

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

Sunday, April 23, 2017 Second 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 *Love Lifted Me*

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION/CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 16:5-11

You, Lord, are all we have, and You give us all we need; our future is in Your hands. How wonderful are Your gifts to us; how good they are!

We praise the Lord, because He guides us, and in the night our faith warms us. We are always aware of the Lord's presence; He is near, and nothing can shake us. And so we are thankful and glad, and completely secure, because You protect us from the power of death. We have served You faithfully, and You will not abandon us to the world of the dead.

You will show us the path that leads to life; Your presence fills us with joy and brings us pleasure forever. Amen and let us worship the Lord together in joy!

***HYMN # 35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts, cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, as we silently confess our faults, confident in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for the Good News, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

People: Amen

*** PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

*** GLORIA PATRI** *(insert)*

OFFERING

Invitation to give

Offertory *I Worship You, Almighty God*

* Doxology *(insert)*

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*** HYMN #254** *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson

Anthem

Gospel Lesson

Sermon

1 Peter 1:3-9

Because He Lives

John 20:19-31

Peace Be With You

Cheri Moore

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Choir

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*** HYMN #623** *I've Got Peace Like a River*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And all God's children said,

People: Alleluia! Amen!

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Love Lifted Me* *(insert)*

* Those who are able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Memorial Service for Earl Priegel will take place at the church on Saturday, April 29, at 6 PM. Visitation with the family will be from 5-6.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: Join us after worship today for lunch and fellowship. There is plenty of food for all!

MEN OF THE CHURCH: MOC will meet Tuesday, April 25, at 11:30 AM at Pickle Barrel. James Graham is our host. Bring a friend.

FELLOWSHIP CLASS: Our new lesson study is "The Gospel In Life" by Rev Tim Keller. How would you answer if asked, "What is the gospel?" Join us as we learn and discuss.

THANKS: So many people do so much to make fellowship and worship here at FPOG a meaningful and joyful experience. Today let's thank Andrew Boswell and Billy Woods who greet us, one and all, on Sunday mornings. No matter how cold or windy or wet it is at the front doors, they are always there with a smile and a handshake or a hug! Thanks, Andrew and Billy.

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

EASTER: What a beautiful Resurrection Sunday we celebrated last week! A perfect, warm, sunny day, spectacular flowers, wonderful music, and so many visitors! We were especially glad to welcome a delightful group of young people who had attended a retreat weekend at the lake.

And we had children! Beth's lovely family, including three month old charmer, Evelyn, filled the front of the church. Be sure to check out the pictures on our website at fpog.org

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: WC will meet at 10:AM on Monday, June 5. Jan Brazier

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

SHORTER CATECHISM

As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter we thank God that we have a Redeemer!

Q. 22 Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

A. That in human nature He might, on our behalf, perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that He might sympathize with our weaknesses.

Hebrews 2:17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

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

Love Lifted Me

Love lifted me. Love lifted me. When nothing else could help, love lifted me. (repeat)

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

They [*The Fellowship of the Believers*] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of **prayers** and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

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, TX
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 and Roger. Nancy has been diagnosed with cancer.	

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)

Church Bulletins – There will always be mistakes! Here are few funny ones from around the country.
From Beulah Baptist: The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
Don't let worry kill you off. Let Fellowship Presbyterian help.
Don't be late at Emmaus Methodist! Ushers will eat latecomers.
St John's Lutheran: Covered dish supper Friday. Medication to follow.
A bean supper will be held Wednesday night. Music will follow.
The Ladies Bible Study will meet at 10:00. Lunch will follow the BS.

From the Bulletin Editor: The one who finds the most mistakes wins the job!