

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

Sunday, October 1, 2017 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Elder of the Month: Alex Brazier

Musician: Jo Ellen Wells

Pastor: Rev. Alex Stevens

RINGING OF THE HOUR

(Please be seated.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 105:1-5a, 45

Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples.

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; speak of all His wonders.

Glory in His holy name; let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually.

Remember His wonders which He has done,

Let us keep His statutes and observe His laws, Praise the Lord!

* HYMN #804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive us, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall do, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Hear us now, Lord, as we pray silently to You...

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God (insert)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If anyone is in Christ, that one is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ not counting men's sins against them. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that, in Christ, we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor. 5:17-21)

People: Amen.

* PEACE OF CHRIST

* GLORIA PATRI

(insert)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (insert)

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory

* Doxology

(insert)

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament

Anthem

Epistle Lesson

Sermon

Matthew 21:23-32

Seek Ye First

Philippians 2:1-13

In Christ Alone

Spencer Hinds

pew Bible p.

Choir

pew Bible p.

Rev. Alex Stevens

* HYMN #515, vs 1-3

I Come with Joy

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And all God's children said,

People: Alleluia! Amen!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #515, vs 4-5

I Come with Joy

* (Those who are able, please stand.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS should be forwarded to Pastor Alex at either 678-897-2299 or waastevens@gmail.com.

THE MONTHLY LADIES LUNCH will be Friday, 10/6, at 11:30 AM at the Iron Fork in Harmony Crossing.

THE CHURCH PICNIC will be at Beth Lewis' on Sunday, October 15. It will include worship at 11:00 AM with lunch following the service. Cheri Moore is making a sign-up sheet for who brings what. Come and bring your friends!

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT: October 31, 2017 will mark the 500th anniversary of the day Martin Luther sparked what we call the Protestant Reformation. On October 1st, the Fellowship Class will begin a study to learn what the Reformation was and how Presbyterians came to be. Join us as we explore our heritage. 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.

HURRICANE RELIEF can be supported by making a donation at any time to the church and earmarking it for hurricane relief. All such funds received will be forwarded to Presbyterian Disaster Relief where they will be applied to the areas of greatest need in support of hurricane stricken communities.

FROM THE SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 67. What is the Sixth Commandment? The Sixth Commandment is, "Thou shall not kill." [note: the original Biblical language means more like "murder" than "kill."]

Q. 68. What is required in the Sixth Commandment? The Sixth Commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

Q. 69. What is forbidden in the Sixth Commandment? The Sixth Commandment forbids the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tends thereunto.

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.*

[* the word catholic means universal]

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

When you depart this sanctuary, you enter the mission field.

Mission Statement (where we are now)

We are disciples of Jesus Christ reaching out through mission and warm, welcoming fellowship to individuals of various communities of the Greene County area.

Vision Statement (where we are in the future)

To be the church of choice to the very rapidly growing population of the Greene County area: the active adult community.

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

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of Your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us Your strength; where we have been confused, grant us Your guidance; where we have been distraught, grant us Your comfort; where we have been dead, grant us Your life. Apart from You, O Lord, we are nothing, in and with You we can do all things. Amen.

Psalms 124:8

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

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	Spencer Hinds, surgery recovery
Mildred Tietjen	Carey Wickland
Nancy Gloege	Ed Lewis
Stephen Jackson	Chris Sandoval, Beth Lewis's son-in-law
Chris and Violeta Penna	Gary Pressley
Bill Corry	Vivian Ferland's sister
Hurricane victims	Bob Wheeler (knee surgery 9/27)