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September 6, 2020

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Virtual Service for the Lord's Day



❧ GATHERING ❧

## Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns:

- If you would like to learn more about what Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church can expect during the joint interim pastoral ministry: [THE INTERIM MINISTRY AT WESTERN BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH](#)
- If you wish to include prayer requests for our Wednesday Conference Prayer Call, please email your request to Amy or Bruce by noon on Tuesday. [amy@wbpresbyterian.org](mailto:amy@wbpresbyterian.org) or [bgrady9039@gmail.com](mailto:bgrady9039@gmail.com) Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.
- Have you heard about congregations becoming a "Matthew 25 Church"? There are already PC(USA) congregations that identify themselves as Matthew 25 churches. We aim to help multiply this loving commitment to

radical and fearless discipleship by partnering with mid councils and congregations to help them embrace one or more of these three focuses: 1) Building Congregational Vitality, 2) Dismantling Structural Racism, and 3) Eradicating Systemic Poverty. See the following link for more details.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/become-a-matthew-25-church/>

- Are you interested in an excellent resource that explains systemic racism in our criminal justice system? See a powerful Netflix documentary (13<sup>th</sup>) at this link: <https://www.netflix.com/title/80091741>.
- Racial Justice Resources Recommended by the PCUSA: <https://www.pcusa.org/racial-justice-resources/>.
- Sarah Junkin Woodard of the Jubilee House/CDCA in Nicaragua will be giving an update to the congregation via Zoom on Sunday, September 20 from 5:00–6:00 pm. Please contact Susan Cummings, [scummings58@gmail.com](mailto:scummings58@gmail.com), for more information.
- ***Wear Masks and Gloves in Public. Wash Hands Frequently. If You are Sick, Stay Home. Apply Extra Precaution if You are High Risk. Please Stay Safe!***

### **Pastoral Concerns:**

- Pray for WBPC, our country and our world.
- Pray for former member, Cris Butcher, who is in bootcamp with the US Marine Corp (Paris Island, SC).
- Nicolas Melomo is a member of BSA Troop 398 and his family.
- LouGene Hempill is having severe pain in her shoulder. Please pray for her and the doctors who are seeking to identify the issue.
- Denise Weeks reports that Michael, her brother, had 2 superficial tumors removed from his bladder. A dye study did not show any kidney tumors – so she is grateful for all the prayers.
- Please be in prayer for Susan Sternberger who has been recovering from a heart valve replacement surgery done in June.
- Our sympathies extended to Cinderella Sohail and her family upon the death of her brother, Robin Victor.
- Elizabeth Davis's great aunt, Lois Tolar, who is hospitalized with COVID and severe pneumonia. She is not responding to treatment.

- Ed and Kathy Johson's son, Ned, who tested positive for COVID on Sunday. Please pray his supervisor is empathetic and he maintains his job.
- Chedlin Justinvil and his sister, Sherly. Their mother, Loreine Desir, recently passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.
- Friends and members, Pansy and Rush Grimes, at Ed Johnson's church whose son, Will Gautier (age 25) was found dead in his apartment last weekend. He was a chef at Mitch's Tavern on Hillsborough Street.
- Holly Webster's cousin's niece, Marie, who has been in the ICU with COVID for 3 weeks and is on a ventilator. Her lung has collapsed and they also think she has suffered a stroke.
- Sympathies extended to Jimmy Wade and family upon the recent death of his niece, Melanie Wade Woodwin, on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

### **Call to Worship (Bold = All)**

Praise the LORD!

**Sing to the LORD a new song,**

praise our Creator in the worship of the faithful.

**Let us praise our Maker with dancing, making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.**

For the LORD takes pleasure in those of faith and blesses the humble. Let us celebrate in our worship of God.

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Hymn of Praise**

*"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"*

HOLY MANNA

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?

All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.

Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?

Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?

Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound!

Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.  
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.  
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.  
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, through our Lord Jesus, the Christ you sent to us and the world, you have shown us how to love, but we have not loved you or our neighbors. Forgive us. You call to us through the voices of your beloved who are suffering the results of injustice, but we have not listened. Forgive us and give us ears to hear suffering. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. Forgive us and give us eyes to see. By our inaction, we condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Lord, hear our individual silent prayers of confession ...

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, opening new possibilities of life for society and the world. Thanks be to God for the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven**

### **Passing of Christ's Peace**

Christ's peace be with you all.  
**And also with you.**  
Share Christ's peace with your neighbors.



## Prayer for Illumination

### Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 12:1–14 NIV Version

12:1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

12:2 This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

12:3 Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

12:4 If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

12:6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

12:7 They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

12:8 They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

12:9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

12:10 You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

12:11 This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD.

12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

12:13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

12:14 This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

**Epistle Reading:      Romans 13:8–10 NIV Version**

13:8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

13:9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

13:10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

**Gospel Reading:      Matthew 18:15–20 NIV Version**

18:15 "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

18:16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

18:17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

18:18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

18:19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

18:20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

## Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith. We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Eucharist

### Offering

If you prefer to present your tithes and offering...

#### *By Check:*

Check offerings can be mailed to the church office.

Mail your check to: Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church 4900 Kaplan Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27606

#### *Give on-line:*

Once your profile is set up, just go to <https://wbpresbyterian.com/> and open the pull down menu on the left and click the "GIVE".

From here you can enter your gift amount, the designated fund and frequency of giving.

By Text:

To give via text, send WBPC to the phone number 73256. You'll receive a text message in response with your next steps. After you give one time, your payment method is saved, so you can quickly give again from your phone.

Offertory Song

*"Give Thanks"*

by Henry Smith

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.**

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty. Your ways are just and true. Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**(The people sing or say)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

According to his commandment: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Now we join our voices in the prayer Jesus taught His disciples:

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

### **Communion of the People by Intinction**

### **Prayer After Communion**



### **Hymn of Sending**

*"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*

TWENTY-FOURTH

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.  
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,  
That we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

## **Blessing and Charge**

Go into the world in peace to love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord be kind and gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

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### **Worship Leaders:**

Jonathan Barker, Interim Pastor;

Bruce T. Grady, Associate Pastor;

Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;

Van-Anthoney Hall, Leader of @The Table Worship;

Jeff Cleveland, Videography and Production

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