

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

Sunday, August 27, 2017 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Elder of the Month: Alex Brazier Liturgist: Noble Usherwood
Director of Music: Donna Kicklighter
Pastor: Rev. Alex Stevens Guest Minister: Rev. John Lamsma

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

PRELUDE *He Is Lord*

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 #35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

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 *We are An Offering*

* Doxology *(insert)*

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*** HYMN #839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST MINISTER

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson:

Solo

Sermon

Romans 7:7 - 8:5

I'd Rather Have Jesus

The Ebb and Flow of Resurrection Life

Rev. John Lamsma

pew Bible p. 157

Chuck Thorpe

Rev. John Lamsma

*** HYMN #238**

Thine Is the Glory

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

GUEST MINISTER TODAY IS THE REV. JOHN LAMSMA. John is an ordained minister in the Christian Reformed Church and an elder in the PCUSA. After serving a congregation in Kemptville, Ontario, John spent the next 25 years as a chaplain with the Federal Bureau of Prisons until retiring in 2003, serving up to 19 different faith groups. John and his wife Debbie have now lived in the Lake Sinclair area for 14 years. They have children and grand-children scattered all over the country and Europe.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following the worship service next Sunday, September 3. The congregation will hear the nominees for session from the Officer Nominating Committee and elect elders to the session, including one for a one year term (class of 2018) and three for two year terms (class of 2019).

ICE CREAM AND SANDWICHES SOCIAL will be held after church on Sunday, September 10. Please contact Cheri Moore for details.

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 HOLLERS 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 fifth Great End of the Church is the promotion of social righteousness. The Greek word *dikaiosuné*, translated as "righteousness" in the New Testament, also means "justice." In declaring this end, Presbyterians affirm that the church is not called simply to meet the needs of her members but also to engage the culture in ways that bring about a just society. We believe that Jesus came to redeem His people and His world.

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

God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

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

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. *Isaiah 60:1-2*