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May 3, 2020

Virtual Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday of Easter

❧ GATHERING ❧

Welcome and Announcements

- HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!
- 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 or bgrady9039@gmail.com
- Associate Pastor Bruce Grady will host a Conference Call Prayer on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM. Please see the Weekly Email from April 28, 2020 for access information.
- Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.
- WBPC will be celebrating the 2020 graduates on Sunday, June 21, 2020. If you know any 2020 graduate (kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school or post-secondary), please let us know. If he/she is willing to be honored in our virtual service (on Facebook, YouTube and the church's website) please ask him/her to send an email giving WBPC permission to produce a public worship video their name, photo and plans post-graduation (1 or 2 sentences). We also need the following information: a head a shoulders photo (jpg or png), their name (first and last), their guardian(s) name(s), the school in which they are graduating, their grade or degree and (if they choose) their plan after graduation. Type "2020 Graduate" in the subject line. Send all of these items in one email to bgrady9039@gmail.com and jeff.cleveland@mac.com by Sunday, June 7.
Thank You!

Pastoral Concerns:

- Cinderella Sohail's mom. She's not feeling well and has some health issues.
- Angi van de Sande's mom, Linda.
- Holly is reading and preparing for finals.
- Most of our students and teachers are approaching the end of the academic year. It can be stressful.
- Nicolas Melomo is a member of BSA Troop 398 and his family lives on Lorimer near WBPC. Nicholas is battling osteosarcoma. He has completed his first 10 weeks of chemo and had a partial amputation on Wednesday, May 6.
- Bobbie Reese, who is having biopsy on May 11.
- Peggy Stevens, who is dealing with COPD and troublesome coughing.

I have 3 critical requests of everyone:

- 1) We need to communicate more with one another than we ever did before. Phone, Email, Zoom
- 2) We need to continue to have our committee meetings.
- 3) Pray!!!

Call to Worship

L: You are never left outside God's house.

P: There is always room for us.

L: Jesus himself has prepared a place for each of us.

P: When our time comes, we will be welcomed and made whole in Christ.

L: Make your hearts ready to receive the goodness of the Lord.

P: We are ready to step into service for God. AMEN.

Opening Song

"Holy Spirit"

by Bryant Torwalt and Katie Torwalt

Van-Anthoney Hall vocal soloist, Josh Sauls accompanist

Facing our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

Lord of abiding love and infinite patience, be with us this day. We have come from times of stress, difficulties, as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer your healing mercies. We confess that we haven't thought a whole lot about you this week. We have let events and demands crowd you out of our thoughts and our actions; yet when we come to this, your house, we again kneel in contrition, seeking your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy. Turn our lives around, Lord. Help us look again at the many ways in which you bless and care for us. Help us be people who will reach out to others in loving compassion. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

(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

A Tribute to Mothers Day

New Testament Lesson: The Gospel of John 14:1-14 (NRSV)

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Word Proclaimed

Believe in Me...

Bruce T. Grady

❧ ❧ ❧ **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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.



Charge and Benediction

Closing Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION (Hymn 263)

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, he ransomed from the fall; hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

I that with yonder sacred throng we are his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

Worship Leaders:

Bruce T. Grady, Associate Pastor;

Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;

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

Josh Sauls, Accompanist

Arman Assa; Virtual Worship Assistant;

Jeff Cleveland, Videography and Production

We live to share God's love for ALL.