

## First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

Pianist: Moona Yu; Elder of the Month: Verley Dotson

Pastor: Rev. Meg Jackson Clark; Guest Preacher: Rev. John Lamsma

\*All are invited to rise in body or spirit.

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### PRELUDE

Moona Yu

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Verley Dotson

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together in the name of God, maker of heaven and earth.

**We come as living sacrifices to offer our praise and our prayers.**

O Lord through the power of your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds.

**May we recognize your presence, hear your voice, know your will, and walk in your way.**

Come among us, living Lord.

**Amen.**

### \*HYMN 331

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

Congregation

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O holy One of Israel,

whose long history with your people is punctuated by ups and down,

sins and disappointments, transgressions and wanderings,

we come before you in humility.

We confess that like the ancients, our zeal in being faithful sometimes wanes,

and we stray from the best we know.

We sin and fail you and one another.

We sometimes feel that you are far from us, that you have hidden your face from us.

Help us to trust that you are always and ever present.

Overcome once again the distance and the uncertainty we have felt on our journey,

and guide us to your grace.

*(Silent Confession)*

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness,**

**and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

### \*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

Scripture

Isaiah 64:1-4

Verley Dotson

p. 694, Pew Bible

Anthem

*"Joy"*

Moona Yu

Theme from Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by J.S. Bach, arr. by George Winston

Scripture

Romans 12:1-8; Colossians 1:15-20

pp.161, 200, Pew Bible

Sermon

*An Audacious Request*

Rev. John Lamsma

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (p.35, Hymnal)

Apostles' Creed

Congregation

\*HYMN 619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

Congregation

### MINUTES FOR MISSION

Circle of Love

Kimberly Bennett, Director

Souperbowl of Caring

Steven Brown

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

Moona Yu

### \*606 DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God,

In love you created us, and in love you sustain us, day after day.

So it is with confidence that we bring our prayers to you,

knowing that you hear us, and will respond.

We offer our prayers for the world around us.

We pray for those who are plagued by poverty and for those who live amid violence.

We pray for those who refuse to participate in violence or injustice,

who courageously stand up for what they know is right, regardless of the consequences.

We also pray for those who oppress others,

who are unable to break free from cycles of violence and anger.

We pray for all who suffer this day, whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

May Your presence surround and sustain each one, so that they may know your love and live.

Gracious God, hear our prayer, and in your love, answer.

*(Silent Prayer)*

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

\*HYMN 724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Congregation

\*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Moona Yu

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God and to honor family and friends who surround us with love by Cliff and Patty Aldrin.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday, Feb. 11 Souperbowl of Caring

On Superbowl Sunday, we participate in this nation-wide effort to assist those without a bowl of soup to eat. Thank you for your donations of non-perishable food for the Greene County Food Pantry.

### Lent begins this week!

Pick up a copy of our **Lent Devotional** - Local Pilgrim - for your daily use.

### Ash Wednesday Worship - Feb. 14

**12 Noon Prayer Service** with imposition of ashes

**6:30 p.m. Joint Worship Service at First Presbyterian of Milledgeville.** RSVP to [fpcgreensboroga@gmail.com](mailto:fpcgreensboroga@gmail.com) if you would like to attend dinner at 5:30 p.m.

### Sunday, Feb. 18, 12 Noon "Dine for a Cause" for Circle of Love

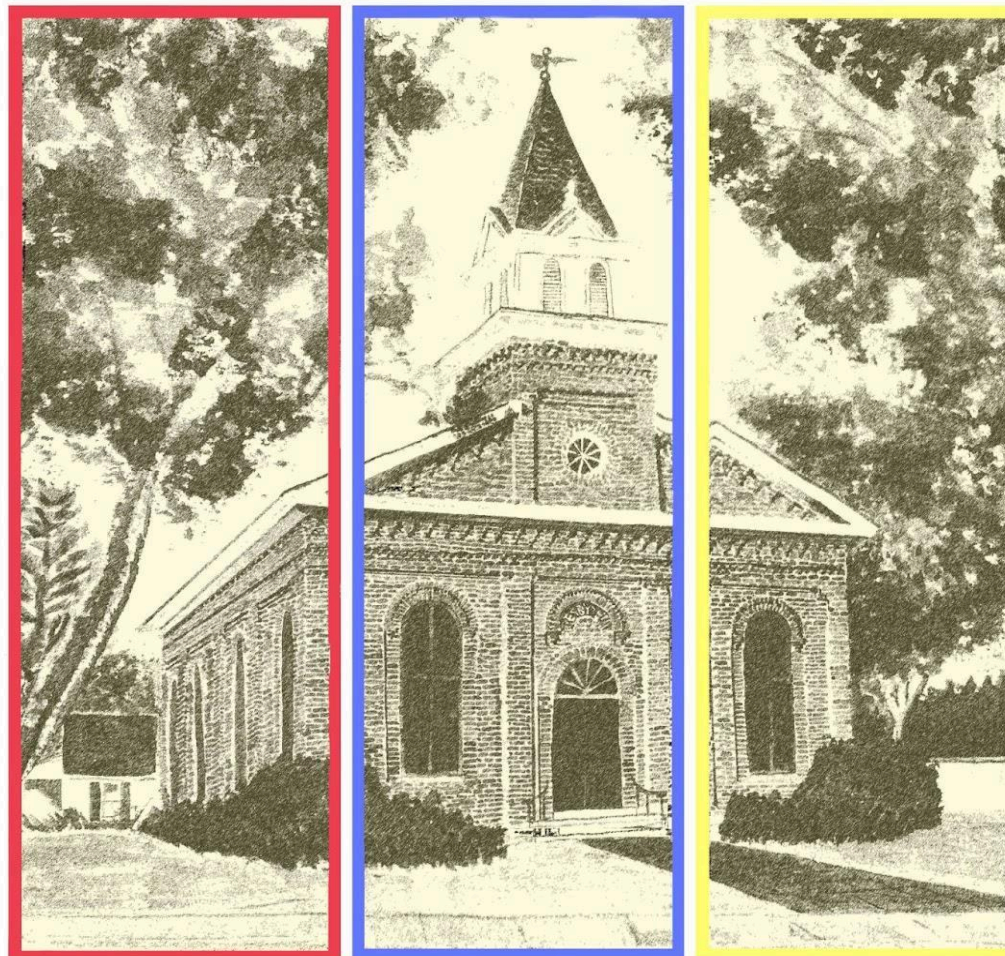
Come enjoy a **lovely lasagna lunch** with your church family, and bring an offering to assist women and children fleeing domestic violence. Circle of Love offers shelter and other services to help these families heal and move forward. **Please sign up for lunch in the narthex. Volunteers are also needed.**

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Brian Bodle	Fran Blough	Peyton Rardin
Brooke Manning-Hinds	Family of Gabrielle Keen	Sharon Bryan
Catherine Spearman	Gwen Melton	Nation & World Leaders
Colin Goff	Johnnie Satterfield	People of Israel & Palestine
David Blough	Lee Sweetapple	Ukrainian People
Don Hilsmier	Mitchell Sachdev	Veterans & Military Members
Family of Elsie Boyd		

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

*Tamara Cox*



### 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 11, 2024**

Transfiguration of the Lord