



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do Justice · Love Kindness · Walk Humbly

The Service of Worship

April 26, 2020 – Third Sunday of Easter

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GREETING

Cherrie Barton Henry

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(from the Iona Community)*

Chris Tuttle

The world belongs to God,
The earth and all its people.
How good it is, how wonderful,
To live together in unity.
Love and faith come together,
Justice and peace join hands.
If Christ's disciples keep silent,
These stones would shout aloud.
Open our lips, O God,
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

THE HYMN NO. 828 MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST

More Love to Thee

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.
God of freedom and grace, we confess that we feel like prisoners. We are stuck in our homes, and now that we are confined we find we are not our best selves sometimes. We are harsh and unforgiving. We are unkind to people near us. We have trouble loving one another from the heart. Forgive us. Forgive us. Offer us your grace, so that we might be renewed for the days ahead. Help us see the good we are doing, the most vulnerable we are helping, by staying inside. Move us towards one another with gentleness and encouragement. In Jesus' name, 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

Westminster's COVID-19 Fund

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Marietta Wynands

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 24: 28-35

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

I Peter 1; 1, 13-23

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

"How You Doing, Chicky Baby?"

Cherrie Barton Henry

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

THE HYMN NO. 729 LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

African-American Spiritual

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Alex Stayer-Brewington

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick, and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the Gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

Cherrie Barton Henry

MUSICAL BLESSING

THE HYMN NO. 752 DONA NOBIS PACEM

Dona Nobis Pacem

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

828 More Love to Thee, O Christ

1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.
Now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best.
this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise.

This is my ear - nest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee, more love to thee!

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
 Irregular

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
 שים שלום עלינו

ARABIC
 رَبُّ هَيْبِنَا سَلَاماً تَاماً.
 رَبُّ هَيْبِنَا السَّلَامِ .

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Anon.; arr. Eric T. Myers, 2012
 Music Arr. © 2012 Eric T. Myers

DONA NOBIS PACEM
 Irregular

APRIL 26 WEEKLY UPDATE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday Worship Services Moving to YouTube We are moving our Sunday morning worship services to Westminster's YouTube channel. It's easy to watch! Here's what you need to know:

- Go to <https://bit.ly/WPCyoutube> to reach Westminster's YouTube channel, and click the video you want to watch.
- We'll also post a direct link to the service on Westminster's Facebook page on Sundays at 10:45am. Click the link there for direct access to the video.
- Hover your mouse over the lower part of the video to bring up the video controls. Click the "CC" icon there to turn on closed captioning, if it's helpful to you.
- You don't need to have a Google or Gmail account to access Westminster's YouTube channel and watch our videos, but it's free to create one.
- If you do have an account, you can comment in the live-chat with your WPC friends as the video is streaming, much like the Facebook Livestream. You can also subscribe to our channel and receive notifications when new videos are loaded there. Help us reach 100 subscribers by April 30!

Thanks for your patience as we continue to work on making our online worship experience the best it can be. A huge thank-you to Tim Vann for all the great work he is doing to assemble, edit and add materials, upload, and post our worship services!

Assisting Westminster's Community Partners 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. The Committee voted unanimously to offer financial support to the following programs:

- **Meals On Wheels - \$4,000:** 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.
- **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 as many of their clients lose jobs, are ineligible for government assistance, and in desperate need of emergency food assistance.
- **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 community 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.

View the chart on page 6 to see some of our community partners' immediate needs. If you have questions on ways you can help, please email Kim Tupper (tupperk@hotmail.com) or the agency liaison listed.

Join a NEW or Ongoing Online Bible Study! Connect with your Westminster community, and join together to learn and study God's Word:

- **NEW Midweek Online Study Group!** Interested in joining a NEW small group that meets during the evening? Do you want to connect to others online while exploring some aspect of faith and life? This unprecedented time is an opportunity to take steps toward new patterns of Christian discipleship. What new thing might God be inviting us to begin right now? We aim to begin this four to six week study the week of May 3. If you are interested, please complete the quick survey at <https://bit.ly/MidweekSurvey>. **Contact:** Marietta Wynands (marietta@wpcdurham.org)
- **"Office Hours," A Pop-Up Bible Study** Cherrie Henry is engaging with this pop-up Bible study designed to meet the needs of pastors and congregations during our season of social distancing. Brennan Breed, from Columbia Theological Seminary, and Chris Holmes, from First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, are teaming up with guest professors to offer an in-depth, spontaneous, and unrehearsed five-week study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. Contact Cherrie Barton Henry (cherrie@wpcdurham.org) if you'd like to participate with her in this study.

These Westminster groups welcome you to participate in their Zoom gatherings:

- **Monday Morning Bible Study (Mondays, 9:30-11:30am) - "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope During Uncertain Times."** We know Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid," but with everything going on in the world, how is it possible not to be anxious? In this five-week study beginning May 4, author Adam Hamilton explores the worries and fears most of us experience and shares practical steps for overcoming them with the help of Scripture and a bit of faith. The series consists of a DVD and discussion via Zoom. Contact Helen Harrison (heh@adornments.biz) to be added to the Monday Morning Bible Study listserv.
- **Bible Round Table (Sundays, 9:45am):** The Bible Roundtable is planning to begin its study of the book of James on April 26. We hope you will sign in and join what is always a friendly, lively interactive discussion. Contact Sam Bryan (sam@durhambryans.com) to receive instructions for joining the group.
- **Sojourners (Sundays at 9:45am):** This group continues to work its way through the book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, by Brian McLaren. Contact Kay Wellemeyer (kay.wellemeyer@gmail.com) for details.
- **The Present Word:** Join this group in exploring the theme of justice through the eyes of the prophets. *The Present Word* is presently available online, so even if you don't have a copy of the book, you can still access the materials. Contact Pete McWilliams (macmr7@gmail.com) to join.

