



First Presbyterian Church

August 23, 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

Ever-present God, who is at the side of every creature in creation, renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will, what is good and acceptable and perfect. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Meditation

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

Greeting and Announcements

Pastor Travis

*Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 124

John Marshall

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: We belong to God.

One: When we feel overwhelmed,

All: God is on our side.

One: When we are afraid,

All: God will keep us safe.

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: Blessed be the Lord!

Opening Hymn Duet

Noelys Montilla and J. C. Carraway, soloists

“O For A World”

O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn; outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Call to Confession

John Marshall

Prayer of Confession

John Marshall

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world’s frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world’s reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world’s shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world’s impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

John Marshall

One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

All: we would now be lost in sin.

One: But it is the Lord who is on our side.

All: And so we are forgiven. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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.

Back to School Blessing

Hearing God's Word

Unison Prayer for Illumination

John Marshall

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 J. C. Carraway, soloists
"Trust and Obey" arr. Lloyd Larson

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
what a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil He will richly repay;
not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,
but is blessed if we trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
or we'll walk by His side in the way, in the way;
what He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 16:13-20

John Marshall

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 12:1-8

Pastor Travis

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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.*

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Sending into the World

Sending Hymn Duet

Noelys Montilla and J. C. Carraway, soloists

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

***The Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

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

In Honor of Sidney Baker

“The Swan” from *Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saëns

Please note: When we are able to return to inside in-person service we will have the pleasure of hearing Sidney Baker play this beautiful melody on the cello, the instrument for which it was intended.

*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 6, to elect a Nominating Committee.
- Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be held on Sunday, September 6. Prefilled communion cups with juice and wafers will be used.

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

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
Glenwood Waters, 3470 British Rd., 28501
Charles Welby (grandfather of Sidney Allen)
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