

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greer, South Carolina

10:00 a.m. Worship



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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Ministry

Ginger Mauney and Missy Nicholson

Prelude

Sanctuary

Thompson/Scruggs

***Call to Worship**

The sun shall no longer be your light by day,
nor the brightness of the moon your light by night;
for the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Confession of Sin

Hear our prayers, O Lord, though we know not how to pray. What words can tell you of our sins save words that seek to hide from you even now? You alone know how we are captive to sin: wandering from your ways, wasting your gifts, forgetting your love. Give us the grace of repentance, the humility that asks forgiveness, and the power that leads to amendment of life. Lord, may the power of your gracious love redeem us from our bondage, that we might find in your service our perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

As the Deer
Caroline Buff, solo

Nystrom

Prayer for Illumination

Holy and merciful God, grant us the faith that will protect us from despair; pour into our hearts a hope that will deliver us from fear and timidity. You do not forget us, but seek us. Your will is that we should know you and turn to you. Lord, we hear your call and seek to follow you. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-23

Pew Bible, pg. 948

Sermon

"Freedom Isn't Free"

Reverend Shelburne

***Affirmation of Faith**

from *The Confession of 1967*

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Bock

***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 and the Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn No. 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response No. 702**

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.

***Postlude**

Nearer, My God to Thee

arr. Henry

* Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to worship on this Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. We invite you to record your presence by signing the fellowship pads located in each pew. If worshiping 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 Lorelea Wright and Jenny Munro for assisting in worship and to Caroline Buff for sharing her musical gifts.

Reverend Shelburne begins his summer vacation tomorrow, June 29. He will return to the office on July 16. Please contact Pastor Emily or the church office with any care needs during this time.

The church staff wishes each of you a safe and Happy Fourth of July! The office will be open regular hours this week, Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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, June 29, and Monday, July 6. **Please let Pastor Emily know TODAY if you can help on either date.**

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) is making steady progress toward its goals. The Session has unanimously approved the Ministry Discernment Profile, which has since been entered into the Church Leadership Connection system. The associate pastor position is now active in the system, which will produce potential matches for the APNC to review. While we understand that this will be a lengthy part of the process, we have confidence that with God's help and your prayers, the APNC will move at a pace that is in line with His perfect timing. We look forward to providing you with regular updates and welcome any questions you may have. — Missy Nicholson and Ginger Mauney, co-chairs.

Soulos, a fellowship group for single women of all ages, will gather for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on July 1 at Voila French Café located at 755 Hammett Bridge Road, Suite 140. Contact Rosalind Stringer or the church office for more information.

Beginning next Sunday, 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.

Intergenerational Sunday School starts next Sunday! All ages will gather in the Fellowship Hall each week 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.

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).