

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA**

Sunday, May 7, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Elder of the Month: James Graham Director of Music: Donna Kicklighter

Pastor: Rev. Alex Stevens

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

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION/CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We gather together to worship and praise our Good Shepherd, who cares so well for us.

**The Lord is our Shepherd, and we have all we are ever likely to need.**

We gather together to worship and praise our Good Shepherd, who safely leads us and give us strength for the journey.

**The Lord is our Shepherd, who allows us to rest and renew our energies.**

We gather together to worship and praise our Good Shepherd, who offers us a feast when we are under pressure.

**The Lord is our Shepherd, whose unfailing love is always there waiting for us.**

**\*HYMN #187** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, our Good Shepherd, we confess the foolishness of our ways and our failure to follow you in your paths of righteousness. We have gone astray; we feel lost. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others. We feel the stains of our sins. God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Merciful and loving God, we thank you for never losing hope for us. When we are lost, you bring us back to you like the good shepherd that you are. Your Word tells us of the joy in heaven that awaits us. May this joy flow into our lives each day and be faithfully reflected into the world around us. Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd. **People: Amen**

**\* PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\* GLORIA PATRI** (insert)

**OFFERING**

Invitation to give

Offertory

\* Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

*Thy Word*

(insert)

**PROCLAMATION**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Anthem

Gospel Lesson

Sermon

1 Peter 2: 19-25

*Instruments of Your Peace*

John 10: 1-10

*I Didn't Recognize Your Voice*

Cheri Moore

Pew Bible

Choir

Pew Bible

Rev. Alex Stevens

**\* HYMN #494 (vs. 1-3)** *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

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

**THE SACREMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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And the people of God said: **Alleluia! Amen**

The Distribution of the Elements

**\* HYMN #494 (vs. 4-5)** *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

And all God's children said:

**People: Alleluia! Amen**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *He Lives* (insert)

**\* Those who are able, please stand**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INSTRUMENTS OF PEACE:** Today the choir is singing, “Lord, make us instruments of your peace.” How often do we think of this responsibility? If you are as I am, not often enough! However, our responsibility to be peacemakers is a direct mandate from Christ, who in the Sermon on the Mount said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called *the children of God.*” We hope our anthem will inspire you as it inspires us, and that it will, of course, give you *peace*.

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

**PW:** Through the month of May, Presbyterian Women will be sewing dresses for the orphans in Liberia on Mondays at 1 p.m. We’ll work until mid-afternoon; please come and join us. Bring your scissors – all other materials are provided.

**FELLOWSHIP CLASS:** Join us as we study *The Bible, One Story*, at 9:45 in the Fellowship hall. No homework, no stress!

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

## SHORTER CATECHISM

As you read the questions this week, notice the language of 1640.

Q 28. Wherein consisteth Christ’s exaltation?

A. Christ’s exaltation consisteth in His rising again from the dead on the third day, (1) in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, (2) and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Q. 29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit.

## 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*

### ***Congregational Response***

*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!*

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Dell Boettger, Jane's cousin

Scotty Brazier

Lanie Epps Whitt

Lindsey Walker

Orphan Aid Liberia

Johnnie Satterfield

Charlotte Moore, Beth Lewis' friend

Jon Carter, friend of Billy Wood

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

The family of Earl Priegle

Amy Kicklighter Royals, who has spinal meningitis

David Blough, who has cancer

Nancy Jo Durham, Judy Boswell's sister

Becky Dennis

Lucy Lathrop

Adair Moore, Jimmy's older brother

Mildred Tietjen

Russell Gober, a friend of the Epps family

Chris Sandoval, Beth's son-in-law in San Antonio,

**Ephesians 6: 18** *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.*

As you use this list in your prayer times, please remember to pray for all of those who give of themselves to their loved ones. Pray for family members who grieve, for those who are overcome with anxiety, for the caring hands who see to their needs, and for the doctors who are entrusted with their care. Caring for others can become the catalyst for changes that turn our lives in new directions for days, weeks, months, and even years. Pray that the Holy Spirit will make himself known to all of these people of loving service in both small and big ways and that His calming peace will accompany them in all that they do.

