



First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

August 23, 2020 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Church Musician: Tsai-Wei Li; Elder Assisting: Judy Ray
Pastor: Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Ray

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

We belong to God.

When we feel overwhelmed,

God is on our side.

When we are afraid,

God is with us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Lord!

HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Caring God, you call us to be the body of Christ:

to live in community, to care for one another, to use our different gifts.

Instead of working to sustain community, we follow our own desires.

Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone.

Forgive our neglect of others.

Give us obedient spirits, that we may care for one another, depend on your love, and use our gifts for your gospel. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The Lord is on our side, offering words of forgiveness, caring for us even when we fail.

We are a forgiven people, bound together in God's love.

We are the body of Christ, forgiven and free. Thanks be to God!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Judy Ray

Scripture

Exodus 1:8-2:2

ANTHEM

Brahms Lullaby

Tsai-Wei Li

Scripture

Exodus 2:3-10

Sermon

"To Life"

SUNG RESPONSE (sing twice)

Live in Charity

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

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 of love, open our hearts to each other.

Grant us the courage of the midwives to affirm life and resist oppression.

Grant us the wisdom of Moses' mother to love and to let go.

Grant us the compassion of Pharaoh's daughter, even for those who are different from us.

Help us to trust that you are always at work, even when we are not aware of it.

We pray now that you would be at work among those who are ill, grieving or troubled...

Help us to reach out in love, care and prayer, to be your presence for those in need.

We make our prayer in the name of the one who was and is your presence among us, using the words he taught us saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUNG BLESSING

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last and our eternal home.

BENEDICTION

May God whose breath gave life and being, bless you this day with joy and goodness.

May God whose Son brought salvation and life eternal, bless you this day with grace and newness of soul.

May God whose Spirit empowers with vision and understanding, bless you this day with courage and wisdom.

God bless you now and forever.

Alleluia! Amen!

Coming Up:

Sunday School each week at **9:30 a.m.** on Zoom. All invited!

Friday, August 28 Game Night, 5 to 6 p.m. on Zoom. Our third game night of the summer - we will be playing Table Topics and the only skill required is the ability to have fun. Please contact Judy Ray at jgrpr@yahoo.com to receive your Zoom invitation.

Continue Praying For:

Ann & Bill Corry

Family of Bill Dotson

Brooke Manning-Hinds

Chris Penna

Chuck Thorp

David Blough

Deanna & Jesse Blount

Franklin Latimer Roberts

Jane & Johnnie Satterfield

Kenneth Pressley

Lanie Whitt

Lori Howerton

Marcus Pinson

Marie Boswell

Marie Kent Rainey

Martha Burgamy

Mike Webb

Family of Randy Quintrell

Richard Aiken

Sam Marshall

Sonia & Marguerite Grimes

Family of Tammy Johnson

Tony Lorange

Tristan Epps

Nation & World Leaders

Veterans & Military Members

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

Peter & Shannon Candler