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April 5, 2020

Virtual Service for the Lord's Day

Palm Sunday

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Today, we are celebrating **Holy Communion** virtually. Before starting the Palm Sunday Worship video, please set up your table for communion (with bread and grape juice) for all who are gathered in your home.

We are using a "NEW" telephone number for the Wednesday Prayer Line. Please see the congregational email from Friday, April 3, 2020 for details.

If you prefer to use Zoom during this prayer gathering, that information is also included in the same email. Due to recent reports of hackers exploiting Zoom, please do not post the numbers or access information publicly. You may invite family and friends privately.

Session will meet at 7:30pm via Zoom on April 19. Please see the relevant email posted on Wednesday, April 1, for details.

Our Virtual **Maunday Thursday Tenebrae Service** will be posted to the website and Facebook page on April 9.

Davie Street Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Virtual "Last Seven Words Worship Service" on **Good Friday Service**. Seven preachers will deliver homilies for 5 minutes, Each person will focus on one of the seven last words that Jesus spoke on the cross with music interspersed. Our associate pastor, Bruce Grady, will deliver the 6th Word. This worship service will be posted to the WBPC's website on Friday, April 10.

The Virtual **Easter Worship Service** will be posted on April 12. Prepare to celebrate Holy Communion with bread and grape juice in your home. I challenge you to invite 3 families to join us virtually for worship.

Special thanks to Amy Aldridge, Elizabeth Davis, Van-Anthoney Hall, Watson Whitehurst, Chris Whitehurst, Anna Richardson Raab, Evelyn Earnhardt and Mitchell Odum for their support

of our virtual worship services. This endeavor takes a tremendous amount of work and coordination, especially during “social distancing”. While the virtual programs have become a primary way of staying connected with the Lord and with WBPC, this ministry is not exclusively targeted or tailored to our members. It is an expression of our mission, ministry and outreach to the wider, global community. If you are a member of the Facebook or YouTube communities and your faith is strengthened by any of our virtual offerings, don’t simply watch/read. Please ‘pray’, ‘like’ and ‘share’ with your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. Just do not publicly share our Zoom and Conference Call access information. WE are in this TOGETHER!

Four critical requests of WBPC:

- 1) Our world is experiencing the stress, trauma and pain of a pandemic. Please be patient with one another and be patient with yourselves.
- 2) We need to continue to have our committee meetings. Use technology to stay connected with your members.
- 3) Stay the course with the “Social Distancing” and mandates of the CDC and local officials.
- 4) Pray!!!

Let us pray for the following people:

Colista Freeman and family need our prayers. Colista lost her dad – Mr. Noah Sugg- last week. Greg Griffin’s surgery that was initially scheduled for Monday, March 30, has been postponed till May.

Larry and Judy Shelton have lost a very close friend, Ed.

Holly Webster has been experiencing migraines and other health issues.

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Let Israel say, “His love endures forever!” and all who fear God say, “His love endures forever!”

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

With the Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can humankind do?

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Facing our Sin and Trusting God’s Grace

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you:
we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem’s,
that our faith is often more show than substance,
that our hearts are in need of cleansing.

Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives.
Help us to lay at your feet
all that we have and all that we are, trusting you
to forgive what is sinful,
to heal what is broken,
to welcome our praises,
and to receive us as your own.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

John Merbecke

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us... Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us... Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

New Testament Lesson:

Matthew 21:1-11 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately.^[a]" ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd^[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION

The Word Proclaimed

Oh No, I Can't Go For That...

Bruce T. Grady

This service is one where the actions express far more than any prepared message. Allow the liturgy to convey all that needs to be expressed.

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Tithes and Offerings

In times like these, our financial demands tend to increase rather than decrease. We encourage you to continue to tithe even in the absence of regular gatherings. Here are the ways you can continue to support the ministries at Western Boulevard Presbyterian.

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.

Service of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Lamb of God
Van-Anthoney Hall

TWILA PARIS (b. 1958)

The Invitation to the Table

We are united in the Holy Spirit

The Prayer of Great 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.

We give you thanks, O God...

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

(Serve by intinction in your home.)

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Thank you for calling us to your Table, Lord, where the simple gifts of the bread and of the cup have filled us with your Spirit. As you heal us through the brokenness of Jesus, send us to bring hope to the world. As you satisfy us with the joyous taste of grace, may we offer mercy and peace to everyone we meet. We pray in Jesus' name and Spirit. Amen

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Charge and Benediction

POSTLUDE-

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

Worship Leader:

Bruce T. Grady, Associate Pastor; Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music; Van-Anthoney Hall, Soloist and Worship Leader of @ The Table; Watson Whitehurst, Virtual Worship Assistant; Rita Burmester; Virtual Worship Assistant.

We live to share God's love for ALL.