

First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro
Pianist: Moona Yu; Elder of the Month: Verley Dotson
Pastor: Rev. Meg Jackson Clark
*All are invited to rise in body or spirit

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE Moona Yu

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Verley Dotson

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Sing praises to God; give thanks to God’s holy name!
Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
You turn our weeping to dancing, God; you remove the garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.
May we praise you and not be silent! We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!

*HYMN 267 Come Christians, Join to Sing Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord, save us from ourselves.
We continue to do the same things over and over, expecting different results.
Save us from doing too much, and missing your presence among us.
Save us from doing too little, saying we love you, but neglecting to show your love to others.
Lord, save us from ourselves.
Help us to hear and respond when you say, "Follow me."
(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE
Hear the good news: who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Chirst died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST
You are invited to greet one another saying “The Peace of Christ be with you,” or responding “and also with you”.

*581 GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
Prayer of Illumination Verley Dotson
Scripture Isaiah 55:1-3 p. 685, Pew Bible

Anthem My Savior First Of All Moona Yu
Fanny J. Crosby - arr. by Lenny Seidel

Scripture John 21:1-17 p. 115, Pew Bible

Sermon Encounters with the Risen Christ
At the Lake

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from our Book of Common Worship Congregation
This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

*HYMN 720 Jesus Calls Us Congregation

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST Verley Dotson

OFFERING
OFFERTORY Moona Yu
*606 DOXOLOGY
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Awesome God, after his resurrection, your Son revealed himself again and again to his disciples,
feeding them with forgiveness and love, and empowering them for their mission.
Grant that we, too, may know his risen presence
and hear him calling us to feed his sheep and care for the lambs of his flock.
We pray now for all in need of love and care this day.
Empower us to join Peter in following you and tending to the needs of others.
May we and they come to believe in the power of the resurrection.
(We keep silence as we lift up in prayer all who are on our hearts.)
THE LORD’S PRAYER (p. 35, Hymnal)

*HYMN 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore Congregation

*BENEDICTION And all God’s children say...Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE Moona Yu

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Adele Montgomery in gratitude for God’s blessings and her wonderful family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you!

To all who contributed baked goods, time and talent to make First Presbyterian’s presence felt at the Southland Jubilee last weekend. Shout out to Jan Bernhardt, Natasha Basanova, and Bobbie & Allen Pate for their hard work on the bake sale. And to Jan Brazier, Steven Brown, and Kathy Harris for leading sanctuary tours. There were also two Presbyterian men in kilts wandering around town!

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 2, 6 p.m.

The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and designated as the first Thursday in May in the 1980’s. Thanks to the leadership of Fran D’Antonio, Greene and Putnam Counties have hosted a community-wide prayer service for the last several years, with pastors from both counties participating. While we all have our complaints and worries about the state of our country, this service is an excellent opportunity to come together with the single purpose of asking for God’s guidance, healing and blessing. Pastor Meg will be one of the pastors leading in prayer at this year’s service. Please join her at **Lakepoint Church**, 106 Village Lane, Eatonton (near Harmony Crossing).

Scottish Heritage Sunday - May 19, 11 a.m.

Invite friends and neighbors to join us on this festive day! The worship service will feature bagpipes, drums, and the traditional prayer known as the Kirkin’ of the Tartans. Following worship, join us on the lawn for more bagpipes as well as singer Joan Stevens. Snacks and drinks available. Wear your plaid!

Coming up:

- Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Our day to serve at **Our Father’s Kitchen**
- 2 p.m. Memorial Service** - *Brooke Manning-Hinds*
- Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m. Worship** - Women are invited to wear hats, as a tribute to Brooke.
- Wednesday, May 8, 11:30 a.m. Women’s Lunch** @ Barbara Allen's home.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Adele Montgomery	Fran Blough	Sharon Bryan
Brian Bodle	Gwen Melton	Nation & World Leaders
Family of Brooke Hinds	Johnnie Satterfield	People of Israel & Palestine
Colin Goff	Lee Sweetapple	Ukrainian People
David Blough	Peyton Rardin	Veterans & Military Members
Don Hilsmier		

Each week we pray for one of our church’s families. This week we offer prayers for: *Sean Montague*

Welcome to First Presbyterian!

We are a historic, mission-minded church with Christ-centered, traditional, and relevant worship eager to include everyone in our church family.

Life Goes Better with Church!



April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter