

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

10:00 a.m. Worship



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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lord of the Dance
Handbell Quintet

arr. Krug

***Call to Worship**

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid,
for the Lord is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.
Give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name;
make known his deeds among the nations.
Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 43**

On Eagle's Wings

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

The congregation is invited to sing on the refrains.

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Confession of Sin

Almighty and Everlasting God, whose mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all sin: Receive back unto yourself your bewildered and broken children. Forgive our folly and excess, our coldness to human sorrows, our passion for the things of the moment that perish in the grasping, our indifference to those treasures of the Spirit which are life and peace, our neglect of your wise and gracious laws; and so change our hearts and turn all our desires unto yourself that we may love that which you love and do that which you command to the glory of your holy name, now and forevermore. 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."

***Words of Peace**

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

Invitation to the Children

Anthem

I Am Thine, O Lord

arr. Patterson

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, the unfolding of your Word gives light and provides wisdom to all who seek your truth. Open our minds and hearts by the presence of your Holy Spirit, that we might receive the word you have for us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

Pew Bible, pg. 266

New Testament Reading

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Pew Bible, pg. 795

Sermon

"Understood?"

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

It Is Well with My Soul
Handbell Quintet

arr. Ingram

*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. 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

*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

Processional in G Major

Stanley

* Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Ninth 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 Cal Cannon and Ginger Mauney for assisting in worship and to Amy Couch, Karen Greene, Bonnie Holmes, Byron Honbarger, and Marian Hyslop for sharing their musical gifts.

Chancel Choir rehearsal resumes this Wednesday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.

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 ages are welcome to help pack bagged meals for the Triune Mercy Center on Saturday, August 1. Meet in the FPC Greer kitchen at 10:00 a.m. This is a great family mission opportunity! Contact Kathy Vanderhoff or the church office for more information.

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. Rising 8th graders and graduated seniors are welcome to join in the fun! If you would like to carpool from the church, please meet in the back parking lot at 1:30 p.m. If you have a life jacket, please bring it with you along with a beach towel and sun screen. Contact Pastor Emily for more information.

Soulos, a fellowship group for single women of all ages, will gather for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, at Nixtamal Mexican Kitchen located at 755 Hammett Bridge Road in Greer. Contact Rosalind Stringer or the church office for more information.

In both worship services on August 9, we will recognize those in our congregation who have served or currently serve in the field of education. We would like to list the names of our educators in the bulletin, so please contact Lisa Johnson in the church office by Tuesday, August 4 to make sure your name is included. Teachers, administrators, counselors, office support staff, cafeteria workers, and all others who have worked or currently work in our schools are encouraged to be present on August 9 as we say "thank you" to our educators.

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.

Save the Date! The 2nd Annual HymnFest sponsored by the Music Ministry Leaders of Foothills Presbytery is Saturday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m. at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Greenville. This free event features combined choirs and musicians from eleven different churches across the presbytery, including FPC Greer. Contact Lisa Dillard or the church office for more information.

Join Us Next Sunday As We Return to Our Regular Worship Schedule

8:55 a.m. Worship in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary