

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

10:00 a.m. Worship



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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Variations on "America"* Lovelace

***Call to Worship**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come into God's presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is God that made us, and we are God's.
We are God's people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 385** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* OLD HUNDREDTH

Confession of Sin

Holy One, we confess to you and to each other that we are tired and weighed down by our mistakes and failures, as individuals and as a nation. We are exhausted by division, by unmet expectations, and by endless distractions. We are weary of talking past one another and putting our trust in the wrong things. Merciful God, yoke us to your love and righteousness and tune our hearts to sing your praise. Through Christ, we pray. 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

Prayer for Illumination

O God, give us ears to hear your Word and hearts to discern your will for our lives. May we find our home in your kingdom and our life in your Spirit. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 145 Pew Bible, pg. 506

New Testament Reading Matthew 11:16-20, 25-30 Pew Bible, pg. 792

Sermon "Pledging Allegiance to Our God and King" Reverend Proctor

***Affirmation of Faith** from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

We confess that Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Anthem *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Beck

***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**

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.

Musical Responses

No. 556

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS

No. 557

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

No. 558

Amen

AMEN

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Communion of the People

Prayer

***Hymn No. 769** *For Everyone Born* FOR EVERYONE BORN

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** *I Come with Joy* arr. Martin

* Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Sixth 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 Nick Nicholson and Gayle Johnson for assisting in worship.

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.

All youth are invited to join Pastor Emily and our congregation's adult volunteers to prepare and serve lunch to our neighbors at Daily Bread Ministries (Greer Soup Kitchen) at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, July 6. **Please let Pastor Emily know TODAY if you can help.**

A reminder that worship throughout the month of July will be at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

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.

The Mission and Outreach Committee invites the congregation to donate items in support of Greer Community Ministries school supply drive. 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. **The deadline for donations is Sunday, July 12.**

School Supplies Most Requested Items: Dry Erase Markers, Ruled Index Cards (3x5 & 4x6), Handheld Calculators, Pencil Pouches, Black & White Composition Notebooks, 3-Ring Binders (1", 2", or 3"), Wide Ruled & College Ruled Loose-Leaf Notebook Paper; 3-Ring Binder Subject Dividers, 3-Prong Plastic Pocket Folders; Dated Assignment Books, Clorox Wipes, and New Large Backpacks (no wheels).

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