

First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

January 21, 2018 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Elder of the Month: Cheri Moore

Music Director: Jean Gómez

Pastor: The Rev. John Lamsma

WELCOME

* **GREETING EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

INTROIT Hymn # 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy (v. 1 & V 2) (insert)*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 116:12, 13

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

* **PRAYER OF ADORATION** Psalm 62:5–8

My soul finds rest in God; my hope comes from Him.

Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.

* **HYMN # 610** *O, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. *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

New Testament Lesson

Anthem

Sermon

Zechariah 2:6-13; 8:20-23

1 Corinthians 1:14–20

Oh Lord My God

A New Perspective on Life

Pew Bible pp. 880,883

Pew Bible p. 169

Jessie Oliveri, Solo

Rev. John Lamsma

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

* **HYMN # 157** *I Danced In The Morning*

OFFERING

Invitation to give

Offertory

* Doxology and Lord's Prayer *(insert)*

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

We pray Father, for Your church here in Greensboro and for those we love. Sustain those who need Your healing touch. Make the sick whole. Give hope to the dying. Comfort those who mourn that they may know the peace and joy of Your love. Amen.

* **HYMN # 353 vs 1-3** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 353 v 4**

SERVICE MUSIC AND LITURGY

Holy, Holy, Holy # 1 v 1 & V 2

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!

Holy, holy, holy! All the Saints Adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the Glassy sea, cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and Evermore shalt be.

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 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 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.

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

Our Session: Noble Usherwood, James Graham, Johnnie Satterfield, Brooke Hinds, Jan Brazier, and Cheri Moore.

Session Moderator and Committee on Ministry Representative:

The Rev. Dr. Ford F G' Segner

Treasurer: Julie Thorp

Pastor Nominating Committee: Duane Blough (Chair), Hap Tietjen, Beth Lewis, Jane Epps and Spencer Hinds.

Music Director and Pianist: Jean Gomez

O God, in Your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Veterans and military personnel

Dell Boettger, Jane Epps's cousin

Scotty Brazier

Lanie Epps Whitt

Lindsey Walker

Orphan Aid Liberia

Johnnie Satterfield

Nancy Gloege

Stephen Jackson

Chris Penna

The Wickland family in their grief

Susie Pressley

Doris Birdsong, Andrew Boswell's sister

David Blough, cancer recovery

Nancy Jo Durham, Judy Boswell's sister

Becky Dennis

Lucy Lathrop, Vivian Ferland's sister

Adair Moore, Jimmy Moore's brother

Mildred Tietjen

Ed Lewis

Chris Sandoval, Beth Lewis's son-in-law

Bill Corry

Pastor Nominating Committee

Do you ever just feel old? Maybe on one of those days when your knees might hurt or it's just a little hard to get going? Do you wonder what God may have in store for you? Well watch out – God loves to use old people!

Noah was over 100 years old when God trusted him to build an ark and save humanity from the flood. Genesis 6: 9 - 8:22.

Abraham was 100 and Sarah 90 when God brought them Isaac, the child of promise, the beginning of Israel. Genesis 17:1 - 18:15 and Genesis 21:1-7.

Moses was over 80 when God brought him through the desert to lead thousands to the promised land. Deuteronomy 34.

God gave Zechariah and Elizabeth a son in their old age, a son who would prepare the way for His own son. Luke 1:5-25.

God used Simeon and Anna, both at the end of their lives, to declare to Jerusalem that Jesus was the Messiah all Israel had been waiting for. Luke 2:22-38.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: We welcome the Rev. John Lamsma. John attended Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary in Michigan and was ordained in the Christian Reformed Church. After serving a congregation for several years, he joined the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He served as a chaplain in MI, OR, and CO, retiring from the Central Office of the Bureau of Prisons in Washington DC. John and Debbie live on Lake Sinclair and are members at First Presbyterian Church in Milledgeville. John notes that the Christian Reformed Church and the Presbyterian Church both trace their historical roots to the Reformer John Calvin. The Presbyterian Church came to the US via John Knox and Scotland, and the Christian Reformed Church came to the US by way of the Netherlands.

Welcome: Jean Gómez. The Session voted this past Monday to accept the recommendation of our Music Director Search Committee to hire Jean Gómez as our Music Director and Choir Conductor. Jean is working on his Doctor of Music Arts at the University of Georgia. He has a Master of Arts from Truman State University in Missouri and a Bachelor of Music Education from the Free University of Costa Rica. Jean has teaching competencies in Conducting, Piano, Music Theory, Violin, and Viola. He has conducted the UGA Symphony Orchestra, University Philharmonic at UGA, Truman Symphony Orchestra and the Contemporary Music Ensemble at Truman State. He has also conducted different choirs and looks forward to working with our Church. Welcome Jean!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet today 1/21/18 at 2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

MEN OF THE CHURCH Lunch this Month is on 1/30/18 at 11:30AM. We will meet at Yesterday's Café. Our host will be Chuck Thorp. Please email or tell him if you plan to attend so the restaurant can set up for us.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets at 9:45 in the Fellowship Building. Our study is "The Early Church", by Ray Vanderlaan. Please join us. No homework, no stress.

COVERED DISH LUNCH: 2/11/18: After Worship: Bring your best Covered Dish. More soon

WOMEN'S LUNCH 2/16/18: 11:30 AM at the Iron Fork Restaurant.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please forward prayer requests to Susie Pressley at jimmiypressley@yahoo.com or 404-6307592

SPECIAL CARD TO SIGN: Please be sure to stop in the Narthex after church this week and see Brooke Hinds to sign a special card of thanks.