

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

Sunday, August 13, 2017 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Elder of the Month: Alex Brazier Liturgist: Jan Brazier

Director of Music: Donna Kicklighter

Pastor: Rev. Alex Stevens

RINGING OF THE HOUR

(Please be seated.)

PRELUDE

How Can I Keep from Singing?

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 85:8-13

I will hear what God the Lord will say; for He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones; but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Lovingkindness and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth springs from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. Indeed, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its produce.

Righteousness will go before Him and will make His footsteps into a way. *Let us follow Him through the act of worship.*

* HYMN #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you went to the cross to set us free from sin. We turn to you in awareness of our shortcomings and faults. Forgive us, O Lord, despite our continuing in our own ways. Guide us into your ways so that we may more fully delight in union with you and so that the world may see your greatness in us and come to you ... the Lord of all. Hear us now, Lord, as we pray silently to you...

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God (insert)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen

* PEACE OF CHRIST

* GLORIA PATRI

(insert)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (insert)

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Love Is Flowing

* Doxology

(insert)

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #838

Standing on the Promises

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

1 Kings 19:9–18

Worship Medley

Commitment to Christ

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

Walking on Water

Jan Brazier

pew Bible p. 326

Congregation

pew Bible p. 16

Rev. Alex Stevens

* HYMN #840

It Is Well with My Soul

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

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 WORK GROUP FOR ORPHAN AID LIBERIA continues to meet on Mondays at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider joining this meaningful project.

FELLOWSHIP CLASS Join us at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall as we continue our study of Religions of the World. No homework. No stress.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY is a local mission project that knits/crochets shawls to be given to those in need of our special prayers and remembrance. For information, contact Brooke Hinds at 762-445-1006.

FLOWERS To provide flowers for the church, please see the list in the narthex and speak to Eileen Usherwood or Ann Corry.

SIX GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

The third Great End of the Church is the maintenance of divine worship.

Divine worship of the Trinitarian God is that worship which is ordained by God Himself in His word. The Westminster Confession states it this way, "The acceptable way of worshiping the true God has been instituted by Himself, and so limited by His own revealed will, that He may not be worshiped according to the imaginations or inventions of men."

The Church (throughout time) is God's instrument to preserve the form and substance of the worship He accepts. Again, the Westminster Confession explains, "The various elements of the ordinary religious worship of God are: the reading of the Scriptures with reverence; the sound preaching and conscientious hearing of the Word in obedience to God with understanding, faith and reverence; the singing of psalms with grace in the heart; and the proper administration and worthy receiving of the sacraments instituted by 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*

The 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.

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you so that we may truly love you and to love you so that we may fully serve you. In You, service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul will make its boast in the Lord; the humble will hear it and rejoice. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. *Ps. 34:1-3*

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	Carey Wickland
Nancy Gloege	Ed Lewis
Stephen Jackson	Chris Sandoval, Beth Lewis's son-in-law
Chris and Violeta Penna	Gary Pressley
Vivian Ferland's sister	Spencer Hinds, surgery recovery

May the peace of God, who passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always. Alleluia! Amen. *Heb. 13:20, 21*