



First Presbyterian Church

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August 18, 2019 — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Return, beloved of God, to the fold. God welcomes you in this hour of prayer.

People: God calls us by name and awaits our coming. God summons us out of hiding.

Leader: God is like a shepherd, caring for his flocks. God is like a gardener, carefully tending his vines.

People: Surely God has provided richly for us. Our lives are sustained by God's good gifts.

Leader: Worship the one who longs for our coming. Sing praises to the one who expects our faithfulness.

People: We call on God, who gives us life. May God's face shine on us to save us.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULONE

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

- Lucy Dillon (health issues)
- Faye Hodges (health issues)
- Bernie Krecklow (health issues)
- Hamp Langdon (undergoing physical therapy due to stroke)
- Bob Myers (heart issues)
- Bernice Nelson (cancer)
- Rocky Newton (cancer)
- Jim Nicholson (health issues)
- Betty Norman (at Trinity Elms Health & Rehab, 7449 Fair Oaks Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012)
- Phyllis Sterling (stroke—in skilled nursing at the Masonic Home in Burlington, NJ)
- Dale Watts** (home recuperating from medical procedure—health and liver issues)
- Rodgers White (health issues)

Friends & Family:

- N. Bolen **Brigeda Maldonado** (Olga Sasser's mother—cancer); **Lawrence & Thelma Crutchfield** (health issues for both); **Paul Spainhour** (hospitalized with health issues); Megan Hedgecock (health issues); Faye Dean Watson, Amy Ikerd, Cindy Strickland (diabetes and health issues)
- Foster Jeff Weaver (A-Fib issues and blood pressure issues)
- Kerr Lolly Tupper (continued health issues)
- Roney Janice Denise Roney (daughter—recuperating from surg.)
- Self Mrs. Lee (our daughter-in-law's mother in S. Korea—health issues)
- Vernon Linda Carr and family (Mr. Carr has advanced Alzheimer's); Roy Lyons (a dear friend's brother—several serious health issues); Candy Bowlin (Millie's niece—breast cancer)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

- Vernon Louisiana families—tropical storm Barry

PRAYER OF PRAISE

- Vernon Renee Mier (Millie's daughter—got the job she really wanted)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

- Bolen **The family of Dela Mitchell**
The family of Christine Smith (death of her sister)

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, after all you have done for us, we have failed to bear fruit for you. We have turned away your Word and have forgotten to call on your name. People who are weak, lonely, and destitute receive little help from our hands because we are preoccupied with our own concerns. Lift us from the shadows of our own deceptions and let your face shine on us so we may walk once more in your truth. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: When we are penitent, God restores us to our rightful identity as children of the Most High. God lights a fire within us so we can change our world for the better. In the name of Jesus Christ, who endured the cross for us, we dare to come out of hiding to speak up for justice and peace. Friends, believe the good news...

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

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Isaiah 5:1-7

Luke 12:49-56

SERMON

"Fire and Rain"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 724**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN NO. 625**

"O Lord My God"

HOW GREAT THOU ART

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory and honor of God and are placed by Rusty Sudderth in memory of his wife, Kay, and their 51st wedding anniversary.

Serving Today (Aug 18)

Greeters/Ushers: Faye Hodges, Anne Waddell
Lay Reader: Millie Vernon

Serving Next Sunday (Aug 25)

Greeters/Ushers: Rich Tincher, Lorna Foster
Lay Reader: Kerry Kerr