



First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

July 19, 2020 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Music Director: Dr. Jean Gómez; Elder Assisting: Hap Tietjen

Pastor: Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hap Tietjen

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the presence of a God whose Word has called the earth and the stars into being,

We stand in awe.

In the presence of a God whose arms have held children,

We stand in trust.

In the presence of a God whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for justice,

We stand in need.

Before you, Giver of Life, we come in faith, in search of love and justice and wholeness.

Be with us and hear us, we pray. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Come & Fill Our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, you alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we always loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have too rarely done justice, loved kindness, and walked humbly with you.

Have mercy on us, and cleanse us from our sin, we pray.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Hap Tietjen

Scripture

Isaiah 61:8-11

Anthem

Seek Ye First

Scripture

Luke 6:21a; Matthew 5:1-6

Sermon

“Blessed Yearnings”

OFFERING

You are invited to offer yourself and your resources in gratitude to God.

(You may mail in your monetary contributions to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 26, Greensboro, GA 30642.)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God our Sustainer, we ask you to pour your powerful Spirit into all who are empty this day.
Fill the hearts of people who are hungry for love. Fill the stomachs of those who are hungry.
Fill the souls of people who thirst for your presence. Fill the bodies which yearn for healing.
Fill the lives of all who need you.

May your Spirit fill us all to overflowing, dear Lord, and may it inspire us to share our abundance with others, so that there will be no more empty hearts and stomachs and souls.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ, who fills lives with your endless grace, and who taught us to pray, saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUNG BLESSING

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

BENEDICTION

Go forth in peace, and be of good courage; hold fast that which is good, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may God who fills the hungry with good things fill us all with Christ-like love and with a consuming hunger for justice in our land and in our world.

Alleluia! Amen!

Coming Up:

We have delayed our planned reopening for in-person worship for the time being. Session will re-evaluate at our August 18 meeting.

Sunday School each week at 9:45 a.m. on Zoom. All invited!

Sunday July 26, 12 - 1 p.m. Virtual Lunch on Zoom; 1:30-2:30 Drive-Through for Jean

Sunday, August 2 Tom Coop will be our guest preacher.

Continue Praying For:

Ann Corry	Franklin Latimer Roberts	Marie Kent
Bill Corry	Harrison Marcus	Mike Webb
Bill and Verley Dotson	Johnnie Satterfield	Randy Quintrell
Brooke Manning-Hinds	Juan Brown	Richard Aiken
Bruce Porter	Kenneth Pressley	Sam Marshall
Chase Crawford	Lori Howerton	Susie Pressley
Chris Penna	Marcus Pinson	William Belcher
Chuck Thorp	Marie Boswell	Nation & World Leaders
David Blough		Veterans & Military Members

Let us remember our church members and friends: As we offer intentional prayer, let us pray for:

Andrew & Judy Boswell