

First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

August 12, 2018, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Music Director: Jean Gómez Elder of the Month: Noble Usherwood

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ford G'Segner

**Please stand if you are able.*

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INTROIT Hymn #667, vs. 1

When Morning Guilds the Skies

Congregation

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION

PSALM 130, The Message

Help, GOD—the bottom has fallen out of my life! Master, hear my cry for help! Listen hard! Open your ears! Listen to my cries for mercy.

If you, GOD, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance?

As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that's why you're worshiped. I pray to GOD—my life a prayer—and wait for what he'll say and do.

My life's on the line before God, my Lord, waiting and watching till morning, waiting and watching till morning.

O Israel, wait and watch for GOD—with GOD's arrival comes love, with GOD's arrival comes generous redemption.

No doubt about it—he'll redeem Israel, buy back Israel from captivity to sin.

Let us pray!

O God, you come to us in the depths of our darkest despair, in the suffering of Jesus Christ. By the rising of your Son, give us new light to guide us, that we may always praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN #450, vss. 1 & 2

Be Thou My Vision

Congregation

ACT OF CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

O God, you see us in our sin and yet, you love us. We are so very grateful. And even when we continue on and on, over and over again with the same failings, your grace never runs out. We praise you for your faithfulness. We confess our inability to flee temptation apart from you. So, keep our eyes set ever on you. Holy Spirit, continue to remind us of what is true and convict us of sin when it is necessary. Turn our hearts back to you. We receive your forgiveness and believe that we are righteous in your sight. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. As the forgiven people of Christ, let us

* PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

“The peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

* GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Anthem

Scripture Lesson

Sermon

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*HYMN#721, vss. 1 & 2

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Congregation

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

Jean Gómez

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray today, O God that those believers who are asleep may awake and know that salvation is nearer now than when they first believed. Help them, and us, to lay aside the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light that you bestow upon those who actively seek you day by day. Grant that their faith and ours may be fully alive. We ask today, O God, for those who have lost hope and for those who have never had it. Grant to us and to those we lift before you in our hearts a new and abiding vision of what have you done, and what you are doing, and what you will do, to save and redeem your people and indeed the creation itself. Grant, O God, that all might see and believe and discover their purpose and the purpose of all that is and all that is yet to be. We pray now, in silence for those people and situations we hold in our hearts.

(A moment of silence while we each call to mind the names of those for whom we pray.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN #817, vss. 1, 2 & 3

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Hymnal Page #35

Congregation

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*HYMN #817, vs. 4

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Congregation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! If you are visiting 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.

- Large print hymnals and audio devices are available at the rear of the church.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST MUSICIAN: Deborah Stephens is a Senior Vocal Performance Major at the University of Georgia. She was born in Hamburg, Germany but was raised and currently lives in Lawrenceville, GA. Deborah is passionate about her faith, choir music, children, mental health, fashion, and beauty. In January of 2018, she started her own student choir called Veritas Vocal Ensemble which features 12 students from UGA. Upon graduation, she has plans to pursue a double Masters in Divinity and Church Music with the ultimate goal of singing with a professional choir and starting a church with her family.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND! The Presbytery will be receiving our new pastor, the Rev. Margaret (Meg) Jackson Clark, at the stated meeting on August 18, at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, 260 Pleasant Hill S.E., Winder, GA. The meeting will take place from 9:30-12:30. A good time to meet her would be before the meeting starts over coffee, juice and pastry. Registration starts at 8:45 AM. Please consider attending to demonstrate our support for our new pastor.

FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP: Sunday, September 2, will be our new pastor, Rev. Meg's first day to preach. Following services we will have a catered lunch. This will be a time for each of us to introduce ourselves and welcome Rev. Meg to our church. We hope everyone can be there.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS "Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you: for where you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will lodge: your people shall be my people, and your God my God." Do you recognize these words? They may even have been part of your wedding ceremony. They are from the Old Testament book, Ruth, one of the best-loved books of the Bible and the subject of the upcoming study of the Fellowship Sunday School Class.

