

First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

Music Leader: Moona Yu; Elder of the Month: Spencer Hinds

Pastor: Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

*All are invited to rise in body or spirit.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Moona Yu

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spencer Hinds

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship the living God,
who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

**We have come to praise almighty God,
who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**

We have come to worship our gracious God,
who chooses even us to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

All glory to God!

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that you are beyond our understanding, and yet we have our expectations.

We grow disappointed when you do not answer our prayers as we would like.

We become frustrated with your failure to offer us explanations for all that happens to us.

We are quick to blame you and others when our hopes do not materialize.

We become defensive when you challenge our assumptions.

Our trust in you sometimes wavers, even as we recite your promises.

We believe, Lord, help our unbelief.

Forgive us for trying to control and contain you.

Help us to let go of our expectations, and accept all you are.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Christ is in the midst of us, bringing us good news!

He releases us from the power of sin, and sets us free to live in God's favor.

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

Spencer Hinds

Scripture

1 Kings 17:8-16; 2 Kings 5:1-14

(pp. 324, 336, Pew Bible)

Scripture

Luke 4:22-30

(p. 61, Pew Bible)

Sermon

Triptych

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (p. 35, Hymnal) Apostles' Creed

Congregation

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

Congregation

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am Bb C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy...Amen.

Sharing of the Elements

As the bread is shared, you are invited to join in singing 525, Let Us Break Bread Together.

As the cup is shared, you are invited to join in singing 227, Jesus, Remember Me.

Prayer after Communion

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Moona Yu

*606 DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Lord, we humbly come before you and lift up our hearts.

We come with hearts full of gratitude for the gifts of life and love.

We come with hearts sprinkled with tears shed in our pain and grief and on behalf of others.

We come with hearts flecked with hope, trusting that you are a God who keeps promises.
We come with hearts shot through with joy, for all that renews and lifts us up.
Hear now the prayers of our hearts, we ask.

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

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

*HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Congregation

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Moona Yu

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each year on Superbowl Sunday, we join churches and other organizations around the country collecting donations and raising money to help alleviate hunger. This year there are two ways you can share God's love for our neighbors in need:

Food Donations for Greene County Community Food Pantry:

Participate in our friendly Purple/Green team food collection competition. Bring canned goods to the church any Sunday between now and Feb. 9, when the winning team will be announced.



Soup Lunch to benefit Our Father's Kitchen - Sunday, Feb. 9, following worship.

Come enjoy good fellowship and food. Sign up in the narthex or at fpcgreensboroga@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Feb 12, 11:30 a.m. Women's Valentine's Lunch @ the home of Pam Stewart.

Please wear your Valentine top and bring a small side of your choice (veggie or dessert). Pam lives in Harbor Club at 1212 Carriage Ridge Dr.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Chris Barnes
Chuck Thorp
David Blough
Fran & Duane Blough
Hal Lipsey
Haley Burns
James Collins

Jane Klaviter
Jay Mayo
Jimmy Moore
Jo Ann Nelson
Johnnie Satterfield
Family of Rich Vickers
Rayne Ann Wood

Sandy Simon
Susan Eberhart
Nation & World Leaders
People of Israel & Palestine
Ukrainian People
Veterans & Military Members
Families of all who died
in the DC Airplane Crash

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

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!



February 2, 2025
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany