

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA**

Sunday, April 30, 2017 Third Sunday of Easter

Elder of the Month: Cheri Moore Director of Music: Donna Kicklighter

Pastor: Rev. Alex Stevens

**RINGING OF THE HOUR** (Please be seated.)

**PRELUDE** He Has Made Me Glad

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION/CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the beginning before time, GOD WAS.

**Here and now, among us, beside us, enlisting the people of Earth for the purposes of Heaven, GOD IS.**

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment, GOD WILL BE. Not denying the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**GOD WAS, GOD IS, AND GOD WILL BE.**

\***HYMN # 625** How Great thou Art

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**For all the times we've failed You Lord, for the prayers we have not prayed, the good deeds we have not done, for the bitter thoughts we've thought, and the unkind words we've said, forgive us. Give us courage, Father, to go forward in the way of Your son, in the strength of Your Holy Spirit, until the time when we can rest with You, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, One God, in Your redeemed world, forever and ever. Hear us as we pray, silently, alone and yet together. Amen**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Spirit of the Living God (insert)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God is always more ready to forgive than we are to repent. Know Christians that, not because of our repentance, but because of Christ's sacrifice, we are forgiven.

**Amen**

**\* PEACE OF CHRIST**

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed (insert)

\* **GLORIA PATRI** (insert)

**OFFERING**

Invitation to give

Offertory How Can I Keep From Singing

\* Doxology (insert)

Prayer of Dedication

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

\* **HYMN #450** Be Thou My Vision

**PROCLAMATION**

Prayer for Illumination		Cheri Moore
New Testament Lesson	1 Peter 1:17-23	p. 236
Anthem	City of God	Choir
Gospel Lesson	Luke 24:13-35	p. 90
Sermon	He Was There All Along	Rev. Alex Stevens

\* **HYMN #252** Day Of Arising

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

And all God's children said,

**People: Alleluia! Amen!**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** He Lives

*He lives; He lives; Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.*

*He lives; He lives; salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives. He lives within my heart.*

\* Those who are able, please stand.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANKS:** Many thanks today to the members of the Flower Committee who enhance the beauty of our sanctuary with wonderful flowers each week. The very talented Eileen Usherwood, Ann Corry, and Beth Lewis help us to celebrate the glory of the Lord in His creation each week. Thank you all so very much.

**PW:** Presbyterian Women will be sewing dresses for the orphans in Liberia on Mondays at 1 pm beginning tomorrow and continuing through the month of May. We'll work until mid-afternoon, so come and join us. Bring your scissors - all other materials are provided.

**FELLOWSHIP CLASS:** What is the Gospel? Rev Tim Keller suggests that there are two ways two reject God as Savior. The most obvious to us is to reject His law and go your own way. That's irreligion. But obeying God's law, being very moral and very righteous so as to earn your own salvation, is also to reject Him as savior. That's religion. The Gospel is that God offers us, not religion but salvation. He says that there are actually three ways to relate to God, religion, irreligion, and the gospel. Join us as we study "The Gospel In Life" at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall. No homework, no stress.

**FROM PASTOR STEVENS:** Pastor Stevens is developing a list of elders who would like to help serve communion to shut-ins on a regular basis. Please let Alex know if you would like to help with this important ministry.

### Treasurer's Report

General Giving Weekly Budget - \$1876 per week

General Giving for first 16 weeks of 2017 - \$1910 per week

One Great Hour Gift to date \$215

Thanks, Julie Thorp, Treasurer

**ELDERS:** Cheri Moore – Fellowship, James Graham - Congregational Care, Jan Brazier – Worship, Alex Brazier – Facilities, Noble Usherwood – Education, Marie Boswell - Missions, Brooke Hinds - Clerk of Session

## SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 23. What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Q. 24. How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executes the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Q. 25. How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executes the office of a priest in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Q. 26. How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

## SERVICE MUSIC AND LITURGY

### *Spirit of the Living God*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me*

### *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 \**  
*(universal church)*

### *Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; World without end. Amen, Amen*

### *Doxology*

*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*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

Our military personnel	Doris Birdsong, Andrew Boswell's sister
Dell Boettger, Jane's cousin	David Blough, who has cancer
Scotty Brazier	Nancy Jo Durham, Judy Boswell's sister
Lanie Epps Whitt	Becky Dennis
Lindsey Walker	Lucy Lathrop
Orphan Aid Liberia	Adair Moore, Jimmy's older brother
Johnnie Satterfield	Mildred Tietjen
Charlotte Moore, Beth Lewis' friend	Russell Gober, a friend of the Epps family
Jon Carter, friend of Billy Wood	Chris Sandoval, Beth's son-in-law in San Antonio,
Seth Cooper, Vivian Ferland's brother, and her sister, who are both very ill	
Ed Lewis, at Eatonton Health and Rehabilitation	
Carey Wickland, at Presbyterian Village Memory Unit	
Jean Coleman, friend of the Satterfields	
Nancy Gloege	

God will only give you what you would have asked for if you knew everything He knows.

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;*

*God be in my eyes, and in my looking;*

*God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;*

*God be in my heart, and in my thinking;*

*God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.* Maria Ware (1798)

*We beg you, Lord, to help and defend us. Deliver the oppressed, have compassion on the despised, raise the fallen, reveal Yourself to the needy, heal the sick, bring back those who have strayed from You, feed the hungry, lift up the weak, remove the prisoners' chains. May every nation come to know that You are God alone, that Jesus is Your Son, that we are Your people, the sheep of Your pasture.* Prayer of Clement, Third Bishop of Rome

So many people know the price of everything and the value of nothing.

So many people have so much to live on and so little to live for.

So many people worship God for what He can give them and not for what He is.