

First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

January 14, 2018 Second Sunday After Epiphany

Elder of the Month Cheri Moore

Pianist: Jean Gomez

Pastor: The Rev. Amy Hobby Rickard

WELCOME

* GREETING EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

INTROIT *Hymn # 1 Holy, Holy, Holy (v. 1) (insert)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 122

Leader: Come let us worship the Lord

People: Let us worship Him in gladness.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Nehemiah 9:6

You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship You

* HYMN # 634

To God Be The Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God: You alone are good and holy. You have called us to follow You but we hesitate. You have given us light but we fail to live fully in it. You sent Your son to us to announce justice and peace but we close our eyes to injustice and conflict. Forgive us God and give us courage to obey faithfully. Amen. (Silent prayer)

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.

* GLORIA PATRI

(insert)

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Gospel

Psalm

Anthem

Sermon

1 Samuel 3:1-11

John 1:43-51

Psalm 29:1-11

Savannah Roberts

Overwhelming and Subtle

Pew Bible p. 247

Pew Bible p. 91

Pew Bible p. 505

Soloist

Rev. Amy Hobby Rickard

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (insert)

* HYMN # 450

Be Thou My Vision

OFFERING

Invitation to give

Offertory

* DOXOLOGY AND LORD'S PRAYER

(insert)

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Join me as we pray for our community and the world.

People: Comfort and relieve, O Lord, all who are in trouble . . . sorrow . . . poverty . . . sickness . . .grief, especially those known to us, whom we name before you in silence...

We pray Lord for our church, that we have the mind of Christ in facing decisions. For our leaders, that they might have wisdom. For all members, that grace might conform us to God's purpose.

* HYMN # 839

vs 1-2 Blessed Assurance

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And all God's children said: **Alleluia! Amen!**

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 839

vs 3 Blessed Assurance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Welcome The Rev. Amy Hobby Rickard to our pulpit today. Rev. Rickard is the Director of Operations for America's Warrior Partnership, a national veteran service non-profit, and Supply Pastor of Lincoln Presbyterian Church. She and her husband Ken have lived in Augusta for 15 years and have two rescue dogs. She enjoys group fitness classes, travel, good food and art.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet at 2:30 on January 21st in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us. **MEN OF THE CHURCH** meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 11:30. The location and host varies. This month we will meet at Yesterdays on January 30th and our host will be Chuck Thorp. **FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets at 9:45 in the Fellowship Building. The Class will restart Jan 21. Our study is "The Early Church", by Ray Vanderlaan. No homework, no stress.

Choir Rehearsal: We are moving! Choir Rehearsal is now on Thursday Evenings at 7 PM in the Fellowship hall. Here's your chance to join us and sing.

Feb. 11 Covered Dish Lunch: after Worship: Bring your best Covered Dish. More soon

Feb 15: Women's Lunch. 11:30 AM at the Iron Fork Restaurant.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please send prayer requests to Chuck Thorp csthorpjr@gmail.com

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: We are looking into purchasing a few large print Hymn Books. They would be kept at the rear of the church for those who need them. If you would like to contribute, the cost is about \$33 each. See Jan Brazier for info.

The Christian Year: As we begin a new calendar year let's take a moment to look at the Liturgical Year. The festivals and seasons of the liturgical calendar offer a way to order the annual life of the church according to the life of Christ and the events of salvation history. The PCUSA Book of Common Worship says, "As God created and appointed days, He created a rhythm of time and appointed seasons for worship. In the Old Testament, Jews observed seasons of fasting and feasting as occasions for festival worship of God. Jesus kept these festivals. For the Church in the New Testament, the festivals were transformed in meaning and purpose by Jesus' life and teaching, his death and resurrection, and by the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, and promised return give meaning to the seasons which order the annual rhythm of worship and guide the selection of lessons to be read and proclaimed in the life of the Church.

Through two millennia of Christian worship, a cycle of festivals and seasons has emerged and is now recognized and observed throughout the ecumenical church. Some of these events (Pentecost, Holy Week and Epiphany, e.g.) can be traced to the earliest centuries of Christian practice; others (Trinity Sunday and Christ the King, e.g.) developed later in the history of the church. The church year begins with Advent.

Advent: Is a time to remember the longing for Messiah, and to look forward to His return.

Christmas: Is not just a day but a season, time set aside to celebrate of the birth of Christ.

Epiphany: (January 6) Commemorates the revelation of God incarnate to the Magi and to all people.

Lent: A season of forty days (Not including Sundays) set aside to prepare for Easter.

Holy Week: The Lord's Day before Easter begins a time of remembrance and proclamation of the atoning suffering and death of Jesus Christ.

Easter, Resurrection Day: Is the day of the Lord's resurrection and the beginning of a season of

rejoicing which commemorates his ministry until his Ascension, and continues for fifty days.

Pentecost: Celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost recorded in Acts.

The church also observes other days such as Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration of the Lord, Trinity Sunday, All Saints Day and Christ the King Sunday. Book of Common Worship W-3.2002

As we worship together this year let's watch for the seasons and their themes as we see the story of Christ's life and ministry unfold week by week. FPOG Worship Committee

SERVICE MUSIC AND LITURGY

Holy, Holy, Holy # 1 v 1 sing twice

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and might! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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 on 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.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be; World without end. Amen, Amen

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, For ever and ever. Amen.

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	Mildred Tietjen
Nancy Gloege	
Ed Lewis	Stephen Jackson
Chris Penna	Bill Corry
Pastor Nominating Committee	
Chris Sandoval, Beth Lewis's son-in-law	

Our Session:

Class of 2018, serving 1 year term, Noble Usherwood, James Graham, Johnnie Satterfield.

Class of 2019, serving 2 years. Brooke Hinds, Jan Brazier, Cheri Moore.

Our Session Moderator; The Rev. Dr. Ford F. G'Segner

Theology of the Puritan Fathers

Theology is the doctrine of living for God. William Ames

Faith is a persuasion of my heart that God hath given his son for me, and that he is mine, and I his.
Thomas Cartwright

In the Word preached the saints hear Christ's voice; in the sacrament they have his kiss. Thomas
Watson

Christ dying for us, is our Redemption; Christ dwelling and living in us, is our Reformation. William
Dell

The soul of religion is the practical part. John Bunyan