

First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

Music Leader: Moona Yu; Elder of the Month: Jocelyn Clark

Pastor: Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

*All are invited to rise in body or spirit.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Moona Yu

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jocelyn Clark

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's love was revealed among us in this way;

God sent the Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

We have come to praise God for the gift of his son!

In Jesus Christ, God has shown us love, giving light for our darkness,
and strength for our days.

Let us sing praise to God's name and open our hearts to God's word.

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

In baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ.

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.

We allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.

Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the words of our Creator, spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

I have called you by name, you are mine. Do not fear, I have redeemed you.

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

Jocelyn Clark

Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7

(p. 672, Pew Bible)

Anthem

God Is So Good & Something Beautiful

Moona Yu

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Scripture

Luke 3:7-17; 21-22

(p. 60, Pew Bible)

Sermon

Beloved

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (p. 38, Hymnal) Brief Statement of Faith, section 4 Congregation

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Congregation

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Patty Edmonds, Carla Pinkney, Doug Strickler

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Moona Yu

*606 DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God,

Your holy love descended to us in the person of Jesus.

Christ's baptism revealed him to be your blessed Son.

Christ's life revealed to us that we, too, are your beloved children.

We pray now for all who are beloved to you, those known to us and those unknown,
those whose names we speak, and those we name only in our hearts.

Send your Holy Spirit to comfort, heal and inspire each one.

Anoint us by your Spirit that we may also comfort, heal, and inspire in your name,
and you may be known as love through all the world.

(We keep silence as we lift up in prayer all who are on our hearts.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 35, Hymnal)

*HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Congregation

*BENEDICTION

And all God's children say...**Alleluia! Amen!**

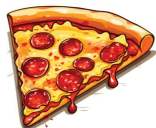
POSTLUDE

Moona Yu

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Pastor Meg's mother, Isabel Jackson by Doug and Laura Strickler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Up:



Jan 12

12 Noon Pizza with the Pastor - if you are new to the Presbyterian Church or to First Presbyterian, please join us to learn more about our church.

Wednesday, Jan 15, 11:30 a.m. Women's Lunch @ Harbor Club Clubhouse

5:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Evening Circle

Friday, Jan 17, 5 p.m. Singles Supper Club @ Amore Del Lago

Monday, Jan 20, 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Morning Circle

Wednesday, Jan 22, 5:15 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 29, 11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch

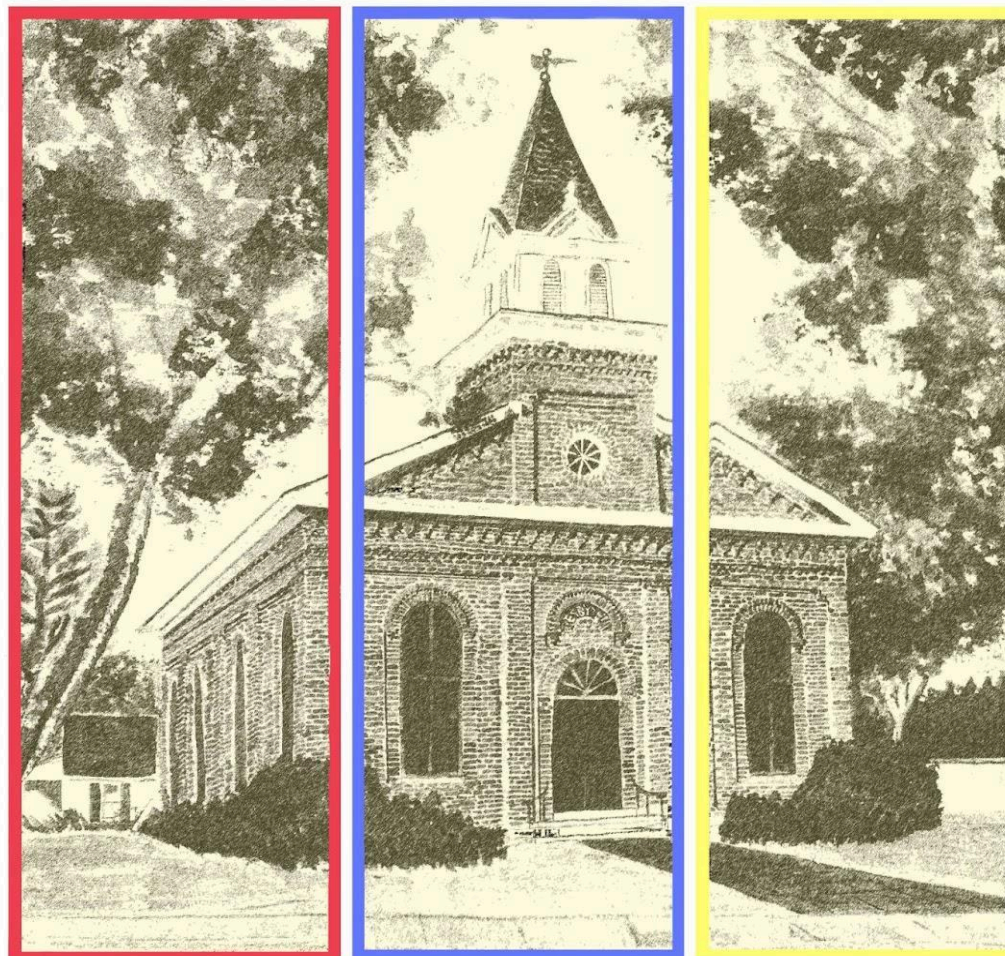
PRAYER CONCERNS

Carol McGahee
Chuck Thorp
Colin Clark
David Blough
Fran & Duane Blough
Hal Lipsey
Haley Burns
Family of Isabel Jackson

James Collins
Jane Klaviter
Jay Mayo
Jimmy Moore
Jo Ann Nelson
Johnnie Satterfield
Julia Russell

Nancy Rabun
Rayne Ann Wood
Sandy Simon
Nation & World Leaders
People of Israel & Palestine
Ukrainian People
Veterans & Military Members

Each week we pray for one of our church's families. This week we offer prayers for: *Jane Epps*



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!

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord