

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

Sunday, May 21, 2017 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Elder of the Month: Noble Usherwood Director of Music: Donna Kicklighter

Pastor: Rev. Alex Stevens

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

PRELUDE *We're Marching to Zion*

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION/CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145

I will exalt You, my God the King;

I will praise Your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise You and extol Your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

His greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts.

They speak of the glorious splendor of Your majesty; I will meditate on Your wonderful works.

They tell of the power of Your awesome works and I will proclaim Your great deeds.

They celebrate Your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

***HYMN # 2** *Come Thou, Almighty King*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father we come again to confess that we've failed You. We have not done what You've asked of us. We've done those things You warned against. Were it not for Your great mercy we would be lost. Were it not for Your everlasting love we would be destroyed. Forgive us Father and teach us to glory in You and serve You in love. Hear us as we pray silently, alone and yet together. Amen

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Not because of who we are or what we've done, but because of who He is and what He has done, we are forgiven. Amen

*** PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

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

OFFERING

Invitation to give

Offertory *Spirit Song*

* Doxology *(insert)*

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*** HYMN #366** *Love Devine, All Loves Excelling*

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson 1 Peter 3:13-22

Anthem

Gospel Lesson John 14:15-21

Sermon *Introducing the Holy Spirit*

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*** HYMN #379** *Come Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC: Plan now to join us for our annual church picnic on June 4, 2017, 11:00 at Old Salem Park. Fried chicken and tea will be provided so bring a picnic side dish. There will be no worship service in Greensboro this day. There will be a short discussion on what it means to be FPOG.

PW: Presbyterian Women will meet Monday at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be finishing the dresses for the orphanage in Liberia. We will have 20 dresses and 10 Teddy Bears for Daryl to deliver to the children in June! Bring your scissors - all other materials are provided.

FELLOWSHIP CLASS: *An idol is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give...An idol is whatever you look at and say, in your heart of hearts, "If I have that, then I'll feel my life has meaning, then I 'll know I have value, then I'll feel significant and secure."* 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.

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. 31. What is effective calling?

Effective calling is the work of God's Spirit, by which He convinces us of our sin and misery, enlightens our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renews our wills, and so persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Acts 26:18; 1 Cor 2:10, 12; 2 Cor 4:6; Eph 1:17-18 Deu 30:6; Eze 36:26-27; John 3:5; John 6:44-45; Acts 16:14 Isa 45:22; Mat 11:28-30; Rev 22:17

Comment on Q. 31.

God calls or invites men to be saved by the outward call of his word and providence, but because of our evil hearts this call is not heeded without the inward call of the Holy Spirit. He makes us feel our sin, makes the way of salvation plain, and makes us turn from our sin to willingly trust in Christ.

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*

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*

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)

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

However many blessings we expect from God, His infinite liberality will always exceed all our wishes and our thoughts. John Calvin

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	
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	
Gary Pressley, Kenneth's brother at Eatonton Health and Rehabilitation	
Jean Coleman, friend of the Satterfields	
Nancy Gloege	

There is much happiness in the Epps household! Congratulations to Lanie Epps Whitt on the upcoming birth of daughter Elizabeth Anne, Richard Burton & Staci Murphy on their upcoming wedding on 5/27/17, and Tristan Epps on her graduation from high school on 5/22. May God bless you all!

All that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—is the long, terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy. C. S. Lewis

May the peace of God go with you, wherever He may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing, once again into His arms. Amen.