



# First Presbyterian Church

Graduate Recognition Sunday

August 9, 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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### Opening Meditation

*O Lord my God, most merciful, most secret, most present, most constant, yet changing all things, never new, and never old, always in action, yet always quiet, creating, upholding, and perfecting all, who has anything but what you have given? Or what can any man say when he speaks about you? Yet have mercy on us, O Lord, that we may speak to you, and praise your Name.*

*—Saint Augustine of Hippo*

### Music for Meditation

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

### Greeting and Announcements

Pastor Travis

### \*Call to Worship

*Psalm 105:1-4 (Common English Bible)*

One: Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people!

**All: Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on his wonderful works!**

One: Give praise to God's holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord!

**All: Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always!**

## Opening Hymn Solo

Cory Whaley, tenor; Zach Palma, baritone  
“Morning Has Broken”

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning,  
God’s recreation of the new day!

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you separated waters from dry lands, having brought order from chaos. We are better at making waves than calming waters. It is easier to push people out of the boat, rather than making room for them on our mutual journeys. With the storms of life raging in and around us, we miss your steady presence, your quiet commands, and your assurance of peace. Have mercy on us, gracious God, and keep us from drowning in the raging waters of temptation. Hold us fast and grant us the courage to speak your peace to others. Fill us with the love of Jesus Christ, who is near to us and saves us when we call upon his name....**

## Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Pardon

**One:** Hear the good news — if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**All:** **Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. We believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## **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**

**Steadfast God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, silence within us any voice but your own. By your Spirit, give us willing hearts to trust the message you have for us today. Keep us in your presence now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Special Music**

Cory Whaley, tenor; Zach Palma, baritone

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bids the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ, Whose voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at Thy Word,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep,  
And calm amidst its rage did sleep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!  
Thy children shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoever we go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

## Scripture Lessons

Romans 10:5-15

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 14:22-33

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

“Don’t Get Out of the Boat!”

Rev. Sydne

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## 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.*

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## Sending into the World

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### Sending Hymn Solo

Cory Whaley, tenor; Zach Palma, baritone

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.

*Refrain:* O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And while smiling have spoken my name;  
Now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labor. *Refrain*

You need my hands full of caring,  
through my labors to give others rest  
and constant love that keeps on loving.

You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me: *Refrain*

### \*The Charge and Blessing

### \*Postlude

J. C. Carraway, piano; John O’Brien, organ

“This is my Father’s World” -Tedd Smith and Don Hustad

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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

## *Graduates*

**Emily Austin Angel** (APA) is the daughter of Randy and Cindy Angel, and is attending Meredith College (Raleigh, NC). She was awarded the Presidential Scholarship and is a Pre-Med/Biology major.

**Paige Elizabeth Davis** (APA) is the daughter of Lee and Amy Davis, and is attending Appalachian State University (Boone, NC). She was awarded the Appalachian Excellence Scholarship and will be studying Exercise Science.

**George "Jenks" Jenkins, IV** (APA) is the son of George and Beverly Jenkins, and is attending East Carolina University (Greenville, NC).

**Jordan Van Snow** graduated from East Carolina University with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. He was named "Most Outstanding Senior" for voice music education; and has been hired as the new Chorus/Orchestra Director at Farmville Middle School (Farmville, NC).

### ***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 Tamara Williams on the birth of a son on August 1, 2020. Proud grandparents are David and Pamela 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