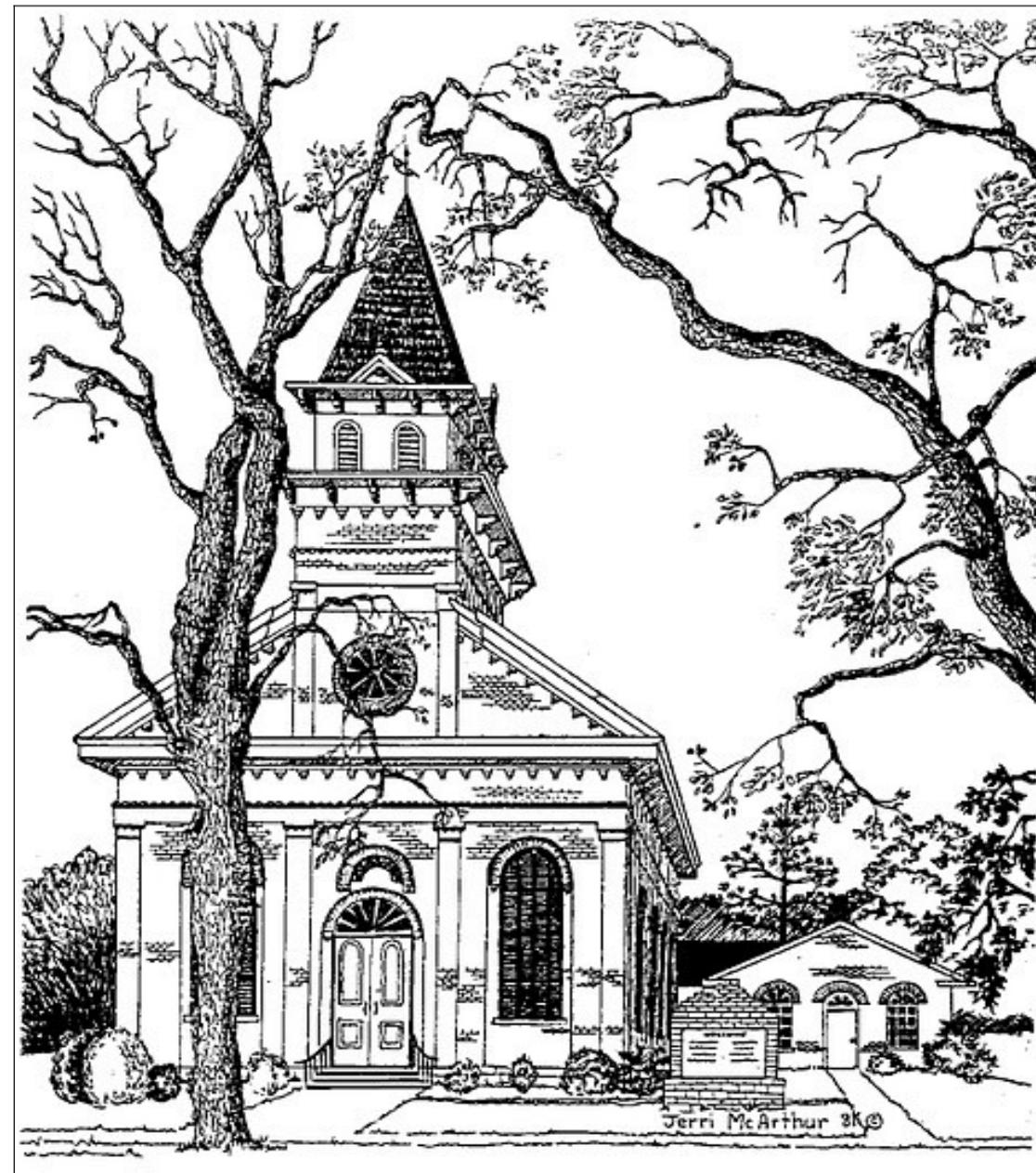
We invite you to join us as we begin our study with Dr Sandra Richter on Sunday, September 2, at 9:45, in the Fellowship Hall. If you are new to Old Testament studies this is for you! In her introduction to the DVD, Dr. Richter says, "This study is targeted at the newcomer, the seeker, the person who may not be churched or have any previous exposure to the Bible, but is looking for a safe place to explore faith in the God of the Bible." Come explore with us.

Continue Praying For:

Becky Dennis
Bill Corry
Chris Penna
David Blough
Debbie Lamsma
Dylan Webb

Ed Lewis
Johnnie Satterfield
Kelly Pierce
Laney Whitt
Lucy Lathrop
Mildred Tietjen

Nancy Gloege
Nick Thomas
Orphan Aid Liberia
Richard Burton, USA, deployed
Session Members
Veterans and Military Members



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