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May 17, 2020

Virtual Service for the Lord's Day

6th Sunday of Easter

❧ GATHERING ❧

Welcome and Announcements

- 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
- Session Meeting on tonight (May 17) 6:30pm via Zoom.
- 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:

- On Thursday, May 14, John Woodruff had a scheduled medical procedure. It went well. Please pray for his continual recovery.
- Vincent Birrittieri asked us to pray for his sons, Anthony and Joey. Both boys were born with a very rare genetic disease called Adrenal leukodystrophy ALD for short. Anthony is suffering with pain.
- Bill and Nan are planning to leave Tampa sometime next weekend. Because of Bill's neuralgia, they will take a couple of days to get back to Raleigh. Please pray for their safe arrival.
- Most of our students and teachers are approaching the end of the academic year. It can be stressful. Let's pray for a strong and healthy finish.
- 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.
- 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: Look for God in this place.

P: We search for God's love and peace.

L: It is here, given for you out of God's absolute love for you.

P: Lord, help us receive that love and then to bring it to others.

L: Peace be to you all.

P: And also to you. AMEN.

Opening Song

"Be Thou My Vision"
Elizabeth Davis

arr. Paul Davis

Facing our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives when we feel alone. We wonder where you are. We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and hurt. And when you do not immediately grant the prayers of our cries, we begin to doubt that you even care or exist. Stop us from going down this path of self-destruction. Help us look around and find the many ways in which you have blessed our lives. Forgive us when we are so quick to doubt and so arrogant in our demands of your responses. Give us a spirit of patience and

willingness to be ready to hear your voice. Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you have placed before us; for we ask this 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

New Testament Lesson: The Gospel According to St. John 14:15-21

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

 **PROCLAMATION** 

The Word Proclaimed

Divine Help When Anxiety Strikes

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

One of the ways that we continue to worship God, in the midst of “Social Distancing”, is through GIVING.

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.

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

“Toccata on OLD HUNDRETH”
Elizabeth Davis

Gordon Young

Worship Leaders:

Bruce T. Grady, Associate Pastor;
Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;
Mel Holt; Virtual Worship Assistant;
Jeff Cleveland, Videographer and Production

We live to share God's love for ALL.