join us for Intergenerational Sunday School! All ages will gather in the Fellowship Hall each week in July at 9:00 a.m. for the sharing of scripture, song, prayer, group discussion, and age-appropriate activities for children. Our curriculum is *We Pray to God*, a study that focuses on four movements of prayer: adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. Together, we will learn how the Psalms describe these types of prayer and practice using them to reenergize our own prayer life.

Are you a Summer Songbird?! All ages and abilities are welcome to sing with the choir in worship during the month of July. Meet in the choir room at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings for rehearsal. Please contact our Director of Music, Lisa Dillard, with questions.

The Officer Nominating Committee encourages the congregation to submit names of individuals you believe God is calling to serve as elders and deacons. You may do this by filling out the insert found in the bulletin and dropping it in the offering plate. You can also email your suggestions to Lisa Johnson in the church office at lisaj@fpcgreer.org by Sunday, July 19.

Save the Date! Join us on August 9 for the Blessing of the Backpacks, Educator Recognition, and a Congregational Potluck Lunch following worship. More details coming soon.

TOMORROW is the deadline to donate school supplies in support of the families served by Greer Community Ministries. Please place your donations on the table outside the church office near Door C. You can also visit the church website and click on the school supply graphic to purchase items from our Amazon wish list. We still need the following items:

Dry Erase Markers, Handheld Calculators, Pencil Pouches, Clorox Wipes, 3-Prong Plastic Pocket Folders, and New Large Backpacks (no wheels).