

First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

September 16, 2018, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Music Director:: Jean Gómez 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 #451

Open My Eyes, That I Might See

Jean Gómez

Brooke Manning-Hinds

Congregation

*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ;

we worship him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

(Let us pray.)

*HYMN #623

I've Got Peace Like a River

Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our God, we are thirsty people.

Our hearts are parched from wandering in the desert of sin, far from your life-giving springs.

Quench the drought of our spirits with living water, and let your love overflow in our hearts.

Free us to welcome your newness of life, we pray.

(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, we are forgiven.

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

Psalm 78:11-16

Anthem

How Great Thou Art

Second Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Brooke Manning-Hinds

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Choir

Pew Bible Page #672

Sermon

No Way?

Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“A New Creed”

United Church of Canada

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God, who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God, who calls us to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

*HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Congregation

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

OFFERTORY

Jean Gómez

*DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God, you make a way for us when there is no way, and we give you thanks.

From you new possibilities spring, and you call us ever forward.

Help us to let go of the old things which preoccupy or trouble us;

make us ready to embrace the new things you have in store.

We pray for all those who find themselves in the wilderness

of grief, illness, poverty, or violence this day.

Empower us to accompany them on their journeys,

and help them and us to trust that you will provide a way through the wilderness.

Open our minds to remember your great faithfulness,

Open our eyes to perceive where you are at work in the world today.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page #35

*HYMN #475, vss. 1 & 2

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Congregation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*HYMN #475, vs. 3

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.

WORSHIP TEAM: Meeting scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6 PM.

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FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Redeemer is a word we hear often in church isn't it? We sing "I Know That My Redeemer Lives", "I Will Sing of My Redeemer", "Blessed Redeemer". But where do we get the word? What does it mean? Join us next week as we study the book of Ruth to find out the meaning of the word and the identity of the redeemer in Ruth's story. As always, no homework, no stress.

Please Pray For:

Chan White, a friend of the Underwood's, undergoing chemotherapy for multiple myeloma

Continue Praying For:

Becky Dennis
Bill Corry
Chris Penna
David Blough
Dylan Webb

Ed Lewis
Johnnie Satterfield
Kelly Pierce
Lucy Lathrop
Nancy Gloege

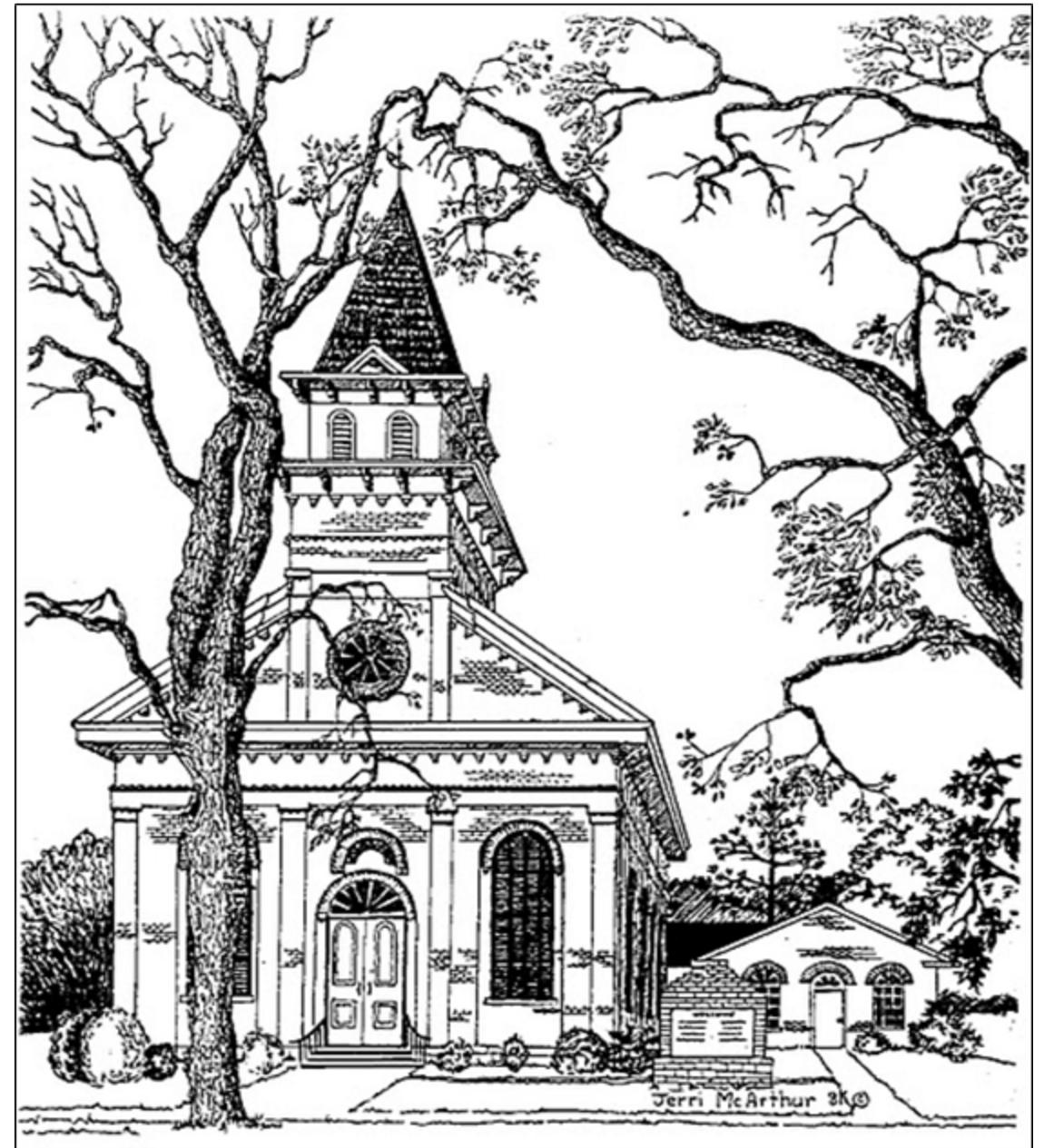
Orphan Aid Liberia
Richard Burton, USA, deployed
Orphan Aid Liberia
Session Members
Veterans and Military Members

Something New:

Each week we offer special prayer requests for certain individuals, and that will continue. However, starting this week, we will list two of our church families for intentional prayer. There may be nothing pressing in their lives that we know of, but let's take the time to pray, intentionally, for one another.

This week, let us pray for:

Duane & Fran Blough and Judy & Andrew Boswell



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