

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

Sunday, November 12, 2017

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Elder of the Month: Cheri Moore

Musician: Joan Stevens Pastor: Rev. Alex Stevens

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. God's word is not in vain, in Christ you are forgiven.

People: Amen.

*** PEACE OF CHRIST**

*** GLORIA PATRI**

(insert)

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed (insert)

RINGING OF THE HOUR

(Please be seated.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1, 8, 9

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, and for His wonders to humanity!

For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, and the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting.

*** HYMN #839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

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 us, 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

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory

* Doxology

(insert)

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

*** HYMN # 337**

My Country, Tis of Thee

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament

Anthem, Choir

Gospel

Sermon

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Matthew 25:1-13

Deeds of Honor

Cheri Moore

pew Bible p. 204

pew Bible p. 28

Rev. Alex Stevens

*** HYMN #761, vs 1-3**

Called as Partners in Christ' Service

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And all God's children said,

People: Alleluia! Amen!

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #761, vs 4**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

* (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 MEET at 2:30 PM, Nov. 19, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall. All Ladies are invited to join us for a brief Bible study, fellowship, and light refreshments.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE is held every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: 9:45 am. Join us and learn. No homework. No stress. We will continue our study of the Reformation and Reformed Faith.

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.

FROM THE TREASURER General Giving for the first ten months of 2017 is running slightly ahead of projections. Our budget is \$8,132 per month. We are on track to meet this goal for 2017. It would not happen with your generosity to FPOG. Thank you. Julie Thorp.

FLOWERS To provide flowers for the church, please see the list in the narthex and speak to Eileen Usherwood or Ann Corry.

FROM THE SHORTER CATECHISM Q79. What is the tenth commandment? The tenth commandment is: You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Q80. What does the tenth commandment require? The tenth commandment requires us to be completely satisfied with our own status in life and to have a proper, loving attitude toward others and their possessions.

Q81. What does the tenth commandment forbid? The tenth commandment forbids any dissatisfaction with what belongs to us, envy or grief at the success of others, and all improper desire for anything that belongs to someone else.

Q82. Can anyone perfectly keep the commandments of God? Since the fall no ordinary man can perfectly keep the commandments of God in this life but breaks them every day in thought, word, and action. *This is the "bad news". The Good News is the Gospel, God's grace in the person of Jesus Christ.*

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

Give me, O my Lord, that purity of conscience which alone can receive your inspirations. My ears are dull, so that I cannot hear your voice. My eyes are dim, so that I cannot see the signs of your presence. You alone can quicken my hearing and purge my sight, and cleanse and renew my heart. Teach me to sit at your feet and to hear your word. 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	The Owens family (friends of Linda Fowler)
Mildred Tietjen	Carey Wickland, declining health
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
Victims of violence	Linda Fowler