

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

10:00 a.m. Worship



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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Alleluia from Exultate Jubilate, K. 165
FPC Flute Quintet

Mozart/Marlett

***Call to Worship**

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Young Ladies' Ensemble, verse 1; Congregation, verses 2 and 3

HYMN TO JOY

Confession of Sin

**Most Holy and Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation groans—but we turn away;
we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:
we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might
make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our
hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with
abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.**

Response No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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."

Recognition of Faithful Service

Lizzie McCallum

***Words of Peace**

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

Invitation to the Children

Anthem

For You, My God, I Wait

Tice/Ward

The congregation is invited to sing upon cue.

O God, you are my hope; I know that you forgive.
Your love redeems me from the depths so I may rise and live.

Prayer for Illumination

Everlasting God, to whom we belong and in whom we live, surprise us today with some unexpected gift of your grace, some needed insight and guidance, some vision of new possibilities, some fresh resource of strength and courage; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

Pew Bible, pg. 587

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Pew Bible, pg. 919

Sermon

"While We Wait"

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 Hymn No. 474

As a Child Rests
Young Ladies' Ensemble

Walker

***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. 625**

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

***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.

***Postlude**

Trumpet Tune in D

Purcell

* Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Eighth 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 by completing the online attendance ritual of friendship form on our website, www.fpcgreer.org/online-attendance.

Thank you to Harriett Williams and Ginger Mauney for assisting in worship and to Rachel Woodward, Courtney Proffit, Bonnie Holmes, and the members of the Young Ladies' Ensemble for sharing their musical gifts.

Today's anthem, *For You, My God, I Wait*, is based on Psalms 130 and 131. The congregation is invited to meditate on the words to Hymn No. 791 as the choir sings and then join on cue with verse 6.

Join us for Popsicles on the Lawn following worship to say thank you and farewell to our Faith Formation Intern, Lizzie McCallum, as she prepares to enter graduate school at UNC Chapel Hill.

All Elementary Children and their families are invited to walk to Wild Ace for lunch TODAY followed by an ice cream social with our neighbors at Victoria Arms. Please contact Amanda Biggers or Karen Greene with questions.

The Cardmaking Ministry meets TODAY in the Agape Room at 11:30 a.m. All artistic abilities and skill levels are welcome. Reach out to Maggie Wentzky for more information.

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies in support of Greer Community Ministries! We had a great response with over 400 items collected. Special thanks to Becky McKay and Suellen McConnell who delivered the supplies to GCM.

Come join us for intergenerational Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall 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.

The coffee cabinet in the Gathering Area has been restocked. Pick up your favorites for \$13.00 per bag and help support our mission partners at Café Justo and Frontera de Cristo.

All Senior High Youth are invited to a Day at the Lake on August 2 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Suellen and Joel McConnell. Contact Pastor Emily for more information.

Join us on August 9 for our Back to School kickoff with the Blessing of the Backpacks and Educator Recognition during worship. Both services will be in the sanctuary. Following 11:00 a.m. worship, all are invited to a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Spinx chicken and dessert will be provided and we ask that you bring a side dish or two to share.

Today is the deadline! The Officer Nominating Committee invites the congregation to submit names of individuals you believe God is calling to serve as elders and deacons. You may do this filling out the form found in the pew racks and dropping it in the offering plate. You can also email your suggestions to Lisa Johnson in the church office at lisaj@fpcgreer.org.