

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

Sunday, September 3, 2017 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Elder of the Month: James Graham Liturgist: Steve Fowler

Director of Music: Donna Kicklighter

Pastor: Rev. Alex Stevens

RINGING OF THE HOUR

(Please be seated.)

PRELUDE

He Has Made Me Glad

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 138:1-5, 8b

I will give You thanks with all my heart; I will sing praises to You before the gods.

I will bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.

On the day I called, You answered me; You made me bold with strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth will give thanks to You, O Lord, when they have heard the words of Your mouth, and they will sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Your lovingkindness, O Lord, is everlasting. *Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.*

* HYMN #41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

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

Give Thanks

* Doxology

(insert)

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #697

Take My Life

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Jeremiah 15:15–21

Anthem

Come, Share the Lord

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:21–28

Sermon

Thy Kingdom Come

Steve Fowler

pew Bible p. 717

Choir

pew Bible p. 18

Rev. Alex Stevens

* HYMN #515

I Come With Joy (vs 1-3)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The bread may be eaten when you desire. As for the cup, please wait until all are served so that we can take it together.)

* HYMN #515

I Come With Joy (vs 4-5)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And all God's children said,

People: Alleluia! Amen!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (vs 1-2)

* (Those who are able, please stand.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE LADIES LUNCHEON will be held this Friday, 9/8 at 11:30 AM at the Iron Fork Restaurant in Harmony Crossing, right off of Hwy 44.

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.

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 are (1) the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind, (2) the shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God, (3) the maintenance of divine worship, (4) the preservation of the truth, (5) the promotion of social righteousness, (6) the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Think about a church that proclaims the gospel to the world as salvation, whose members care for each other in fellowship and spend themselves in helping others to mature in faith, who worship together as God commands, who affirm the word of God as truth, and who reach out together to bring about justice in their community and the world. What would such a church look like? I think it might look a little like the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

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 Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us as you were present with your disciples,
and make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread. Amen.

With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?
God has shown us what is good. What does the Holy One require of us, but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God? *Micah 6:6, 8*

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

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father (who has loved us and given
us eternal comfort and good hope by grace) comfort and strengthen your hearts in
every good work and word. *2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*