

# First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

February 18, 2018 First Sunday in Lent

Music Director: Jean Gómez Elder of the Month Noble Usherwood

Guest Preacher: Rev. John Lamsma

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## \* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

**INTROIT** *Come Christians Join to Sing (insert)*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Matthew 4:1-11*

Holy One, whom alone we worship and serve, Your Word and Spirit sustain us in the wilderness.  
**Keep us faithful in times of struggle and testing so that we may enter into Your glorious realm with Jesus Christ our Savior.**

## \* PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Revelation 15:3-4*

**They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are Holy. All nations will come and worship You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed.**

\* **HYMN # 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*From Psalm 32:1-11*

**We will acknowledge our sin to You, O God, and we will not hide our iniquity. We will confess our transgressions to You, for You forgive the guilt of our sin. You are a hiding place for us. You preserve us from trouble.**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Spirit of the Living God (insert)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*From Psalm 32:1-11*

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity. Rejoice Christian, you are forgiven.

**People: Amen**

## \* GLORIA PATRI

*(insert)*

## PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Noble Usherwood

Old Testament Reading

I Kings 19:11-18

pew Bible p. 326

New Testament Lesson

II Corinthians 12:1-10

pew Bible p 185

Anthem

*Sing Halleluia*

Choir

Text

II Corinthians 4:6-10

pew Bible p 168

Sermon *The Death and Life of Jesus In Our Bodies* Rev. John Lamsma

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

*(insert)*

## \* HYMN # 463

*How Firm A Foundation*

## 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, or grief, especially those known to us, whom we name before you in silence . . . . (A moment of silence while we each call to mind the names of those for whom we pray)**

**For those who do not know Your love, Father. For those who have turned away. For the hard of heart and the one who finds it hard to believe. Especially for those we love Father, who do not love You. May Your grace touch them. Amen**

\* **HYMN # 300 vs 1,2**

*We Are One In The Spirit*

## \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn #300 vs 3**

*We Are One In The Spirit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME:** We welcome Rev. John Lamsma to our pulpit.

**If you are visiting us today, we extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ. We are delighted you have chosen to join us. Please fill out a visitor's card so that we can welcome you personally. To learn more about us please check our website at [fpog.org](http://fpog.org). Large print hymnals and audio devices are available at the rear of the church.**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will meet at 2:30 today in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to join us for study and fellowship.

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

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Contact Susie Pressley at [jimmiepressley@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmiepressley@yahoo.com) or 404-6307592.

**MISSIONS:** We begin the One Great Hour of Sharing today.

**TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, a season of forty days immediately preceding Easter. During this season, the Church focuses on the atoning death of Jesus. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Sundays are not included in the forty days because Sunday is always a day of celebration.**

**Congregations, increasingly called to welcome seekers and new Christians, are aware of the importance of defining the language of faith and interpreting the traditions of the community. A basic guide to Lenten practices may be helpful.**

**This tradition comes to us from the early church. New believers were mentored in the Christian faith for a lengthy period of time and were often baptized at the Great Easter Vigil. The idea of giving something up for Lent came out of this tradition when members of the Christian community might fast with new believers preparing for their baptism.**

**Ash Wednesday:** A minister or elder marks the foreheads of participants with the sign of the cross in ashes, saying the words, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return," from Genesis 3:19. With these words, Christians are reminded of their mortality but, when combined with the sign of the cross, they are reminded also of the hope of the resurrection.

**Maundy Thursday:** The Thursday before Easter Sunday traditionally celebrates the Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples. The story of Jesus breaking and blessing bread at the Passover meal, as a reminder of His life given freely for all, is told in the books of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This Passover act became the sacrament of Holy Communion in the Christian Church. Celebration of Communion is usually the centerpiece of a Maundy Thursday service.

The term *maundy* is taken from the Latin word *mandatum* or *mandate* or *command*. John's Gospel highlights the story of Jesus girding Himself with a towel, taking a basin of water, and washing His disciples' feet. John 13:34 includes Jesus' words, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

## SERVICE MUSIC AND LITURGY

### *Come, Christians, Join To Sing*

*Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*

### *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.*

### *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. 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.*

**LARGE PRINT HYMN BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

*Lord, help us to share Your sorrow and grief at our sin. During this Lenten season, grant us the courage to look honestly into the gloom of our sin so that we might see anew the brilliance of Your glorious promise and grace to us in Christ. In Christ's Name, Amen.* Tim Keller

**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	Nancy Gloege
Ed Lewis	Stephen Jackson
Chris Penna	Bill Corry
Susie Pressley	Chris Sandoval, Beth Lewis's son-in-law
Dylan Webb, a friend of the Hinds, who has a brain tumor	
Our Session members: Jan Brazier, Cherie Moore, Johnny Satterfield, Noble Usherwood, James Graham,	
Pastor Search Committee: Beth Lewis, Duane Blough, Hap Tietjen, Jane Epps, Spencer Hinds	

*The meaning of sin is putting ourselves where God belongs. The meaning of the cross is God putting Himself where we belong.* John Stott

*The heart of every problem is the problem in every heart. The problem in every heart is sin.* Anon

Col. 3:12–14 *As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.*

*"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that He said; if He didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what He said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like His teaching but whether or not He rose from the dead."*

**Timothy J. Keller**

*The **church** is not the way to heaven; the **church** is the sign that points to heaven.* Adrian Rogers.