

First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

September 2, 2018, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Music Director: Jean Gómez Elder of the Month: Brooke Manning Hinds

Preacher: Rev. Margaret (Meg) Jackson Clark

**Please stand if you are able.*

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INTROIT Hymn #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Congregation

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit, and incline our minds to things that are true and just,

things that are pure and pleasing,

things that are excellent and worthy of praise,

Come, Holy Spirit, and incline our hearts toward you.

*HYMN #316, vss. 1, 3 & 4

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives all your sins, grant you the peace which surpasses all understanding.

Thanks be to God!

And as the forgiven people of God 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

Acts 16:11-15

Brooke Manning Hinds

Pew Bible Page #136

Anthem

Down By the Riverside

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4:4-8

Pew Bible Page #198

Sermon

Riverside Connections

Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal Page #35

* COMMUNION HYMN #498, vss. 1, 2 & 3

Congregation

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Eternal God.....

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

.....forever sing the glory of Your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God.....Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God.....Amen.

Communion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, you have made us one with Christ, one another, and all your people. You have fed us with spiritual food in this Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

OFFERTORY

Jean Gómez

*DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God, we wade with trust into the stream of your mercy. Let your healing waters wash over us, and your love soak into our souls. Teach us to step out in faith even into troubled waters. We pray for all those who wade through troubled waters this day - those who are sick, lonely, dying, grieving, suffering in body, mind or spirit. Help them and us to face the future unafraid, trusting that only God knows where we might need to go, knowing that Jesus will guide our steps along the way. Teach us to walk humbly, to love boldly, to serve you with body, soul, mind and strength. Lord, we pray for the humility and the courage to follow where the Spirit leads this day and in the days to come. Amen...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 #306, vss. 1 & 2

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Hymnal Page #35

Congregation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*HYMN #306, vs. 4

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Congregation

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**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.

**WE ARE SO EXCITED!** Today is Rev. Margaret (Meg) Jackson Clark first Sunday leading worship. Welcome Meg and Steve!!! Immediately 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. The dinner is sponsored by the Friendship Sunday School Class and the Fellowship Committee. Please be sure to thank them.



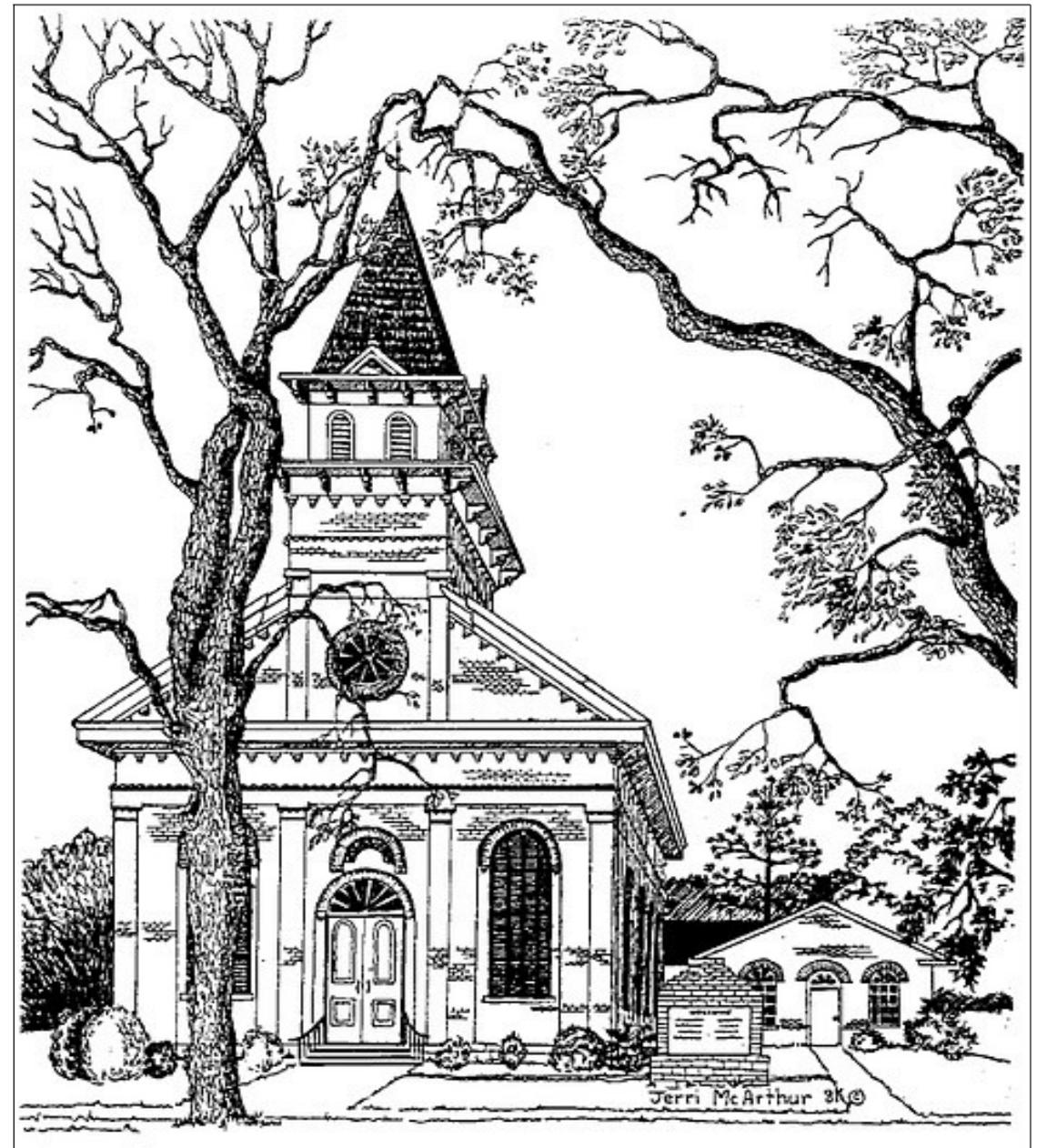
**FLOWERS!** The flowers given for the Glory of God and in honor of Rev Meg's ministry at First Pres of Greensboro by her family.

**AND JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9!**The installation service for Pastor Meg Jackson Clark will be held in our church on Sunday, Sept. 9th at 4pm. Following the service, we will have a reception in the fellowship hall. We hope you all can attend.

*Continue Praying For:*

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|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Becky Dennis  | Ed Lewis            | Nancy Gloege                  |
| Bill Corry    | Johnnie Satterfield | Nick Thomas                   |
| Chris Penna   | Kelly Pierce        | Orphan Aid Liberia            |
| David Blough  | Laney Whitt         | Richard Burton                |
| Debbie Lamsma | Lucy Lathrop        | Session Members               |
| Dylan Webb    |                     | Veterans and Military Members |

**CONGRATULATIONS!** On August 25<sup>th</sup>, Laney and Seth Whitt welcomed *Perri Amelia Jane Whitt* into their family. This wonderful addition to the Whitt family is the youngest granddaughter of Justin and Rebecca Epps and the great granddaughter of Jane Epps!



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