



First Presbyterian Church

September 6, 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

Almighty God, whose ways are far beyond our understanding, help us to trust your judgments so that we may do your will by loving you and one another. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Music for Meditation

Deborah Chodacki, clarinet

Greeting and Announcements

Aaron Dale

*Call to Worship

Psalm 149:1-4

Aaron Dale

One: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

All: Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

One: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

All: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

Opening Hymn Duet

Noelys Montilla and Zach Palma, soloists

“We Are One In The Spirit”

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain: and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

All praise to the Father; from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

Call to Confession

Aaron Dale

Prayer of Confession

Aaron Dale

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Aaron Dale

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn?

All: Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: 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

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Aaron Dale

Holy Spirit, as your word is read and preached, pass among your gathered people, opening minds to increase understanding, opening hearts to bind us together in your love. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Special Music

Noelys Montilla and Zach Palma, soloists

"Simple Gifts"

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free,
'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be;
and when we find ourselves in a place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
'Tis a gift to be loving, 'tis a gift to be kind,
'tis a gift to leave our bitterness behind;
and when we find ourselves in a place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend,
we shan't be ashamed to turn, turn, will be our delight,
till by turning, turning, we come round right.
'Tis a gift to be thankful, 'tis a gift to forgive,
'tis a gift to find out how we ought to live,
and when we find ourselves in a place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 18:15-20

Aaron Dale

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 13:8-14

Pastor Travis

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Seasons of Love Part 2”

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.

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

“The body of Christ given for you.” **Thanks be to God.**

“The blood of Christ shed for you.” **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer after Communion 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

“When We Are Living”

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we’re dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

‘Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love’s embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

*The Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

Deborah Chodacki, clarinet

*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

Thank you to Deborah Chodacki for playing today. Deborah is a longtime friend of John O’Brien’s. She is former professor of clarinet at East Carolina University, The University of Michigan, Interlochen Arts Academy and Louisiana State University.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a called Congregational Meeting this morning, 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.
- The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7.
- PW Coordinating Team Meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th at 4:00 p.m. in Hamilton Hall.
- Kids' Club and PYC will begin meeting on Sunday, September 13. Kid's Club at 4:30 and PYC at 6:00 p.m.
- A *Youth Jangle Jam* will be at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 20 at the Labyrinth
- **School Supply Drive:** We have partnered with Northwest Elementary School to participate in a school supply drive. They need these items: Folders with pockets, 1-subject notebooks, Notebook paper, 1" binder, #2 pencils, Pencil boxes, Glue sticks, Erasers, and Crayons. You may bring them with you to worship, or the church office during the week.

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 David Mills who passed on August 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

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 Sedgefield 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