

# First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

January 28, 2018 The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany  
Music Director: Jean Gómez Elder of the Month Cheri Moore  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Sue Jacobson

## WELCOME

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

INTROIT HYMN # 1 Holy, Holy, Holy vs 1,2

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP Ps. 96:1, 2

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Sing, and give praise to God's name; tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

### \* PRAYER OF ADORATION Psalm 111:2, 9-10

**I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. He provided redemption for His people. He ordained His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. All who follow His precepts have understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise.**

### \* HYMN # 408 *There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from You. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. 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.**

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

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**People: Amen.**

### \* GLORIA PATRI *(insert)*

### PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination		
Old Testament Lesson	Deuteronomy 18:17-18	pew Bible p. 174
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28	pew Bible p. 35
Anthem	<i>He Has Made Me Glad</i>	Jean Gómez
Sermon	<i>Immediately</i>	Rev. Sue Jacobson

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

### \* HYMN # 2 *Come Thou Almighty King*

### 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. (A moment of silence as we each call to mind those we bring to the throne of God.)**

**We pray for those who are troubled by confusion or forgetfulness. For those whose increasing years bring weariness. For those who are lonely. Comfort them and make Yourself known to them by the Power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen**

### \* HYMN # 175 v 1-2 *Seek Ye First*

### \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #175 vs 3 *Seek Ye First*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next Sunday we will celebrate Holy Communion.**

**WELCOME:** We welcome Rev. Sue Jacobson to our pulpit today. Rev. Jacobson recently retired from Oconee Presbyterian Church in Watkinsville where she served as Minister for Children and Families. She and her husband now spend as much of their retirement as possible travelling the country in their RV and grandparenting two utterly charming and rascally kids.

**VALENTINE'S DAY COVERED DISH ON FEBRUARY 11:** Special FPOG fried chicken and delicious dessert will be provided, so bring your best side dish and join us right after church. If you are visiting today please consider this a personal invitation. This will be an opportunity to again welcome Jean Gómez.

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** If you were away last Sunday you may not have met our new Music Director, Jean Gómez. Please take a moment to say "Hello". He pronounces his name John. We are so blessed to have this talented young man. He is working on his Doctor of Music Arts at the University of Georgia, has a Master of Arts from Truman State University, a Bachelor of Music Education from the Free University of Costa Rica and teaching competencies in Conducting, Piano, Music Theory, Violin, and Viola. He has conducted various orchestras, ensembles, and choirs and looks forward to working with our Church. Welcome Jean!

**LARGE PRINT HYMN BOOKS:** The Worship Committee is preparing an order for a number of large print Hymn books. The cost is \$33 each. If you would like to contribute to this effort, perhaps to honor a loved one, please see Worship Elder Jan Brazier.

**MEN OF THE CHURCH** will meet for lunch at Yesterday's Cafe this Tuesday at 11:30. Our host will be Chuck Thorp. Please email or tell him if you plan to attend.

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** Join us for Sunday School at 9:45 in the Fellowship Building. Our study is "The Early Church", by Ray Vanderlaan. No homework, no stress.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** We knit and crochet shawls to be given to those in need of our remembrance. To learn more or to help, contact Brooke Hinds at 763-445-1006.

**Today is the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. In the Gospel readings for the next few weeks we will see Jesus' earthly ministry unfold. Today we read the Old Testament promise of God to Israel that He will send another "like Moses" who will speak the very words of God, with authority. Then in the Gospel of Mark we see the prophesy fulfilled as Jesus teaches "as one with authority."**

## 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.*

### *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. (\*universal)*

### *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*

*God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen. Sarum Primer (c. 1514)*

**Oh God, grant that what breaks Your heart would break our hearts.**

**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	Susie Pressley
Nancy Gloege	Ed Lewis
Stephen Jackson	Chris Sandoval, Beth Lewis's son-in-law
Chris Penna, surgery recovery	Bill Corry

Linda Fowler

Our Session: Noble Usherwood, James Graham, Johnnie Satterfield, Brooke Hinds, Jan Brazier, Cheri Moore. Session Moderator and Committee on Ministry Rep: The Rev. Dr. Ford F. G'Segner. Our Treasurer: Julie Thorp. The Pastor Nominating Committee: Duane Blough (Chair), Hap Tietjen, Beth Lewis, Jane Epps and Spencer Hinds.

*On behalf of our family, I would like to thank the congregation for your prayers, sympathy cards and your memorial gift to Presbyterian Homes of GA in remembrance of Carey. The care he received there was a blessing for Carey and our whole family. Sally Wickland*

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise You for Your mercies, for Your goodness that has created us, Your grace that has sustained us, Your discipline that has corrected us, Your patience that has borne with us, and Your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love You, and to be thankful for all Your gifts by serving You and delighting to do Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 62:4-5 *The Lord delights in you. As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.*

Zephaniah 3:17 *The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.*

