

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

Sunday, June 18, 2017 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Elder of the Month: Jan Brazier Director of Music: Donna Kicklighter
Pastor: Rev. Alex Stevens

RINGING OF THE HOUR (Please be seated.)

PRELUDE *I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian (see final Congregational Response)*

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION/CALL TO WORSHIP: taken from Psalm 116

I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Together, we the people of God praise the Lord; let us worship!

* **HYMN #396** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Hear us now, Lord, as we pray silently to you...

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord separated us from our sin. Be at peace and know that through faith in Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Amen.

People: Amen

* **PEACE OF CHRIST**

* **GLORIA PATRI**

(insert)

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed (insert)

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory

We Shall Behold Him

* Doxology

(insert)

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

* **HYMN #450**

Be Thou My Vision

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson

Anthem

Gospel Lesson

Sermon

Genesis 18:1-15

Give Thanks

Matthew 9:35-10:8

What is Discipleship?

Jan Brazier

pew Bible p. 14

Choir

pew Bible p. 9

Rev. Alex Stevens

* **HYMN #305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

CHARGE AND BLESSING

And all God's children said,

People: Alleluia! Amen!

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian (insert)

* (Those who are able, please stand.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY this morning are dedicated by Jan and Alex Brazier in memory of their daughter Chrystal.

PRAYER LIST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please note that announcements and prayer changes need to be forwarded to Pastor Alex at either 678-897-2299 or waastevens@gmail.com preferably by Monday afternoon, but no later than Thursday morning.

THE FPOG INVITATIONAL GOLF EVENT will be held at The Creek at Hard Labor Golf Course on Thursday, June 22. Tee times are at 10 and 10:10 AM. Come for 9; come for 18; come for the fellowship; or come for snack bar lunch at Noon. Please contact Alex Stevens to make reservations. 9 for \$22; 18 for \$30; both are with cart. It's about fellowship more than golf. Come and join us please!

MEN'S LUNCH will be on June 27 at 11:30 AM

THE WORK GROUP FOR ORPHAN AID LIBERIA continues to meet on Mondays at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider joining this meaningful project.

FELLOWSHIP CLASS: "Every one of us is, even from his mother's womb, a master craftsman of idols." (John Calvin) Join us as we study "The Gospel in Life" at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall. No homework, no stress.

DON'T FORGET! Check the website, fpog.org, for news and updates. Our webmaster is doing a great job of managing and updating it.

CHOIR: The choir will practice on Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

FLOWERS: To provide flowers for the church, please see the list in the narthex or speak to Eileen Usherwood or Ann Corry. Eileen and Ann want you to know that they would welcome flowers from your yard, a blooming plant or a lovely green houseplant, every bit as much as an arrangement from a florist. To include a note honoring or remembering someone in the bulletin, please contact the pastor or lay reader.

CREEDS OF THE CHURCH, PCUSA: THE SHORTER CATECHISM

Questions 43-81 focus on God's law for His people, which we call the Ten Commandments.

Q. 43. What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

The preface to the Ten Commandments is: "I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

Q. 44. What does the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

The preface to the Ten Commandments teaches us that because God is the LORD and our God and Redeemer, we are bound to keep all His commandments.

This answer shows us that the motive for keeping God's commandments is gratitude and love springing from faith and trust in God as our Savior.

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

I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian

*I'll tell the world that I'm a Christian; I'm not ashamed His name to bear.
I'll tell the world that I'm a Christian; I'll take Him with me anywhere.
I'll tell the world that He's my Savior; No other one could love me so.
My life, my all is His forever; And where He leads me, I will go.*

As Christians, we grow in love for
the ones for whom we pray,
the ones with whom we pray and
the One to whom we pray. (unknown)

A prayer for use before worship:

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. (Colossians 3:15)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Our military personnel	Doris Birdsong, Andrew Boswell's sister
Dell Boettger, Jane Epps'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	Jean Coleman, friend of the Satterfields
Mildred Tietjen	Charlotte Moore, Beth Lewis' friend
Carey Wickland	Nancy Gloege
Ed Lewis	Chris Sandoval, Beth Lewis's son-in-law
Stephen Jackson	Gary Pressley
Seth Cooper, Vivian Ferland's brother, and her sister, who are both very ill	

May the God of Hope, who raised Jesus from the dead, fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
(Romans 15:13)