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May 24, 2020

Virtual Service for the Lord's Day

7th Sunday of Easter or Ascension Sunday

❧ 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
- 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:

- John Woodruff was experiencing issues and has returned to the hospital for follow up to last week's medical procedure. Please pray for his continual recovery.
- 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 received good news from the biopsy... no carcinoma.
- Peggy Stevens is dealing with COPD and a troublesome coughing.

I have 3 critical requests of everyone:

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

Call to Worship

L: We await God's instructions for our lives.

P: We eagerly look forward to learning more about ways to serve God.

L: The time is coming when our service will be needed here.

P: Let God's love flood through our service to others

L: Wait! Listen! The time is near!

P: Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, to hear your word for us today. AMEN.

Opening Song

"Lord We've Come to Worship You"
Van-Anthoney Hall

by Stephen Key

Facing our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

We have to confess, O Lord that we are people who want to have everything proven for us. We hear the message in the scripture of Jesus' ascension, and we smile smugly, not truly believing the vision. Forgive us for our arrogant doubts and attitudes of smugness. Help us remember that everything Jesus taught us was to prepare us to help build God's realm here on earth. We are called to be people of faith, not of absolute proof, as we understand it. Let us place our trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Let us look with eyes of faith as he ascends to the Father. We pray in his 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: Acts 1:6-14

6So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” 9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

12Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. 13When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

 **PROCLAMATION** 

The Word Proclaimed

What Disciples Need to Know...

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.

Offertory

“Meditation”
Elizabeth Davis

by Timothy Brown

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

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”
Elizabeth Davis

DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Worship Leaders:

Bruce T. Grady, Associate Pastor;
Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;
Van-Anthoney Hall, Leader of @The Table Worship;
Joette Steger; Virtual Worship Assistant;
Jeff Cleveland, Videographer and Production

We live to share God's love for ALL.