

# First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

August 19, 2018, 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Guest Preacher: Rev. John Lamsma

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## \*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INTROIT Hymn #408, vs. 1

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Jean Gómez

Noble Usherwood

Congregation

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION

PSALM 44:1-8 NRSV

We have heard with our ears, O God, our ancestors have told us, what deeds You performed in their days, in the days of old:

**You with your own hand drove out the nations, but them You planted; You afflicted the peoples, but them You set free;**

for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm give them victory; but Your right hand, and Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, for You delighted in them.

**You are my King and my God; You command victories for Jacob. Through You we push down our foes; through Your name we tread down our assailants.**

For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me.

**But You have saved us from our foes, and have put to confusion those who hate us. In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to Your name forever.**

\*HYMN #611, vss. 1 & 2

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Congregation

### ACT OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father, we come before You with humble hearts, confessing our sins. We have chased after the vanities of this world and have wandered from our heart's true home; and, forgetful of You, the living God, we have burned incense of the soul before false gods that cannot deliver. Deal not with us as we deserve, but pardon our foolish and perverse ways. Of Your clemency wash us clean from our sin, for no adversity shall harm us if no wickedness has dominion over us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Silent Confession) .....*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces

character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. 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

Old Testament Lesson

Anthem

Gospel Lesson

Sermon

Isaiah 43:1-13

*Oh, the Depth*

John 8:12-20

*"I am" the Light of the World*

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

\*HYMN#450, vss. 1 & 2

*Be Thou My Vision*

Congregation

### OFFERING

Invitation to Give

### OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

Jean Gómez

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**On the first day of creation, God flooded the heavens and the earth with divine radiance by uttering the mighty words: "Let there be light." No matter how dark things may seem, I remind myself that darkness can never overpower light. I turn to Christ, the light of the world. O gracious and Holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You, and a life to proclaim You; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us shine brightly and be a light for others who walk in the darkness. We pray that You help our dear brothers and sisters and those we hold closely...**

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN #462, vss. 1 & 2

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Hymnal Page #35

Congregation

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

\*HYMN #462, vs. 3

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Congregation

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

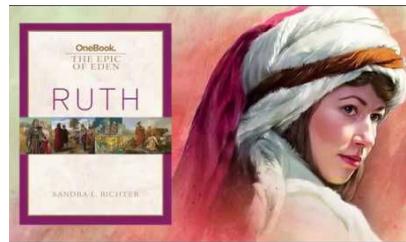
**WELCOME!** If you are visiting today, we extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ. We are delighted you have chosen to join us. Please fill out a visitor's card so that we can welcome you personally. To learn more about us, please check our website at [fpog.org](http://fpog.org).

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

**PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST MUSICIAN:** Serbian cellist Valentina Ignjic enjoys an extremely versatile career as a soloist, chamber musician and orchestra player, as well as being actively committed to promoting new music. She started learning cello at the age of 10 and from the very beginning, she has been working together with the teachers who further developed her love for music and have helped her to fulfill her hopes. Through many years of hard work, she has become the concert cellist who has performed throughout Europe and United States. She has participated in masterclasses with Maria Kliegel, Mischa Maisky, Johannes Moser, Louise Hopkins and many others. She has always been interested in chamber music and orchestra playing, but the seriousness in her performing as a team player on the scene has appeared after her performance in Berlin Philharmonic Hall in Germany. Valentina studied with Prof. Imre Kalman at University of Novi Sad, where she got B.A. Degree in Music Performance. In 2013 she graduated from Columbus State University where she got Artist Diploma, in 2015 she graduated from Roosevelt University and currently she is studying with Dr. David Starkweather at University of Georgia where she is perusing Doctorate in cello performance.

**FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP:** September 2, 2018. Welcome Meg and Steve!!! Dinner Sponsor by the Friendship Sunday School Class and the Fellowship Committee: This Sunday will be Rev. Meg's first day leading worship. Following services, we will have a catered lunch. This will be a time for each of us to introduce ourselves and welcome Rev. Meg and Steve to our church. We hope everyone will join us.

