

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Christ the King Sunday

Elder of the Month: Cheri Moore

Musician: Joan Stevens Pastor: Rev. Alex Stevens

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

PRELUDE *He is Lord*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7

O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods,

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

*** HYMN #41** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord, our God, we approach Your infinite goodness, mercy and wisdom realizing that we all fall short of Your standards. We have gone astray by following ourselves rather than You. We have sinned by doing certain things and by not doing other things. We have sinned individually and corporately.

You have reached out for us, knowing our condition, and You have made a way for us. You have set us free from a past that we cannot change, for a future that can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

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 *You Are My All in All*

* Doxology *(insert)*

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*** HYMN #263** *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

Anthem *Give Thanks*

New Testament Ephesians 1:15–23

Sermon *You Are My All in All*

Cheri Moore
pew Bible p. 803
Choir
pew Bible p. 192
Rev. Alex Stevens

*** HYMN #450** *Be Thou My Vision, vs 1-3*

CHARGE AND BLESSING And all God's children said,

People: Alleluia! Amen!

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #450** *Be Thou My Vision, vs 4*

* (Those who are able, please stand.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY LADIES LUNCH has been cancelled for the first Friday in December. However, please mark your calendars, ladies, to attend the Presbyterian Women-sponsored Christmas luncheon to be held at Mary Graham's home December 19th, at 11: 30 am. (Please email your RSVP to Brooke Hinds at spenbrooke@aol.com)

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.

MEN OF THE CHURCH will meet on Tuesday, November 28 at Yesterday's Café in downtown Greensboro. Spencer Hinds is the host.

"HANGING OF THE GREENS" will be on Sunday November 26. Lunch will follow worship, after which we will decorate the sanctuary for Advent.

THE FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS INVITES YOU TO BE OUR GUESTS AT A CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON... When: Sunday, December 17th, immediately after church. Where: Washington Grass Inn, Siloam, GA. Why: to celebrate the greatest gift ever given, Jesus Christ, our Savior!

CHOIR PRACTICE will be held this week at 7:00 PM on Wednesday 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 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 without 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: Q. 83. Are all transgressions of the law equally sinful? Some sins, because of their nature and the circumstances, are more sinful in the sight of God than others. John 19:11. **Q. 84.** What does every sin deserve? Although some sins will be more severely punished than others, yet every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life and the life that is to come. Comment on Q. 84. *If you are tempted to think that maybe God can overlook sin or that it will not be punished, then look at the death of Christ. God did not give his Son because we were worth saving, but because there was no other way we could be saved except at such a cost. God's wrath fell on Christ and so does not fall on those who belong to Christ. But those who do not find refuge in Christ will find God's wrath will come on them. If God did not spare his Son ... how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?*

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

Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have won for us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Ps. 96:1-2

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing, and give praise to God's name; tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Veterans and military personnel	Doris Birdsong, Andrew Boswell's sister
Dell Boettger, Jane Epps's cousin	David Blough, cancer recovery
Scotty Brazier	Nancy Jo Durham, Judy Boswell's sister
Lanie Epps Whitt	Becky Dennis
Lindsey Walker	Lucy Lathrop, Vivian Ferland's sister
Orphan Aid Liberia	Adair Moore, Jimmy Moore's 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 Penna, surgery recovery	Gary Pressley
Bill Corry	Linda Fowler, health concerns
Victims of violence	Pastor Nominating Committee