



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do Justice • Love Kindness • Walk Humbly

The Service of Worship

April 19, 2020 – First Sunday After Easter

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

THE ORGAN PRELUDES

This Joyful Eastertide (*Vruechten; from Five Festive Preludes on Easter Hymns*) Jan Bender
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (*Gaudeamus partier; from Five Festive
Preludes on Easter Hymns*) Jan Bender
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GREETING Chris Tuttle

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Allemande from Partita No. 4 in D Major for Keyboard (BWV 828) J. S. Bach

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Cherrie Barton Henry

With Mary, whose glad tidings signaled hope and summoned joy, we proclaim:

We have seen the Lord!

With the disciples, whom Jesus greeted with peace and freed from fear, we declare:

We have seen the Lord!

Behold! The risen Lord is in our midst!

Let us worship God!

THE HYMN NO. 463 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION Foundation

THE ACT OF CONFESSION

Why do we confess our sin?

Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

But why do we do this together?

Because we are a community, a covenant people.

Then let us confess our sin.

**Risen Lord, you have breathed the Spirit upon us,
and sent us forth to testify to what we have heard and seen.**

**Yet we resist this calling, huddling behind locked doors
rather than stepping out with confidence.**

We yearn for more – more proof, more courage, more guidance, more faith –
and forget that you have given us all we need: the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us from fear: "We have seen the Lord!" Amen.

A TIME OF PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SHARING OUR MISSION Assisting Westminster's Community Partners

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Marietta Wynands

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in
your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 16: 1-11

Please join in reading the verses in bold.

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of
blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand,

I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand
are pleasures forevermore.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 20:19-31

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON "A Blessing We Need" Chris Tuttle

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

THE HYMN NO. 810 WHEN IN THE NIGHT I MEDITATE (PSALM 116) St. Flavian

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

Alex Stayer-Brewington

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Individuals on our prayer list will be prayed for by first name only to protect privacy.

If you or someone you know needs our prayers, please send an email to prayersandcares@wpcdurham.org, and it will be received by our staff and Congregational Care Committee.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

You may give your offering through our website at www.wpcdurham.org/give, or through your myWPC account. For questions regarding online giving, please email Sharon Morgan (sharon@wpcdurham.org).

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

MUSICAL BLESSING

Hymn 752 Dona Nobis Pacem

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THE WORD

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,
 is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
 What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

810 When in the Night I Meditate

(Psalm 16)

1 When in the night I med - i - tate on
 2 For - ev - er in my thought, the Lord be -
 3 My in - most be - ing thrills with joy and
 4 I know that I shall not be left for -
 5 The path of life you show to me; of

mer - cies mul - ti - plied, my grate - ful heart in -
 fore my face shall stand; se - cure, un - moved I
 glad - ness fills my breast; be - cause on God my
 got - ten in the grave, and from cor - rup - tion,
 joy a bound - less store is ev - er found at

spires my tongue to bless the Lord, my guide.
 shall re - main, with God at my right hand.
 trust is stayed, my flesh in hope shall rest.
 you, O Lord, your ho - ly one will save.
 your right hand, and plea - sures ev - er - more.

Dona nobis pacem 752

Sim shalom
Rabbu habna salamann tamman

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (A)
 F C F C

Latin Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem.
Hebrew Sim sha - lom, sim sha - lom, sim sha - lom.
Arabic Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - mann tam - man.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

(G) (D) (A) (D)
 B \flat F C F

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.
Sim sha - lom a - lei - nu.
Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - mann.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*May be sung as a canon.

HEBREW
 שִׁים שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ

ARABIC
 رَبُّ هَيْبِنَا سَلَامًا تَامًا.
 رَبُّ هَيْبِنَا السَّلَامِ .

APRIL 19 WEEKLY UPDATE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to learn, serve, worship, grow, and stay connected

Assisting Westminster's Community Partners During the Crisis Our Local Missions Committee has been hard at work checking in with all 21 of Westminster's community partners to see how they're doing and what their needs are. During its recent virtual meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to offer financial support to the following programs:

- **Meals On Wheels - \$4,000:** Given the need to protect clients and volunteers, MOW has moved from preparing meals themselves to delivering catered frozen meals one time a week. The additional cost for MOW to provide the catered frozen food has cost \$8,800 to date. The Committee hopes our church's donation will provide a little assistance in this desperate time for our community's most vulnerable people.
- **Iglesia Emanuel Food Bank - \$1,000** Iglesia Emanuel is receiving more people in need of food assistance, with more needs than they are able to meet with current resources. As the crisis deepens, this population will be among some of the most vulnerable as many will lose jobs, be ineligible for any government assistance, and be in desperate need of emergency food assistance. Iglesia plans to maintain their food bank as long as possible. The Committee felt strongly the congregation would want to answer this desperate plea for help.
- **Love and Nourish - \$2,000** An initiative started by Southern Harvest Hospitality Group in partnership with The Honeysuckle Farm and Unique Places to Save, Love & Nourish is creating family meal packages for the Durham and Cary communities to purchase that in turn provides free meals for families in crisis. Love and Nourish is working with agencies like Families Moving Forward, Durham Public School Foundation, and End Hunger Durham to connect families in immediate need with nutritious meals.

There are still many other ways the Westminster congregation can help. View the chart on the back of this page for a few of our community partners and their immediate needs. If you have questions about how you can help, email Kim Tupper (tupperk@hotmail.com) or the agency liaison listed.

