

# First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

September 9, 2018, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Guest Musician: Jo Ellen Wells Elder of the Month: Brooke Manning-Hinds

Preacher: Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## \*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INTROIT Hymn #203

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Congregation

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

**In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.**

In faith, the church continually seeks to know where God sends us now.

**As we worship give us the faith, O God, to go forward and embrace the newness to which you call us.**

(Let us pray.)

\*HYMN #463

*How Firm a Foundation*

Congregation

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals. All too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need, looking for safety by avoiding risk, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down. Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and guilt. When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing. Thanks be to God!**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is no pain that God cannot heal.

There is no wrong that God cannot forgive.

Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness.

Come and be restored. Let God make you whole.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## \* 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 Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Anthem

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Brooke Manning-Hinds

Pew Bible Page #10

Choir

Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:1-9

Pew Bible Page #71

Sermon

*Let's Go!*

Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

Hymnal Page #35

\*HYMN #65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Congregation

## OFFERING

Invitation to Give

## OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

Jo Ellen Wells

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**O God, from familiar and comfortable spaces, You call us saying "Go."**

**We are so keenly aware, O God, that life does not stand still.**

**Life moves us. Life changes us. And so do you.**

**You coax and command, you question and reckon, you do not leave us unchanged.**

**We hold in our hearts and before you all those who are experiencing**

**the stresses and heartaches of life's changes:**

**those in mourning, those without hope,**

**those who are lonely, those who are ill.**

**We share the joy and offer thanksgiving alongside those who are braving new adventures,**

**those who are welcoming new life, those who are affirming love,**

**those who are striding with others toward justice.**

**In all of life, in all of our travels, in all of our doubts, and in all of our endeavors;**

**as you call us and send us, welcome us and keep us;**

**above all else, you do not leave us.**

**No matter the changes, you remain.**

**We praise you, Gracious God. Amen.**

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN #634

*To God Be the Glory*

Hymnal Page #35

Congregation

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

\*HYMN #741

*Guide My Feet*

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.

**A WARM THANK YOU!** We are so happy to have Jo Ellen Wells filling in as guest musician today. Her offering to God is always such a blessing to hear.

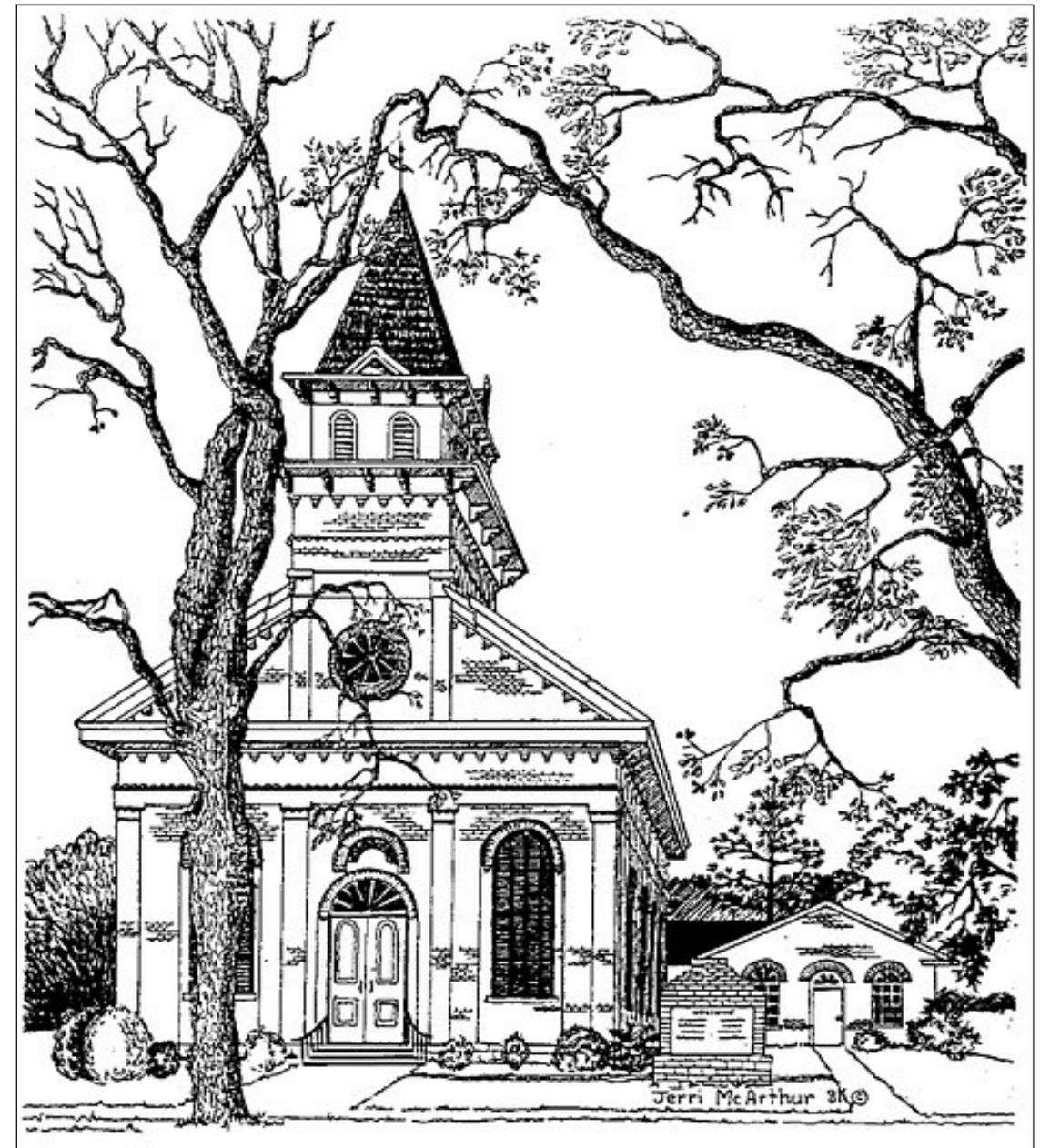
**JOIN US TODAY AT 4 P.M.:** The installation service for Pastor Meg Jackson Clark will be held in our church today at 4pm. Following the service, we will have a reception in the fellowship hall. We hope you all can attend.

### *Continue Praying For:*

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

Ed Lewis  
Johnnie Satterfield  
Kelly Pierce  
Lucy Lathrop  
Nancy Gloege  
Nick Thomas

Orphan Aid Liberia  
Richard Burton, USA, deployed  
Orphan Aid Liberia  
Session Members  
Veterans and Military Members



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