

First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

September 30, 2018, 25th 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 #744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Jean Gómez
Brooke Manning-Hinds
Congregation

*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

God has called each of us before we were even born.

It was God who named us.

It is God who claims us.

The light of God's love shines in us.

Let's shine God's love into all the world!

(Let us pray.)

*HYMN #720

Jesus Calls Us

Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God,

You call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner;

you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work;

you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words;

you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away,

insisting we have more important things to do.

Put your song on our lips and in our hearts,

and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you.

Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is faithful and ever-present.

The God who knew us before our birth loves us still and strengthens us,

Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy.

We enter into the light! 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

First Reading

Anthem

Second Reading

Sermon

Isaiah 49:1-6

Headin' for the Promised Land

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Called

Brooke Manning-Hinds

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Choir

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Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

p. 35 Hymnal

*HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Congregation

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jean Gómez

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God,

We thank you for calling us to be your church, and for giving us a mission and a ministry.

We pray for your world and your people who are in need of your light.

Empower us to be your servants and carry your light,

trusting that you will provide all that we need to do our work.

You walked with us before we were even born,

and you continue to hold us by the hand each and every day of our lives.

We pray with the confidence of those who have been filled with your light.

We pray with the assurance of those who have been called into fellowship

with your Son, Jesus Christ.

(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 & 3

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Hymnal Page #35

Congregation

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*HYMN #306, vss. 4, 5

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

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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A NEW ACCESSORY! We now have 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: 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 teddy bears for children that need to be stuffed. 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!

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.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP! On Sunday, October 21st, we will have a sandwich and homemade ice cream meal after church in the fellowship hall. A sign up sheet will be on the table in the narthex for foods that we need, We hope you can all be there.

Continue Praying For:

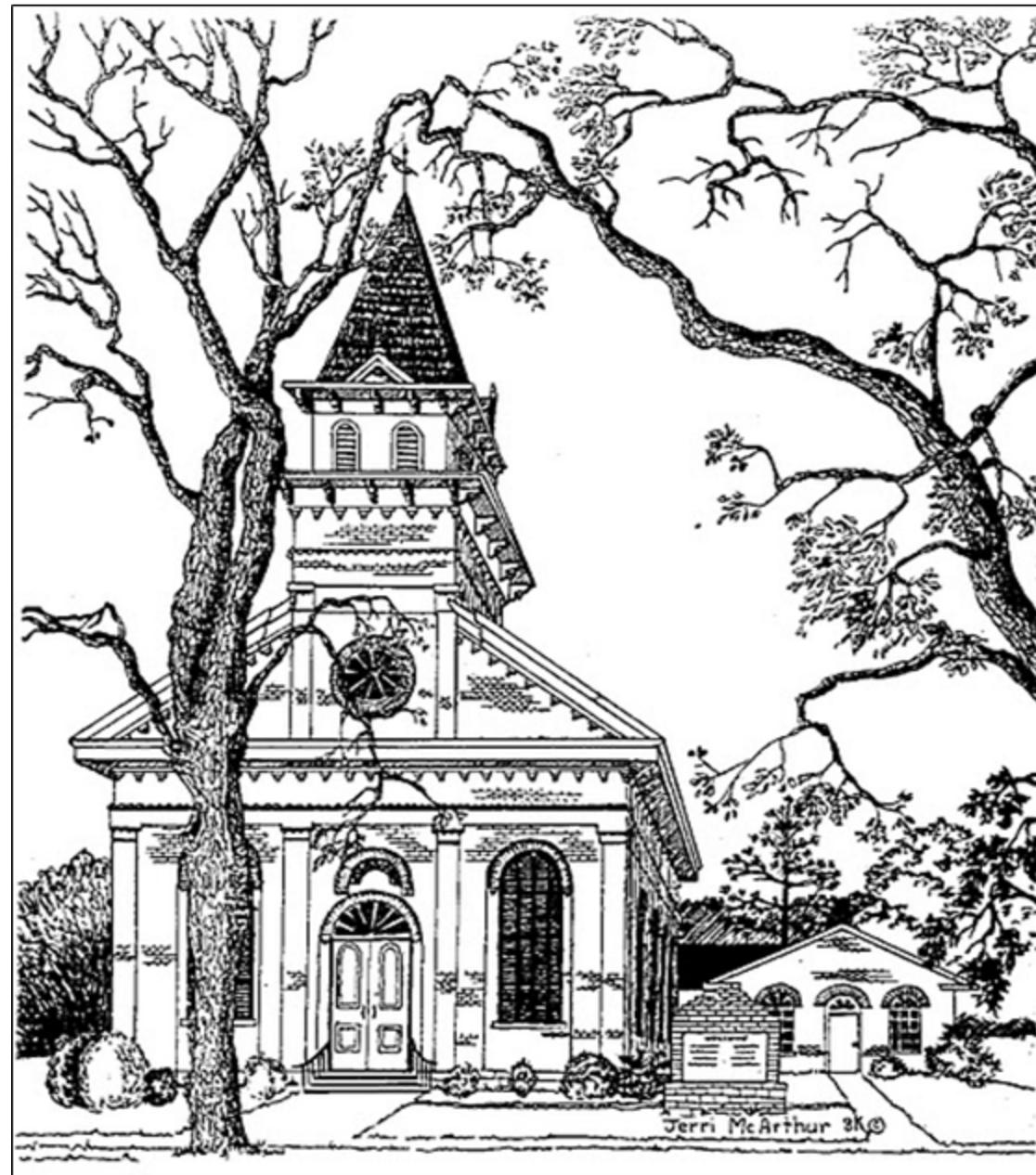
Becky Dennis	David Blough	Lucy Lathrop
Bill Corry	Dylan Webb	Nancy Gloege
Chan White	Ed Lewis	Richard Burton, USA, deployed
Chris Penna	Johnnie Satterfield	Veterans and Military Members

Please note: in order to keep our prayer list up-to-date, we will be starting "fresh" each month. Please let Meg or Marie know if there is someone you would like to have remain on the prayer list.

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:

Sally Wickland and Billy Wood



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