



First Presbyterian Church

September 20, 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

O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. Amen.

Music for Meditation

Sidney Baker, cello; J. C. Carraway, piano

Greeting and Announcements

Pastor Travis

*Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-4

George Jenkins

One: 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 Solo

Noelys Montilla, soloist

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God’s will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Call to Confession

George Jenkins

Prayer of Confession

George Jenkins

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

George Jenkins

One: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

All: God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God!

Hearing God's Word

Unison Prayer for Illumination

George Jenkins

Let the wisdom of your Word rain down on us like manna and feed us, that we may be strengthened to do the work to which we are called for the glory and honor of your name. Amen.

Special Music

Sidney Baker, cello; J. C. Carraway, piano
"Prelude" -J.S. Bach/Gounod

Scripture Lessons

Philippians 1:21-30

George Jenkins

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 20:1-16

Pastor Travis

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Help Wanted"

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 Solo

Noelys Montilla, soloist

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:

in your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus, “You must work while it is day.”

For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?

Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name “The Lord is there!”

***The Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

Sidney Baker, cello; J. C. Carraway, piano

“Ashokan Farewell”

-Jay Ungar

*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

- Session will meet on Monday, September 21, at 5:30 p.m. in Hamilton Hall.
- Kids' Club will meet today at 4:30 pm
- PYC will meet today at 6:00 pm



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH +
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School Supply Drive

September 13 thru October 14, 2020

Pencils (#2), Crayons, Colored Pencils,
Pencil Boxes, Notebook Paper,
Folders w/ Pockets,
1-Subject Notebooks, 1" Binders,
Glue Sticks, Fiskar Scissors

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 the family of Shirley Williams who passed on September 12, 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
Shannon Moore, (daughter-in-law of Bill and Dixie Jernigan)
Chuck Murray, (Son of Kathryn Murray)
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
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