

Greeters Today: Eugene & Lynna Altizer
 Greeters Next Week: Linda Hall, Megan & Anna Kate Cooper
Note: Greeters, if you will not be available a particular Sunday, please contact Barbara at the church office.
 Nursery Today: Angie Cooper and Phyllis Briscoe
 Nursery Next Week: Carol and Dakota White
Note: Nursery Volunteers, if you switch your scheduled day, please contact Barbara at the church office after calling Retha to change your day.
 Young Disciples' Worship: Tim & Holly Briscoe
 Deacon of the Month for September: Carolyn McConnell (676-3924)
 Deacon of the Month for October: Ed Dean (451-1500)

Welcome



This Week's Events			
Sun.	Sept. 25	9:45am 11:00am	Sunday School Worship Service-Two Cents Meal
Wed.	Sept. 28	10:00am 5:30pm-7:00pm 6:00pm 7:15pm	Bible Study/Prayer Group Midweek@GreenSpring Deacons Meeting Choir Practice
Coming Soon			
Sun.	Oct. 2	9:45am 11:00am	Sunday School Worship Service-Communion
Wed.	Oct. 5	10:00am 5:30pm-7:00pm 7:15pm	Bible Study/Prayer Group Brunch at Perkins Restaurant Midweek@GreenSpring Choir Practice
Sat.	Oct. 8	Noon	The Abel Family Reunion in the fellowship hall

Green Spring Presbyterian Church

A place to worship, to serve, to belong ... Since 1781

September 25, 2011

Reverend Jon Elliott Martin, Pastor

A member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Abingdon Presbytery
Green Spring Presbyterian Church
 serves Jesus Christ at
 22007 Green Spring Church Road, Abingdon, VA 24211
 Adult & Children Sunday School Classes at 9:45am
 Worship Service & Young Disciples' Worship at 11:00am
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Order of Worship

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2011

Prelude *Great and Mighty* Bigley

Welcome and Announcements

Passing the Peace

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Choral Introit *For the Music of Creation* Murray

*Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

All: Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

One: God is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.

All: Let us worship the one who gives the stars their names.

*Hymn #130 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you bring us together to worship and we give you thanks. Holy Spirit, you weave our lives together and stir us to one voice in Jesus Christ. Why do we spend so much time on our differences? Forgive us we pray for too often what unites us is eclipsed by what separates us. Assist us to proclaim the honor and glory of life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith (*Confession of 1967, 9.50*)

The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deeper sense of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel....Music contributes to

the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when it helps worshipers look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God's love.

*Response of Praise (*Gloria Patri, #805*)

Commissioning of our Music Ministry***

*Hymn #403 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*
(Choir will sing Verses 1 and 2, Congregation will join in singing Verses 3-5)

Scripture Reading Psalm 147:1-11

The Offering
Offertory *The Holy City* F.E. Weatherly

*Doxology (#809)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Gabriel
Solo: Graham Clark

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
Choral Amen

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:12-17
One: The Word of the Lord!
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Music Makers* Jon Martin

*Hymn (see insert-sing to the tune of hymn #135)
When the Morning Stars Together

*Benediction

*Choral Response *As We Go* Johnston
Congregational Meeting

*Postlude

*Congregation please stand.

*** K through 5th grade depart for Young Disciples' Worship following the Commissioning of our Music Ministry.

◆ **People Helping People:** As of 9/18/11 the amount left in the Tornado Relief Fund is \$2,327.00. The Session sent \$2,000.00 to Bethel Presbyterian Church to be used in the Bethel community.



◆ **Rest Home Birthday Reminders for October:**

Arlana Brown will be celebrating her birthday on October 11th-Angie Cooper is her sponsor; **Thomas Lafue** will be celebrating his birthday on October 27th-Barbara Quesenberry is his sponsor. The Deacons will be hosting the Rest Home Party for October.

◆ The **Session** will meet on October 11, 2011 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall.



