

First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

September 23, 2018, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Pastor Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

**Please stand if you are able.*

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INTROIT Hymn #450

Be Thou My Vision

Jean Gómez

Brooke Manning-Hinds

Congregation

*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

We are the work of God's hands.

Like a potter, God has shaped us and formed us.

We are vessels of God's love and light.

Come let us worship the Potter who re-shapes and reforms us.

Thanks be to God!

(Let us pray.)

*HYMN #817

We Walk By Faith

Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Look, Lord, on an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

In faith I am weak; strengthen me.

In love I am cold; warm me and make me fervent so that my love may go out to my neighbor.

I doubt and am unable to trust you completely. Lord, strengthen my faith and trust in you.

You are all the treasure I possess.

I am poor, you are rich, and you came to have mercy on the poor.

I am a sinner, you are goodness. From you may I receive goodness.

Look, Lord, on an empty vessel, and fill me with forgiveness and grace.

(Silent Confession)

(adapted from a prayer by Martin Luther)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

Jeremiah 18:1-6

Brooke Manning-Hinds

Pew Bible Page 720

Anthem

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Choir

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:6-12

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Sermon

Mark of the Potter

Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

p. 34 Hymnal

*HYMN (insert)

Have Thine Own Way

Congregation

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

Jean Gómez

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Potter,

Take the clay of our lives and shape it to love.

Take the clay of the church and shape it to grace.

Take the clay of the world and shape it to peace.

Take the clay of today and shape it to hope.

And then breathe your spirit into all again. Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN #406, vss. 1 & 2

We Are Standing On Holy Ground

Hymnal Page #35

Congregation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*HYMN #406, vs. 3

We Are Standing On Holy Ground

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.

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MEN OF THE CHURCH: The Men of the Church will meet on Tuesday, September 25th, at 11:30 a.m. at the Yesterday Cafe for lunch and fellowship. Duane Blough is this month's host.

A NEW ACCESSORY! Next week, we will officially begin wearing name tags so that we can all easily identify one another! It may not be your favorite thing to wear, but it will help all of us, especially our pastor. Please put on a name tag when you come in, and leave it on the table in the entryway when you leave. Thank you!

ORPHAN AID LIBERIA: ~~HELP!!!~~ Orphan Aid to Liberia Helpers will be meeting on Monday, October 1st at 1:00 PM in the Sunday School room and we need your help! We are making and stuffing teddy bears for children. On the dresses we make for little girls, the ribbon ends need to be burned to stop fraying and the ribbons need to be added to already made dresses. This is easy work and does NOT require sewing! Snacks provided!! Come have some fun and help put a smile on a child's face!



Continue Praying For:

