

First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

October 7, 2018, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Music Director: Jean Gómez Elder of the Month: James Graham

Pastor Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

**Please stand if you are able.*

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INTROIT Hymn #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Jean Gómez

James Graham

Congregation

*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another.

We are the body of Christ.

Around this table, we enact our faith.

The body broken is restored to wholeness; lifeblood poured out brings healing to our world.

Thanks be to God!

(Let us pray.)

*HYMN #300

We Are One in the Spirit

Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We dream, O God, of community, but in waking hours we forget such hopes.

Our dreams we call “alien”; our sister and brother we call “stranger”.

You call us by name. With arms outstretched as on a cross, you call us to yourself, and you name us your own people.

So with arms outstretched, we now embrace new friends and forgotten dreams.

The body broken and lifeblood poured transform our fears and revive our visions.

Renew us, O God, with your Spirit, that we may receive this mystery of your body, embracing its many gifts and needs, shouting an “Amen!” that resounds through our world.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

James Graham

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-4

Pew Bible Page 631

Anthem

Speak, O Lord

Choir

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Pew Bible Page 166

Sermon

Is Christ Divided?

Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

p. 35 Hymnal

*COMMUNION HYMN #523

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Congregation

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.

Lord of all languages and nations,

We offer You our thanks for creating unity among the divided peoples of the earth.

You bring together Jew and Greek, male and female, slave and free.

Through the gift of your Spirit, we become one great undivided body.

O God, because You Yourself are One and desire that we may be united, we bring to You bread - many grains of wheat made into one loaf; and we bring you juice - many grapes made into one drink.

We pray that You would pour out Your Spirit afresh so that we may share in the one body of Christ.

May we who are many become one as we partake of this one loaf.

Restore to Your divided Church, as we drink this cup, the unity that is our Savior's will. Amen.

Communion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and cup, giving you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing Christ's ministry of love and service, that your name may be praised in all the earth. Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jean Gómez

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, you make us in your image and hold us in your care.

Look with compassion on the whole human family, we pray.

Take away the arrogance and hostility that infect our hearts.

Break down the walls that separate us, unite us in your love.
Through our struggles, may your work be done so that in your good time,
all nations and peoples may gather at your heavenly banquet table;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN #317, vss. 1, 2 & 3 *In Christ There is No East or West*

Hymnal Page #35

Congregation

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*HYMN #317, vs. 4 *In Christ There is No East or West*

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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FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP! On Sunday, October 21st, we will have a sandwich and homemade ice cream meal after church in the fellowship hall. An old-fashioned hymn-sing will follow! 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:

Bill Corry	Ed Lewis
Chris Penna	Johnnie Satterfield
David Blough	Richard Burton, USA, deployed
Dylan Webb	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: As we continue our intentional prayer for our church family, let us pray for:

Steve & Lucy White and Bob & Jeannie Wheeler



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