◆ The **Evening Circle** will meet on October 10th at 7:00pm at the home of **Jeanie Evans**.
The **Morning Circle** will meet on October 12th at 10:00am in the fellowship hall.

◆ Last Sunday there were 112 in worship. The offering total was \$4,127.00, all to the General Fund. As of last Sunday, we have received \$136,981.21 toward our budget total of \$200,693.00. Our weekly goal is \$3,860.00.

◆ Next week's readings are: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.

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Jon Elliott Martin, Pastor  
Barbara King, Secretary/Office Manager  
Kevin Flannagan, Choir Director  
Patti Quarles, Accompanist



† **OUR CHURCH AT WORK** †

September 25, 2011

◆ *Welcome to all! We are delighted that God led you to worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor and interested in learning more about our church fellowship, please call the pastor at church, 628-7739 or his cell phone, 206-6370. Also, please take a moment to fill out the 'Visitors Card' and place it in the offering plate, giving us the opportunity to welcome you and to know more about you. Note that a 'pew reservation sign' has been placed at the end of the last center pew to reserve this seating for those with special needs. Please turn off cellular phones upon entering the Sanctuary, frequencies interfere with microphones.*

◆ *Welcome to Graham Clark as he sings the Anthem during the worship service this morning.*



◆ This Sunday let us pray for **Graham Presbyterian Church**, in Bluefield, Virginia, **Bill Lively**, Stated Supply and for our entire congregation, especially the following: **Phyllis Abel, Ginger Harris, Jack Cole, Doris Poe, Bob Lowe, Peggy Riley, Carolyn Deaton, Lynn McConnell, David King, Virginia Thompson, Connie & Tom Counts, Edna McConnell, Sue Elkins, Sandra Wimmer, Lois Gillespie, Nancy Thompson, Bill & Marge Margerum, Janet McCauley, Blair Keller, John Briscoe, Erma Combs, Sara Lawson, Rhonda Moore, Carter Garrett, Jr., Marshall Jones, Edith Ratliff, Jane Bloom, Brenda Sprinkle, Karen Combs, Monte Guill, Virginia McFarlane, Dr. Jim Gardner, Aiden Beard, Jim Groseclose, Melanie Keene, Eva Bailey, Barbara Blevins, Brock Estep, Phyllis Garner, Oliver Lincoln Epley, Phyllis Dorton, Nancy Greary, Don Stephens, Lena McVey, Rickey White, Kristen Simmons, Ann Lowry, Bob Lowry, Jack Shafer, Courtney White, Dottie Widner, Eric Wimmer, Shirley Hammond and Helen Carter.**

◆ **Note:** Please use the **colored cards** in the pew racks for **prayer requests**. Place them in the offering plate, during the offering.



◆The “Two Cents Per Meal” offering will be received this morning. These monies are used in the Presbytery and around the world to help fight hunger. Please use the envelopes in the pew racks or designate your check “Two Cents Meal”. Thank you.

◆**Note:** There will be a congregational meeting at the conclusion of worship today. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a nominating committee, which will nominate elders and deacons for next year.

◆ **Apple Butter:** Thanks to everyone who helped in some way with the Apple Butter Making this weekend. Pint jars of the Green Spring Church Apple Butter will be available for everyone after worship today. A \$5.00 donation will be accepted for the apple butter and the proceeds will be used to help people in the community. The Session will decide where the money will go. Please put the money for the apple butter in one of the blue envelopes in the pew racks, designate as apple butter, and place it in the offering plate. Make checks to GSPC and note as “Apple Butter”.

◆**Midweek@GreenSpring** has begun and will go through October 26th. Dinner, by reservation, will begin at 5:30 and then classes for everyone, will begin at 6:15pm. Make your reservation for the 28th or for the whole series. For more information, see the insert in today’s bulletin.



IN MEMORY

◆A gift was received for the **Tornado Relief** in memory of *Eleanor Preston* from **Terry and Patrick Brady**.

◆**If you haven’t ordered a 2011 Homecoming Photo, you may do so today.** One 8X10 is \$10. The order form is on the table in the vestibule. Order now, pay when the photos come in.

