

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

Sunday, October 22, 2017 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Elder of the Month: Alex Brazier

Musician: Jo Ellen Wells

Pastor: Rev. John Lamsma

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

PRELUDE *Holy Ground* Jeffrey Wells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP 2 Th 3:18; Psalm 105:1-2

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

*** HYMN #370** *This is My Father's World*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we strayed from Your ways. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from You. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In Your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Hear us now, Lord, as we pray silently to You...

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God (insert)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse

us from all unrighteousness. Be at peace, my friends, in the sure and certain knowledge of God's grace.

People: Amen.

*** PEACE OF CHRIST**

*** GLORIA PATRI** *(insert)*

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles' Creed (insert)*

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

* Doxology *(insert)*

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*** HYMN #187, vs 1-2** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination		Spencer Hinds
New Testament	John 18:28-38	pew Bible p. 112
Anthem, Choir	<i>We Give Thee but Thine Own</i>	
Gospel Lesson	John 1:1-18	pew Bible p. 91
Sermon	<i>What is Truth?</i>	Rev. John Lamsma

*** HYMN #187, vs 3-4** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And all God's children said,

People: Alleluia! Amen!

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *I'll Tell the World that I'm a Christian*

* (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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on Sunday, October 22 at 2:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

THE MEN OF THE CHURCH will meet on Monday, October 31 at 11:30 at the Iron Fork.

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: We will continue our study of the Reformation as we anticipate Reformation Sunday, celebrating 500 years of the Protestant Reformation. Join us and learn. No homework. No stress.

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.

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

Q73. What is the eighth commandment? The eighth commandment is: You shall not steal.

Q74. What does the eighth commandment require? The eighth commandment requires that we lawfully acquire and increase our own and others' money and possessions.

Q75. What does the eighth commandment forbid? The eighth commandment forbids anything that either does or may unjustly take away money or possessions from us or anyone else.

This commandment is the "very foundation of our understanding of private property, free enterprise, and the 'Protestant work ethic' that played such a large part in forming the United States and, indeed, the modern world." Rev. Robert Channing

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

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.

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 *Desiderius Erasmus (1466–1536)*

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life: do not let us stray from you, the Way, nor to distrust you, the Truth, nor to rest in anything other than you, the Life. **Amen.**

Isaiah 2:3

And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

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, surgery recovery
Las Vegas victims and their families	Tom Tait and family in the loss of his father