



# First Presbyterian Church

August 30, 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

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### Prayer for Preparation

*Almighty God, in the self-giving love of Christ you have revealed the path of salvation; give us courage to deny our selfish desire and bear the cross of discipleship, that we may live as those who have no fear of death and receive the joy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### Music for Meditation

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

### Greeting and Announcements

Cindy Archie

### \*Call to Worship

*Psalm 105:1-4*

Cindy Archie

One: Please join me in the Call to Worship. O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

One: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

## Opening Hymn Duet

Noelys Montilla and Zach Palma, soloists

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captives’ liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn,

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God’s power will make us strong.

## Call to Confession

Cindy Archie

## Prayer of Confession

Cindy Archie

**Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear of the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Silent Prayer

## Assurance of Pardon

Cindy Archie

One: Friends, hear the good news: Christ has broken the power of sins and evil and has opened to us the way of eternal life.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

## 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

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### Unison Prayer for Illumination

Cindy Archie

**By the power of your Spirit, O Lord, make your Word become a joy to us and the delight of our hearts. Amen.**

### Special Music

Noelys Montilla and Zach Palma, soloists

“The Kingdom of the Lord”

-Natalie Sleeth

If you would my disciple be, take up your cross and follow me,  
and together we will bring in the Kingdom of the Lord.

If you would set the world aright, then walk with me and seek the light,  
and together we will bring in the Kingdom of the Lord,  
where peace shall reign from shore to shore,  
and love will triumph evermore.

So come with me and find the way, it lies before us day by day,  
and together we will bring in the kingdom of the Lord.

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and together we will bring in the Kingdom of the Lord.

If you would set the word aright, then walk with me and seek the light,  
and together we will bring in the Kingdom of the Lord,  
where peace shall reign from shore to shore,  
and love will triumph evermore.

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### Scripture Lessons

Matthew 21-28

Cindy Archie

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Romans 12:9-21

Sidney Baker

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

“Seasons of Love”

Sidney Baker

## Responding to the Word

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### 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

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### Sending Hymn Duet

Noelys Montilla and Zach Palma, soloists

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again:  
Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more loving; Lord make us more loving;  
Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again:  
Loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.

Lord make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient;  
Lord make us more patient, until we meet again:  
Patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful;  
Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again:  
Faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

### **\*The Charge and Blessing**

### **\*Postlude**

J. C. Carraway, piano; John O'Brien, violin  
"Sicilienne, Op. 78 (Paris 1898)" -Gabriel Fauré (1845 - 1924)

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\*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. Slate of Nominations:
  - Noah Miller - Youth Rep.
  - Frances Theodorakis - Member at large
  - Inez Dale - Presbyterian Women Rep.
  - John Marshall - At large
  - JC Carraway - Session Rep. (Chair)
  - Jeffrey Williford - Member at large
  - Karla Grizzard - Session Rep.
  
- 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

*Sympathy and Prayers* to Betty Lou Brown in the passing of her sister, Ella Faye Sessoms on July 31, 2020.

**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 Sydne 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