What's WPC Youth Been Up To? Alex Stayer-Brewington has been keeping WPC Youth connected with gatherings and games through Zoom and Instagram Live. He has also created activities for the youth to enjoy at home, including a walking meditation and a challenge to take photos of and identify birds in their yards. The birdwatching was inspired by Job 12:7-10, where Job asserts that by paying attention to birds we can gain spiritual wisdom from God.

Last week Alex began offering Bible studies through Zoom on Wednesdays at 3:30pm for middle schoolers, Thursdays at 3:30pm for high school students. Each week the youth will tackle one question. Supplied by the youth, the questions can be about religion or the Bible or about life in general.

To connect your youth with the gatherings, games, and studies, please email Alex to receive the Zoom link and password (alex@wpcdurham.org).

What's the Finance Team Doing During Quarantine? While the church property is closed and the staff is working from home, there is some "essential" work being done by the finance team. Jerre Graham, our Finance Assistant, continues to go into the church office twice a week to check the mail, pick up any packages that have been delivered, deposit checks received, and process the online contributions coming in from myWPC and from text giving.

Sharon Morgan, our Business Manager, is able to work remotely for most of her job. She visits campus once a week (on a different day than Jerre) to cut checks, process payroll, and handle any paperwork that's come in. She also (safely) meets with vendors who need to be on campus, such as our pest control company.

Questions about your pledges, offering, or giving during quarantine? Please email Sharon (sharon@wpcdurham.org), and she'll be happy to help.

Westminster's YouTube Channel As we continue to expand our video content, we'll be uploading some wonderful resources in the weeks to come, including preschool story-time and Godly Play storytelling with Marietta, our recent worship services, and more. Go to <https://bit.ly/WPCyoutube> to find Westminster's YouTube channel and click on any of the videos to watch; no sign-in or account is required. If you have a Google or Gmail account, please click the button to subscribe. Help us reach 100 subscribers by the end of April! **Contact:** Joye Hodges Douthart (joye@wpcdurham.org)

Staff Recommendations: Things we're listening to, reading, and doing during quarantine Yo-Yo Ma has brought joy to listeners for decades with his incredible musicianship. Now, he is using his music to offer some comfort in the midst of the pandemic. He has been posting videos of himself performing what he has deemed #SongsofComfort on social media. His April 7 post featured a performance of Dona Nobis Pacem, which we sang in worship today. Follow Yo-Yo Ma and enjoy his performances on Facebook at [@YoYoMa](https://www.facebook.com/YoYoMa).

What brings you comfort during these days? Email your suggestions to westminster@wpcdurham.org, and we'll share them in our e-news and social media.

THANKS! Thanks to everyone who helped support the Durham CROP Walk. The Westminster team raised **\$8,885** for hunger relief for our brothers and sisters around the globe. Great job, everyone!

Your Giving is Essential Please continue to give your offering and make your pledge payments even though we can't gather in person. Sharon has created easy-to-follow, downloadable instructions on giving through your **myWPC** account, either as a one-time or a recurring gift. Visit <https://bit.ly/WPCgiveonline> to access the instructions, or email Sharon (sharon@wpcdurham.org) with any questions.

Thank you for supporting Westminster's mission and ministries!

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WESTMINSTER LOCAL MISSION AGENCY PARTNERS & LIAISONS

Agency	WPC Liaison/Contact	Immediate Need
Families Moving Forward	Rachel Chang - racheljoychang@gmail.com	FMF is requesting donations to cover meals provided to its residents by Love & Nourish. Follow this link to donate or to purchase items for FMF through Amazon wish list: https://fmfnc.org/covid19needs . FMF is also requesting hand-sewn cloth facemasks.
Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC	Bill Pogue - bmapogue@aol.com	Financial Support – donate to https://foodbankcenc.org/?gclid=EA1a1QobChMI8eeL4ZbL6AIVIODIC1bZg1gEAAYASAAEglGBvD_BwE
Meals on Wheels	Sue McCaughan - sue.mccaughan@gmail.com	Using the link, you can donate to MOW of Durham, volunteer to deliver food, and purchase items for MOW through Amazon wish list: https://www.mowdurham.org/covid19
Durham Nativity School	Carolyn Davidson - carolyn.davidson@firsthorizon.com	Donate to the Easter offering at https://www.wpcdurham.org/give/ or give through your myWPC account.
Partners for Youth Opportunity	Nancy Safrit - halexs@aol.com	Financial support – donate to https://pyopportunity.org/ . PYO is hoping to provide \$100 gift cards for students purchase food. In addition, looking for donation of old computers that can be erased and reset so students can work from home during pandemic.
Iglesia Emanuel Hispanic Ministry	Nancye Bryan - nancye@durhambryans.com	Financial support – donate to https://emanueldurham.org/ . Iglesia is also in need of hand-sewn cloth masks since many of its members work in the service industry.
Reality Ministries	Lynn Toms - lynn.toms@gmail.com	<p>Because the Talent Show will not happen this year causing a \$40k loss, financial support is appreciated. Donate to https://realityministriesinc.org/.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Help create and send out coloring books to participants. 2. Send care packages to participants 3. Create and send fun videos to participants <p><i>More details coming soon on these items.</i></p>
DPS Foundation	Kim Tupper - tupperk@hotmail.com	Volunteers are needed to help distribute meals to students and families in need through a collaborative program called Durham FEAST. Financial donations are needed to help cover the costs of meals and materials. Learn more and/or donate at https://www.bullcityschools.org/ .