

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

Sunday, October 29, 2017

Reformation Sunday

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Elder of the Month: Alex Brazier

Musician: Sally Wickland Pastor: Rev. Alex Stevens

RINGING OF THE HOUR

(Please be seated.)

PRELUDE

Bach Prelude 1

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dt. 6:4-5

Hear O Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one! And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

The Lord our God is one and loves us with a loving kindness that is faithful to us whether we deserve it or not. In thankful joy, let us worship and praise the Lord our God!

* HYMN #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh Lord, Our God, You created us, and You love us with a faithfulness that endures throughout all time. Lead us to be aware of our shortcomings, and give us the courage to confess them before You. Lead us into Your pathways, so that Your name will be praised, and all Your people will come to know You and will come to love You and Your creation. 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

I Surrender All

* Doxology

(insert)

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Anthem, Choir

Gospel

Sermon

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Matthew 22:34–46

The Game

Steve Atchley

pew Bible p. 106

pew Bible p. 25

Rev. Alex Stevens

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Orphan Aid Liberia

* HYMN #321

The Church's One Foundation

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And all God's children said,

People: Alleluia! Amen!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #313, vs 1

Lord, Make Us More Holy

* (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 MEN OF THE CHURCH will meet on Tuesday, October 31 at 11:30 at the Pickle Barrel.

THE LADIES MONTHLY LUNCH will meet this Friday, Nov. 3 at 11:30 AM.

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.

SAVE THE DATES: We will have “Hanging of the Greens” on Sunday November 26. Christmas church dinner will be on Sunday, December 17th. Both events will be following worship. More details to follow.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Join us and learn. 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.

REFORMATION QUIZ

Questions:

1. Who is known as the leader of the Protestant Reformation?
2. John Calvin was a leading thinker in what is known as “Reformed Theology.” Upon whose writings did he largely draw from?
3. Who was the founder of the oldest denomination associated with “Reformed Theology” and what is the name of that denomination? (hint: it is not Martin Luther or John Calvin)

Answers:

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| 1. Martin Luther, 1517. |
| 2. St Augustine, 4 th -5 th Century. |
| 3. Peter Waldo, Waldensians, late 12 th Century. Look them up in Wikipedia for an interesting read. |

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*

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*

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]

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.

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Come, O Holy Spirit. Come as Holy Fire and burn in us, come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within, come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness, come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance, come as Holy Power and enable our weakness, come as Holy Life and dwell in us. Convict us, convert us, consecrate us, until we are set free from the service of ourselves, to be your servants to the world. Amen.

Malachi 1:11

“From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations,” says the Lord of Hosts.

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	Las Vegas victims and their families
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, surgery recovery
Carey Wickland, declining health	