Becky Dennis
Bill Corry
Chan White
Chris Penna
David Blough
Dylan Webb

Ed Lewis
Johnnie Satterfield
Kelly Pierce
Lucy Lathrop
Nancy Gloege

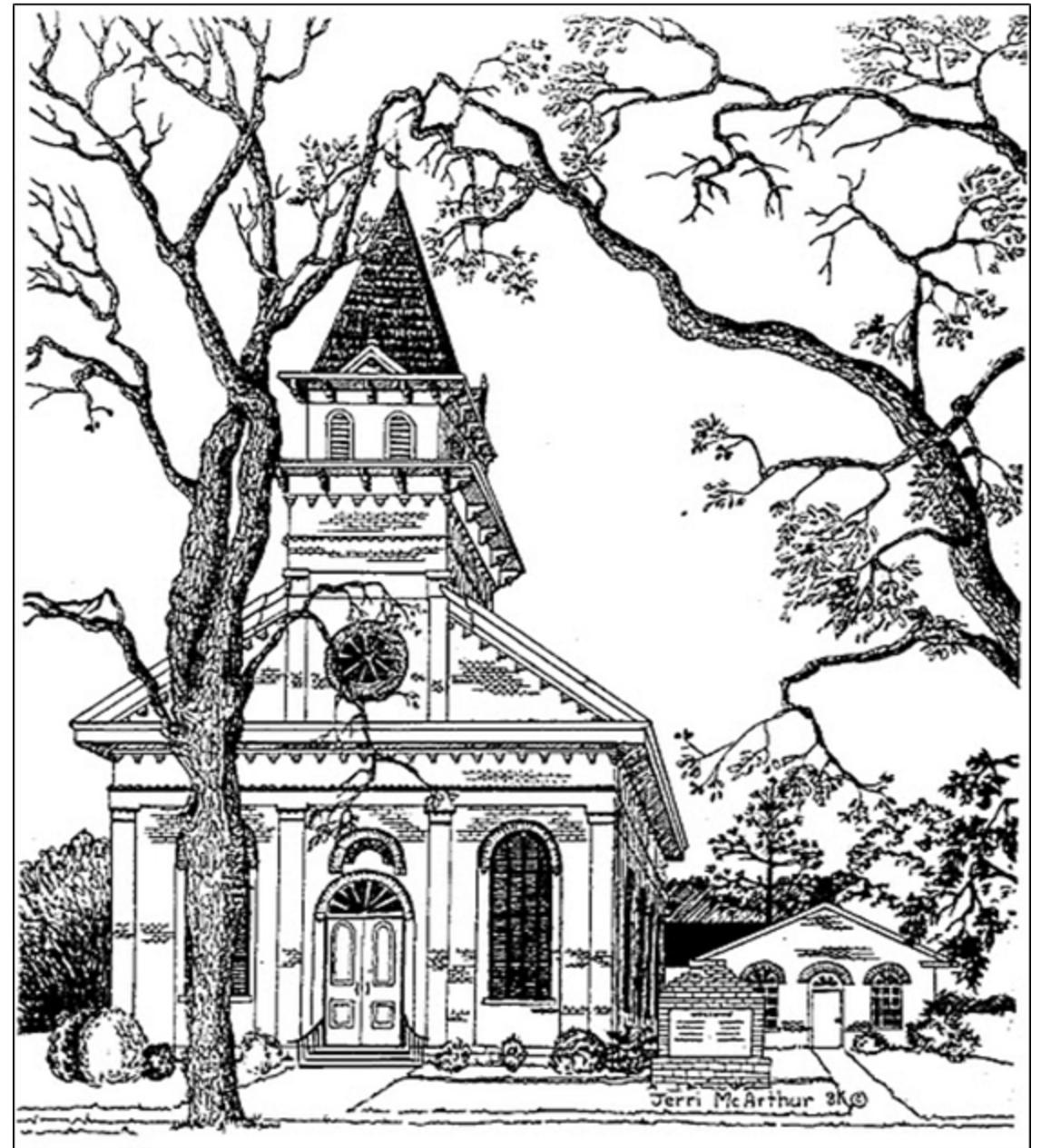
Orphan Aid Liberia
Richard Burton, USA, deployed
Veterans and Military Members
Session Members

Let us remember our family members:

Each week we offer special prayer requests for certain individuals, and that will continue. This week, we continue our intentional prayer for members of the church. 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:

Marie & Jesse Boswell and Alex & Jan Brazier



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Call to Give

Our church will participate in the 2018 HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. If you would like to help in this effort, please make your special donation out to the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro and note in the memo "Hurricane Florence Relief" by September 30, 2018. We thank you for your generosity and your prayers for all those who are in the midst of this disaster.

Call to Prayer in the Wake of the Hurricane

God of our life, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance, in the aftermath of storm and distress, we welcome the restoring power of your love and compassion.

We open our hearts in sorrow, gratitude, and hope: that those who have been spared nature's fury as well as those whose lives are changed forever by ravages of wind and water may find solace, sustenance, and strength in the days of recovery and reflection that come.

We are thankful for the generous grace of days of preparation; for the wise counsel of experts and the generous collaboration of so many communities, that in the face of the storm kept many out of harm's way, and lessened the effects of wind and water on others.

We are grateful that dire predictions did not result in the worst case scenario for all, yet still served to support our best efforts at preparation and immediate relief.

At the same time, we open ourselves to the stories of those for whom the Hurricane was not a near miss: communities deeply affected, whose livelihood, homes and stability have been destroyed.

We pray in grief, remembering the lives that have been lost.

We lift our voices in sorrow and compassion for families who have lost loved ones, homes, or livelihood.

We ask for sustaining courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we, your people, respond to the deep human needs beginning to emerge in the wake of the storm.

In these days of relief, assessment and response, open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to the needs of your children and the movements of your Spirit, who flows in us like the river whose streams makes glad the city of God, and the hearts of all who dwell in it, and in You. In the name of Christ the Healer we pray, Amen.

Prayer written by the Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus, Pastor, Riviera Presbyterian Church, Miami, Florida; Member, National Response Team of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This prayer was originally written in response to Hurricane Irene that struck August 30, 2011.

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

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Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902

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George C. Stebbins, 1907

1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the
2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and
3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wound-ed and
4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my

Pot - ter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me Aft - er Thy
try me, Mas - ter, to - day! Whit - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just
wea - ry, Help me, I pray! Pow - er - all pow - er - Sure - ly is
be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! Fill with Thy Spir - it Till all shall

will, While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still.
now, As in Thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow.
Thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - iour di - vine!
see Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! A-MEN.

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LIFE IN CHRIST: DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION

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