



First Presbyterian Church

August 16, 2020

10:00 a.m.

(for those who prefer to remain in their vehicles, an area of Darby Avenue will be marked off)

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Gathering Around God's Word

Prayer for Preparation

Lord Jesus, Son of God, your blessings know no boundaries that faith cannot cross. Strengthen us to trust in your mercy, reach out for your healing, and receive your reconciliation. Amen

Music for Meditation

J. C. Carraway, piano; John O'Brien, violin

Greeting and Announcements

Pastor Travis

*Call to Worship

Psalm 133:1-3

Inez Dale

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: It is like the precious oil on the head,

One: running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

All: running down over the collar of his robes.

One: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

All: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Opening Hymn Duet

Noelys Montilla and Zach Palma, soloists

“There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Call to Confession

Inez Dale

Prayer of Confession

Inez Dale

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. WE have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Inez Dale

One: Friends, the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

All: May we receive the gift of forgiveness and share that gift with others, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace of Christ

Please rise in body or spirit. Turn toward a neighbor seated nearby you; make eye contact. Pass the peace of Christ by bringing your hands to your heart, then extend your hands toward your neighbor. Receive the peace of Christ by extending your hands toward the sender and bring your hands to your heart; repeat the action back. The worship leaders will demonstrate as an example.

Hearing God's Word

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Inez Dale

Lord, by the power of your Spirit give us your words of life that our faith may increase and our hearts be made whole. Amen.

Special Music

Noelys Montilla and Zach Palma, soloists

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace that will take me home.
When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun!
Amen!

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 15:10-20

Inez Dale

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Genesis 45:1-15

Pastor Travis

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Religious Famine”

Pastor Travis

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith (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 Ghost, 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (*unison)

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings *Freely we have received; let us freely give.*
[Give online here.](#)

Sending into the World

Sending Hymn Duet

Noelys Montilla and Zach Palma, soloists

“In The Bulb There Is a Flower”

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

***The Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

J. C. Carraway, piano; John O'Brien, organ
“Amazing Grace” arr. Ted Smith and Don Hustad

*At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Rev. Travis Allen, Pastor
Doctor John B. O'Brien, Organist/Choirmaster
Rev. Sydne Allen, Director of Education and Nurture
J. C. Carraway, Assistant Organist/Choirmaster

Guidelines for Outdoor Worship at FPC Kinston:

- In the event of inclement weather, notice of cancellation will be shared via Facebook and email no later than Sunday morning at 9:00am. If in-person worship is canceled due to weather, worship will still be offered via *Facebook and YouTube*.
- Worship will be similar to what has been offered online since March. Worshipers can anticipate that the service will last about 45 minutes.
- Worshipers **must bring their own seating** (chairs, blankets, etc.). This will minimize the risk of transmission and not require church property to be cleaned after each use.
- Worshipers of different households must sit and remain at least 6-ft apart at all times.
- For worshipers who prefer to remain in their vehicles, an area of **Darby Ave.** will be marked off for you.
- Bulletins will be available online. Worshipers are encouraged to print bulletins at home or view on their own device. A few bulletins will be provided on a table.
- Hand sanitizer and face coverings will also be provided on the same table. All worshipers are strongly encouraged (and **worship leaders are required**) to wear face coverings properly.
- The church building will remain closed throughout the service. Worshipers are advised to use the restroom before leaving home, though the restrooms in the hallway outside the sanctuary will be available for emergencies. (Access to the restrooms will be available through the door by the Bell Tower.)
- Since singing produces an especially widespread droplet count music will be instrumental or offered by a soloist. If congregational hymns are offered we strongly encourage you wear your face covering to help reduce the droplet count.
- Until further notice, nursery, Sunday school and other Sunday morning fellowship gatherings will not be offered.

SPECIAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Congratulations to David and Pamela on the birth of a grandson, Johnathan Phillip Williams, on August 1, 2020, at Vidant Medical Center, Greenville, NC. Parents are David, Jr., and Tamara Williams.

Bill Anderson (Father of Mary Riddick)

Becky Barbee, 521 Dartmouth Rd., Raleigh 27609

Nancy Hill Berise (friend of Doug and Patricia Noble)

Linda Brown, 1905 Stanton Rd., 28504

Ralph Clark, 1103 Devonshire Dr., Trent Woods, NC 28562

J. Warren Creech, 3005 Camelot Dr., 28504

Kristin Cummings, (daughter-in-law of June Cummings)

Honey Fuller, 1305 Ridge Rd., 28504

Kirk Fuller, (brother of Lyndon Fuller)

Bill Gay, (friend of Lyndon Fuller)

Judy Greer, (friend of Becky Berry)

Peggy Holliday, (Aunt of Karla Grizzard), Spring Arbor

Sue Martin (Mother of Mike Martin), 139 Fulcher Dr., Atlantic, NC 28511

David Mills, 1506 Surry Street, 28504

Shannon Moore, (daughter-in-law of Bill and Dixie Jernigan)

Joe Poole, (brother-in-law of Ruthie Stroud), Tennessee

Kenneth Rouse (brother of Ron Rouse)

Donald Shiffler, Jr., (son of Don and Jo Shiffler), 9505 Peralta Dr. NE,
Albuquerque NM 87109

Mary Louise Smith, 707 Westminster Lane, 28501

Ruthie Stroud, 802 Cody Lane, 28504

Mitchell Tippet, (nephew of J. C. Carraway)

Kathryn Thutt, 1603 Crawford St., 28504

April Walrath, 2043 Longview Drive, Greenville, NC 27858

Glenwood Waters, 3470 British Rd., 28501

Honey Marlow Whitaker, 1202 Harding Ave., 28501

Pamela Williams, 1802 Sedgfield Drive, 28504

Tamara Williams (daughter-in-law of David and Pamela Williams), 1500 Queens Rd. 28501

Faye Womble, (sister of June Cummings)

Home Bound

Fred Antonowich, NC Vet Home, Rm. 101, 2150 Hull Rd., 28504

Gertrude Dalzell, Cypress Glen, 100 Hickory St., Greenville 27858

Jim Marshall, Spring Arbor, 3207 Carey Rd., Rm 303, 28504

Hope Shackelford, 506 St. David St., Tarboro, NC 27886

Max Tabory, Spring Arbor, 3207 Carey Rd., Rm 203, 28504