

First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

August 26, 2018, 20th 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

Jean Gómez

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noble Usherwood

*INTROIT Hymn #175, vss. 1 & 2

Seek Ye First

Congregation

*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Message Psalm 84

What a beautiful home, God-of-the-Angel-Armies! I've always longed to live in a place like this, always dreamed of a room in your house, where I could sing for joy to God-alive!

Birds find nooks and crannies in your house, sparrows and swallows make nests there. They lay their eggs and raise their young, singing their songs in the place where we worship....

And how blessed all those in whom you live, whose lives become roads you travel; they wind through lonesome valleys, come upon brooks, discover cool springs and pools brimming with rain!

God-traveled, these roads curve up the mountain, and at the last turn—Zion! God in full view!...

All sunshine and sovereign is God, generous in gifts and glory.

(Let us pray.)

Lord, your presence is better than life itself. You are strength to all in need, and hope to those who travel through sorrow. As the sparrow and the swallow entrust their young to you, so we place our lives before you. Receive them in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #65, vss. 1 & 3

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Congregation

ACT OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved we are God's children because of the love God has for us, yet we sometimes fail to respond to God's outpouring of love. Let us confess our sins together.

Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. And we are quick to use your Word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

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**Incline Your ear to us,
Amen.**

and grant us your peace.

When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with

forgiveness and renewed blessing. Thanks be to God!

* 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

Noble Usherwood

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20

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Anthem

Ave Maria (Bach-Gounod)

Ricardo Bujanda

Sermon

Continuing to Have Gospel Courage

Rev. Dr. Ford G'Segner

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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*HYMN #835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Congregation

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

OFFERTORY

Jean Gómez

*DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

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

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*HYMN #721, vss. 1 & 2

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Congregation

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*HYMN #765

Canto De Esperanza

Congregation

We will sing first in Spanish, and then in English

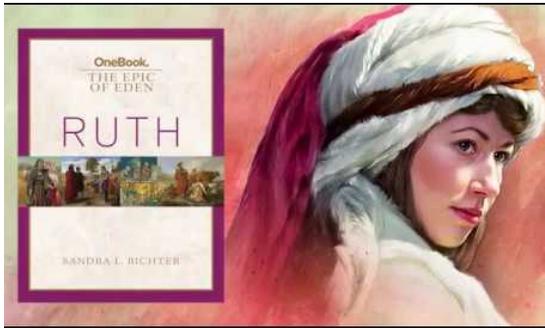
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Ricardo Bujanda is a Venezuelan violist and teacher. He trained as a violist in the "Sistema de Orquestas of Venezuela". For more than 20 years, he belonged to the Chamber Orchestra of the Centrocidental Lisandro Alvarado University (UCLA), as well as to the Symphonic Orchestra of LARA. He was professor of Viola of the Conservatory of Music Vicente E Sojo of Barquisimeto Edo LARA, his hometown. He made national and international tours with both orchestras representing Venezuela at summer festivals in countries such as Brazil, Mexico, France and Spain. At the end of 2017, he moved to Athens with the desire to continue his studies in Viola and Education. He has been a member of Athens Symphony since March 2018.

FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP: September 2, 2018. Welcome Meg and Steve!!! Dinner sponsored 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.

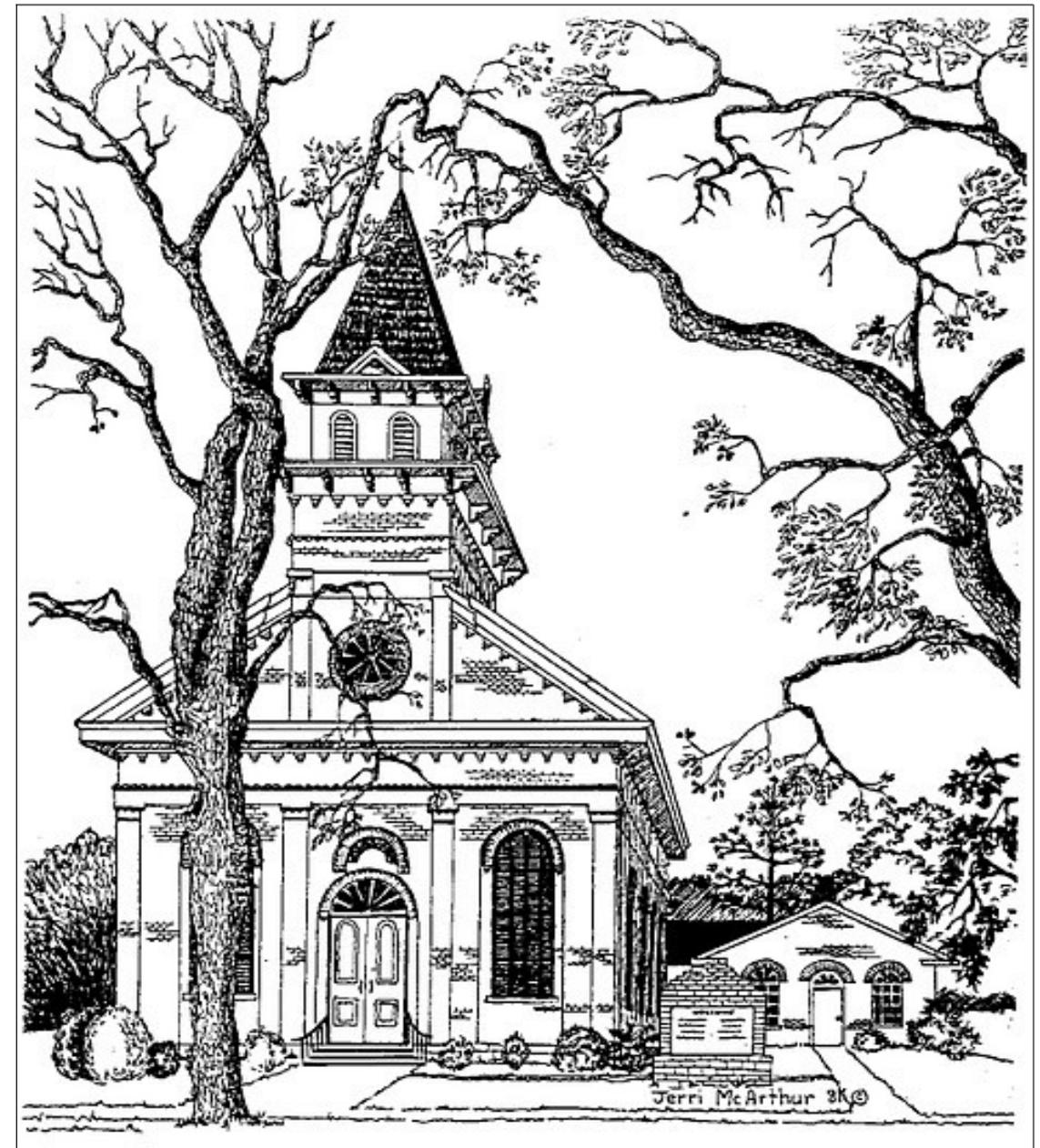
Men's Fellowship Luncheon: Join us on Tuesday, August 28th at 11:30 a.m. at Iron Fork Restaurant. Host will be Chuck Thorp.

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

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



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