

# Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church

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July 5, 2020

## Virtual Service for the Lord's Day Holy Communion



### GATHERING

#### **Welcome and Announcements:**

- Today is Communion Sunday. We will celebrate the Sacrament immediately following the "Offering". Please prepare your home with grape juice, bread, punch, crackers or whatever is suitable.
- 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). Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.
- Our associate pastor, Bruce Grady, will be on vacation, July 4 -12. Robert Owens will be the pastor "on call". He can be reached at 919-834-5491.
- Have you heard about congregations becoming a "Matthew 25 Church"? There are already PC(USA) congregations that identify themselves as Matthew 25 churches. We aim to help multiply this loving commitment to radical and fearless discipleship by partnering with mid councils and congregations to help them embrace one or more of these three focuses: 1) Building Congregational Vitality, 2) Dismantling Structural Racism, and 3) Eradicating Systemic Poverty.
- See the following link for more details.  
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/become-a-matthew-25-church/>

- Are you interested in an excellent resource that explains systemic racism in our criminal justice system? See a powerful Netflix documentary (13<sup>th</sup>) at this link: <https://www.netflix.com/title/80091741>.
- For an article on “doing justice” read “*Enough Conversations; Let’s Do Something about Racism*” by Rev. Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley (Research Professor of Theology and Black Church Studies and Director of the Office of Black Church Studies at Duke Divinity School)  
[https://ethicsdaily.com/enough-conversations-lets-do-something-about-racism/?fbclid=IwAR1X4AJNZTuOZMooMYGZOocPVmbro3CWxO7SLD5VHxO\\_qytUUu8WTQifAas](https://ethicsdaily.com/enough-conversations-lets-do-something-about-racism/?fbclid=IwAR1X4AJNZTuOZMooMYGZOocPVmbro3CWxO7SLD5VHxO_qytUUu8WTQifAas)
- Racial Justice Resources Recommended by the PCUSA:  
<https://www.pcusa.org/racial-justice-resources/>
- ***Wear Masks and Gloves in Public. Wash Hands Frequently. If You are Sick, Stay Home. Apply Extra Precaution if You are High Risk. Please Stay Safe!***

### **Pastoral Concerns:**

- Pray for WBPC, our Country and our World.
- Pray for former member, Cris Butcher, who is in bootcamp with the US Marine Corp (Paris Island, SC).
- Pray for Jeff Landons, Joe and Becky Burmester’s son-in-law. His heart catheterization revealed several blockages. He meets with his surgeon on Monday to learn about surgery. Prayers for care and wisdom.
- Holly Webster’s continued healing.
- Nicolas Melomo is a member of BSA Troop 398 and his family.

**Minute for Mission:** WBPC Hosts Blood Drive on July 26

Kenlee Fischer

### **Call to Worship**

L: Come to the Lord, all you people!

**P: We come, seeking God’s healing love.**

L: Make your hearts ready to discover God’s power in your lives.

**P: We open our hearts and spirits to receive God’s loving gifts.**

L: Hallelujah!

**P: AMEN.**

**Opening Song**

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

FOUNDATION  
arr. Elizabeth Davis

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!  
What more can be said that to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake

**Facing our Sin and Trusting God’s Grace**

Ever present One,  
you call us to be your presence,  
your body in this world,  
but too often we get caught up  
in being a hand or a foot,  
and lose sight of the overarching mission  
you set before us.  
We fracture into pieces.  
We go our separate ways,  
forgetting we need each other to be whole.  
You have given us your law to be our guide,  
but we turn our backs  
on what we see as rules and restrictions,  
fearful that we will not live up to your expectations.  
Help us see with new eyes,  
and hear with the ears of our heart,  
the liberating spirit of the law  
that strengthens and revives and enables us  
to be and do all you call us to be and do.  
O God of liberation and justice,  
help us be faithful witnesses  
to your law of love and unity. 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**

**New Testament Lesson: Luke 4:18 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

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



**The Word Proclaimed**

*Christ’s Ministry of Freedom!*

Bruce T. Grady



**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.

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 Prayer**

*Give Thanks*

William McDowell  
Van-Anthoney Hall

**Service of Communion**

**Communion Song**

*"Your Only Son (Lamb of God)"*

Twila Paris  
Van-Anthoney Hall

*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 and The Lord's Prayer**

Lord of the seasons and of all life, we come to you this day with so many cares and concerns on our lives. We have planned for the summer months as times of relaxation and refreshment. We need to take some time to stop the frantic running around, to focus on your healing love, to let go of all those demands that weigh us down. Heal and restore us, O Lord. Help us be the church in times of leisure as well as in times of work and stress. As we have brought our cares to you in our prayers, let us bring our lives to your healing mercies. Strengthen and heal us, Lord. Get us gently ready for all the joyful opportunities that stretch before us. We ask these things in Jesus' Name.  
Amen.

**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**

The Spirit of God is upon you.  
**We go forth proclaiming God's love and liberation.**  
The Spirit of Christ is upon you.  
**We go forth to live lives of justice and freedom.**  
The power of the Spirit is upon you.  
**We go forth as one body, one spirit,  
one witness to the promises of our God**

### **Closing Hymn**

FINLANDIA

arr. 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;  
Jeff Cleveland, Videography and Production

***Video Reflection on the PCUSA's Ministry of Freedom by the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, one of the six agencies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Posted on her Facebook page, July 2, 2020.***

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