**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.

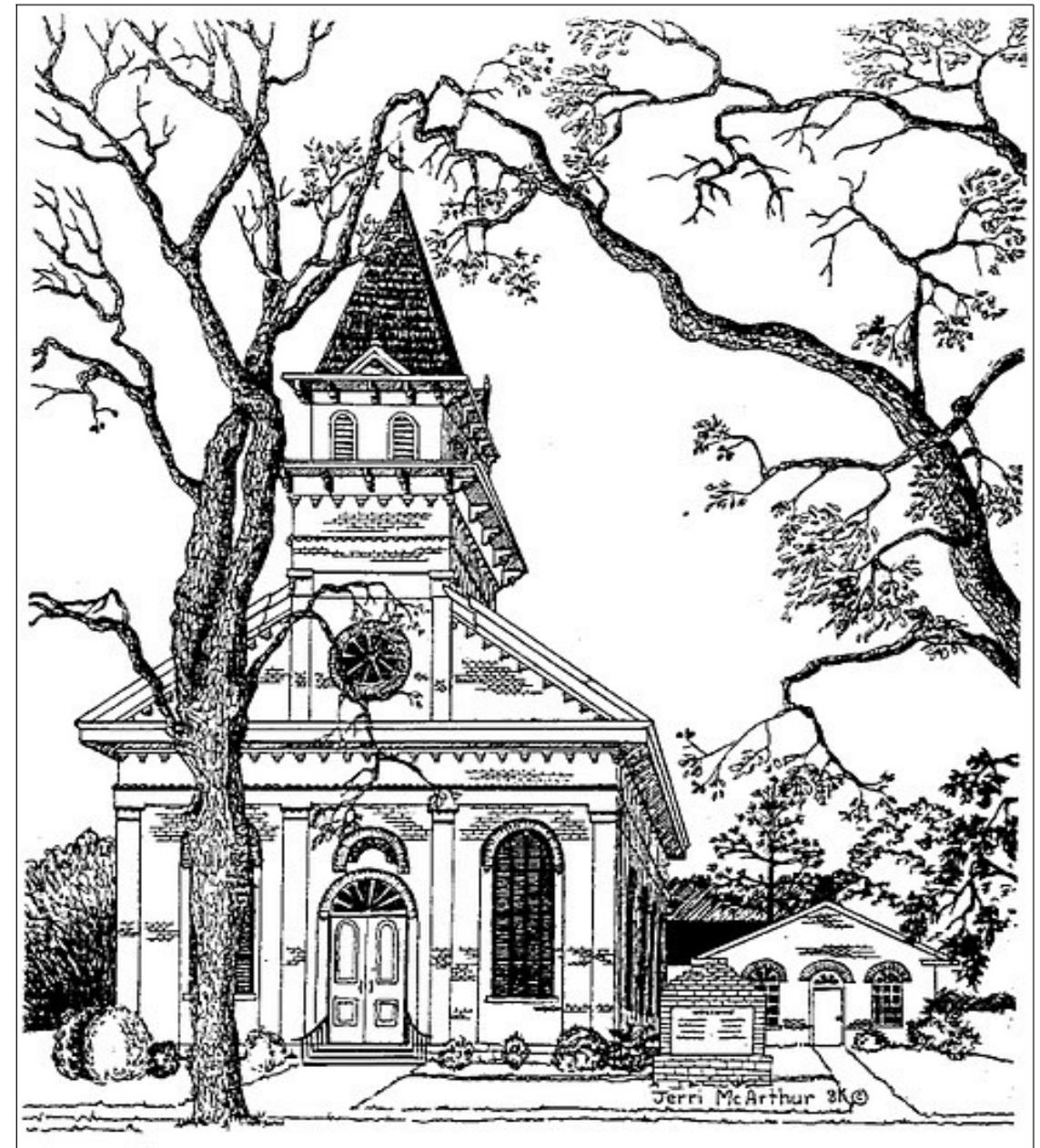


### *Continue Praying For:*

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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