◆The Deacons will meet on Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.



◆The CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, October 2nd with registration at 1:30pm and the walk starts at 2:00pm. For more information about the CROP Walk, please contact Allen Vicars at 623-1885 or allenvic@earthlink.net.



◆**Next Sunday** , October 2nd, the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be observed during the morning worship service by distribution. This will be *World Communion Sunday*.

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 ◆*My mother, Mildred Lowery Garrett, grew up in the Green Spring area and has many friends at GSPC. Her family is having a birthday reception for her 100th birthday on Sunday, October 2nd from 1:00pm-4:00pm at The Centre on Highway 421 in Bristol, TN. We would like for her friends to join us on this occasion.*

Linda Reed

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 ◆In order that we may know who is attending worship, especially the visitors, would **everyone** please fill out the pad in the pew and pass it to the next person beside you. Thank you.

◆ **Nursery Helpers for October:**

- October 2- Carol and Dakota White
- October 9-Jane Prater and Sumer Walters
- October 16-Melissa Eller and Audriana Jackson
- October 23-Karen McClanahan and Mike Catron
- October 30-Patty Clark and Annie Lowry



◆**Congratulations on the Win:** The GSPC float won first place in Youth- Elementary in the Washington County Fair Parade on September 17th. This year’s theme was “*Sew it... Grow it... Show it...*” Thanks to Sylvia & Walter Keller for all of their work on the float and a special thanks to Preston Brown for the use of the wagon and for pulling the float in the parade.

**Commissioning the Music Ministry  
Green Spring Presbyterian Church**

Music is an integral part of the work of the people of God. God's people have always sung. When the Israelite left Egypt, Moses sang. When Samuel was born, Hannah sang. When the exiles were in Babylon, they wondered whether their song was gone. It wasn't. They still sang. The book of Psalms is an ancient song book. The early church included spiritual songs and hymns with the singing of the psalms. We have been singing ever since.

Today we are commission all the music, all that will be sung in the year ahead by all choirs, groups, and the congregation.

**To the choir:** Do you promise to use your gift of song, of harmony, of weaving together instruments and voices as an offering to God of praise and thanksgiving? **We do, by the grace of God.**

**To the Green Spring Men, Green Spring Harmony, Children's choir:** Do you promise to use your musical gifts to share the message of the gospel, to combine voice, instruments, and much joy?  
**We do, by the grace of God.**

**To the congregation:** Do you promise to bring your voice to the hymns we sing in the year ahead? Will you sing with honesty in all the seasons of the church year? Will you bring a robust voice to traditional hymns and a commitment to sing a new song to the Lord?  
**We will by the grace of God.**

**Almighty God, You have called us to worship. You have inspired music in the community: words to be written, music to be composed, and people to sing. Stir us to use our talents and voices for your glory. Strengthen our faith through song. Receive, O God, the music and those who make it as a response to your work in Jesus Christ. We pray that the songs we sing carry your message and deepen our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**When the Morning Stars Together**

(Sing to the tune of "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus")

When the morning stars together their Creator's glory sang,  
And the angel host all shouted till with joy the heavens rang,  
Then Your wisdom and Your greatness their exultant music told,  
All the beauty and the splendor which Your mighty works  
unfold.

When in synagogue and temple voices raised the psalmists'  
songs,  
Offering the adoration which alone to You belongs,  
When the singers and the cymbals with the trumpet made accord,  
Glory filled the house of worship and all knew Your presence  
Lord.

Voice and instrument in union through the ages spoke Your  
praise,  
Plainsong, tuneful hymns and anthems told Your faithful  
gracious ways,  
Choir and orchestra and organ each a sacred offering brought,  
While inspired by Your own spirit, poet and composer wrought.

Lord, we bring our gift of music; touch our lips and fire our  
hearts,  
Teach our minds and train our senses, fit us for these sacred arts.  
Then with skill and consecration we would serve You, Lord and  
give,  
All our powers to glorify You, and in serving fully live.