



## First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

August 30, 2020 Thirteenth 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

Let us turn aside to pay attention to what God may be doing.

**God appears to us in ways both ordinary and surprising.**

God calls to us as we go about our daily tasks, and in times set apart for worship.

**Wherever we are right now, we are standing on holy ground.**

Let us worship God who was and is and will be.

**Praise the Lord!**

### HYMN

*We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this time set apart for seeking you,  
knowing we have failed to see you at other times.**

**We have missed your beauty which surrounds us, and your presence in the people we encounter.**

**We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith,**

**to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us.**

**In these moments, draw us so close that we cannot help but know every day that you are with us,  
wherever we go. Enlarge our capacity to care, so we may see you in all whom we meet. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Our God is merciful and gracious, abounding in steadfast love.

As far as the east is from the west, he removes our transgressions from us.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Judy Ray

Scripture

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-15

Chuck Thorp, Spencer Hinds

Sermon

*"Turning toward Home"*

### 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

O God, our Redeemer,

We give you thanks, for you hear our cries, and have compassion on us.

You descend to us, and show us the path to healing.

You free us from all that holds us back.

Hear the cries of your people in bondage:

to fear and despair; poverty and weariness; crime, war and violence; narcissism and self-indulgence.

Come among us and bring healing.

Call us back to our best selves.

Deliver us into the land of your promise, our true home.

We make our prayer in the name of the one whom you sent down to be with us and to lead us, using the words he taught us saying...

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### SUNG RESPONSE

*Here I Am, Lord*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

### BENEDICTION

Go now from this time of worship, remembering that God will be with you.

And this shall be the sign for you, that it is God who sends you, you will return and worship in this place.

Go now in peace, and know that God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit go with you.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

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### Coming Up:

**Sunday September 6, 11 a.m.** Get your bread and juice or wine ready for virtual communion.

**Sunday School** each week at **9:30 a.m.** on Zoom. All invited! We plan to resume in-person classes in October.

**Sunday September 27, 11 a.m. Worship on the Lawn!** Bring a chair, and join us on the South St. side of the church.

Casual dress is encouraged. In case of inclement weather, we will be prepared to move indoors.

### *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

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

Nation & World Leaders

Veterans & Military Members

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

*Rolly & Sheri Clark*