

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

Sunday, August 20, 2017 20th 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

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100:1, 2, 5

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

In thankful joy, let us worship and praise the Lord our God!

* HYMN #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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 as we pray silently to you...

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God (insert)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

* PEACE OF CHRIST

* GLORIA PATRI

(insert)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (insert)

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory

In Christ Alone

* Doxology

(insert)

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #354

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Jan Brazier

Instrumental

Morning Has Broken

pew Bible p. 686

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 15:10-28

Beth Lewis, recorder

Sermon

The Woman of Faith

pew Bible p. 17

Rev. Alex Stevens

* HYMN #463

How Firm a Foundation

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

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.

MEN'S LUNCH is Tuesday, August 29, at 11:30 AM at Harbor Club. Peter Candler is host.

THE NINETEENTH HOLERS will play golf on Tuesday, August 29, at 9:10 AM at Harbor Club.

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 fourth great end of the church is "the preservation of the truth." In the Gospel of John, as Jesus is brought to trial, Pilate asks, "What is truth?" We still hear the question today. We hear it from skeptics and intellectuals who say, "There is no such thing as absolute truth." We also hear it from modernists who say, "Truth is just a construct of power," and from those who claim to be tolerant by saying, "I have my truth; you have yours."

In stating that the preservation of the truth is one of the primary goals of the church, Presbyterians are saying, "We believe that there is such a thing as truth and that we believe in it." According to the Westminster Confession of Faith, truth is found in the scriptures and is revealed in "The Truth" also known as Jesus Christ. (John 14:6)

To suggest that the truth must be preserved is only to recognize that it could be compromised or lost by carelessness or unfaithfulness. The Church is called to be vigilant in knowing and defending the truth, as revealed to us in God's Word.

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

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing, and give praise to God's name; tell the glad news of salvation from day to day. *Ps. 96:1-2*

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 God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being-spirit, soul, and body-free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia! Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5:23