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May 31, 2020

## Virtual Service for the Lord's Day Pentecost Sunday



### 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](mailto:amy@wbpresbyterian.org) or [bgrady9039@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bgrady9039@gmail.com) and [jeff.cleveland@mac.com](mailto:jeff.cleveland@mac.com) Sunday, June 7. Thank You!
- Highlights from May 2020 Session Meeting
- The use of the congregational care list
- CARES act loan in the amount of \$40,500 was received along with appropriate bank forms (attached).
- FAP made a motion to approve a monthly salary/social security increase of \$1,574.00 to compensate the Associate Pastor-Bruce Grady for working an additional 40 hours per month, on a month to month basis, until arrangements

are completed to hire an interim pastor or until other conditions specify otherwise.

- A motion was made by Elder Kevin Fischer and seconded by Elder Susan Cummings that the session approves Blood Connection to hold a blood drive on church premises with any rewards and direct contributions donated to the NC Nurses Fund.

### **Pastoral Concerns:**

- Please continue to pray for Holly Webster's recovery and healing.
- 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.
- 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.

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: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

P: **Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

P: **Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

P: **Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do. AMEN.**

### **Opening Song**

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

Elizabeth Davis

### **Facing our Sin and Trusting God's Grace**

We aren't ready, Lord. It is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives, to let the world go by and not acknowledge your presence. But you have challenged us to come alive again with your love and words of healing mercy. Forgive our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits. Heal our fears and our wounds. Help us to be agents of healing and hope for others. Challenge and inspire us to overcome our feelings of inadequacy

and remind us that you have called us beloved and have given us what we need to proclaim your Good News. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

- and they shall prophesy.  
19 And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
20 The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

 **PROCLAMATION** 

**The Word Proclaimed**

*Pentecost Like the Early Church?*

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**

*"Breathe On Me"*  
Van-Anthoney Hall

Lucy Fisher (1998)

**Prayers of the People**

Knock us off our seats, O Lord, with the wind of your Holy Spirit. Don't let us just sit back and rest as though nothing important was happening. Remind us that you have come to bless and prepare us for your service. Now is the time of proclamation and celebration! Now is the birth of your church, not as an exercise in futility, but as a dynamic group of people who know you and love you as you know and love each of us. Flame up our hearts! Make us so joyful that we find it difficult to sit back and watch. We want to be part of your healing love and mercy. We want to be people who bear the word that your love for us is eternal; that Jesus Christ, our Savior, proclaimed and taught that love in all that he did and said, modeling for us a new way to live. Pick us up and propel us forward into your world. Help us to remember that you have given to us what we need to be your disciples. We just need to say a resounding "Yes!" to you. Thank you for all the wondrous patience and blessings you pour into our lives each and every day, as we offer our lives back to you in joy and hope. AMEN.

**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.

 **SENDING** 

**Charge and Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

*“Breathe On Me, Breath Of God”*

Elizabeth Davis

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**Worship Leaders:**

Bruce T. Grady, Associate Pastor;

Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;

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

Mary Todd Earnhardt, Virtual Worship Assistant;

Jeff Cleveland, Videographer and Production

We live to share God's love for ALL.