Update Your Contact Information The Tree callers are going strong, contacting WPC folks each week for conversation and comfort. Along the way, we've learned we need updated contact information for many of you. Also, if you are giving to the church through your myWPC account, the address we have in myWPC must match the address of your credit card billing statement in order for your donation to go through. Please take a moment to review and update your information in myWPC. We'd especially love it if you'd update your photo! Go to www.wpcdurham.org/mywpc/how-tos for instructions to update your profile, give online, and more. **Contact:** Barb Schmidt (bschmidt@wpcdurham.org).

WPC Youth Happenings

- **Tuesdays at 3:30pm:** Catch up, play games, and pray via Zoom
- **Wednesdays at 3:30pm:** Zoom Bible Study for Middle Schoolers
- **Thursdays at 2:00pm:** Zoom Bible Study for High Schoolers

Email Alex (alex@wpcdurham.org) to receive Zoom links and passwords. Thanks!

Westminster School Shares Love & Support It has been a month since Westminster School students graced our doors, and it seems like an eternity. In the spirit of togetherness, WSYC would like to share some love with our families and community:

- If you have a small business that is currently offering services or shipping items, WSYC wants to support you. Email Kathy Stickley (kathy@wpcdurham.org) with your business name, description of your services, and website address, and WSYC will share the information with school families and on its social media.
- WSYC is organizing a schoolwide gratitude project to thank the essential personnel bravely putting themselves in harm's way to keep us all safe. Consider making a card for essential workers in your daily life - postal worker, sanitation collectors, cashiers, delivery drivers, etc. Or, create a sign that says "thank you" and send a photo of your child(ren) or family holding the sign. We have several Westminster members and WSYC parents and friends on the front lines - let's show our appreciation! Please send photos to Katie Donoway (kdonoway@gmail.com).
- If you are an Amazon customer, please consider using [AmazonSmile](#) and designating Westminster Presbyterian Church as your nonprofit benefactor. When you do, WSYC will receive a donation from the cost of your purchase.

Thank you for joining together to support our school, families, community, and all essential personnel.

Community Support: Growing Through Grief Growing Through Grief, a group of area religious and civic organizations organized to offer support and education to those who mourn, is moving its weekly Tuesday meetings to Zoom. All are welcome to participate. Email admin@growingthrugrief.org for complete instructions and links to connect with the Zoom gatherings.

THANK YOU! Thanks to everyone who gave to our Easter Offering. Your generosity brought in \$11,829.51 (double last year's amount!), which will be evenly shared between Durham Nativity School and PC(USA)'s One Great Hour of Sharing fund.

Staff Recommendations: Things we're listening to, reading, and doing during quarantine Check out actor John Krasinski's "Some Good News," 15-minute videos meant to offer us a few bright spots. You'll get to see some really wonderful people doing kind things and enjoy some laughs. Sometimes famous people show up, too. As Chris put it, "Watching this makes me very happy." You can catch all Krasinski's videos on YouTube (type "Some Good News" in the search bar).

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.

Westminster's First Quarter Financial Report

By Dave Pottenger, Chair, Ways & Means Commission

With the ongoing uncertainties of the current crisis, the Ways & Means Commission felt it important to update the church on our current financial condition.

Through the end of the first quarter, WPC's operating results are quite favorable. We are normally blessed with an early year surge of giving, and that trend has continued this year. For this we are deeply grateful! At the same time Westminster's staff has kept a close eye on spending needs and have been successful in bringing them in just under the first quarter's budgeted amount, putting us in a strong financial position at the conclusion of the first quarter.

The challenges of the current health and economic environment will likely be with us for an indeterminable time, so we will continue to monitor church revenues and expenses closely. Your generosity makes a huge difference, and we are extraordinarily grateful for your continued support.

Westminster qualified for funds from the Paycheck Protection Program, and we completed our application on the first day of the process. We are pleased to report that we received our allocated funds on April 22. This program will help tremendously with maintaining staff and pay levels for both the church and the preschool.

Our new Fellowship Hall continues to emerge from the site. Seeing such rapid progress has proven to be inspiring. We are on pace to have it completed and open in the fall of 2020. Costs have continued to align with original estimates. Our cash balances, created through your capital campaign gifts, have been the source of our building payments to date. The good news is your continuing generosity has allowed us to maintain a cash balance one to two months longer than anticipated. We will, however, begin to tap into our borrowing capacity in May. This is all part of the original vision of the project. We will continue to update you on this in the months ahead.

In conclusion, Westminster, like virtually every other entity right now, faces a near-term financial future with more uncertainty than usual. We have faced these types of environments before, and do so now comforted by the knowledge that the spirit continues to move this church to be generous with its collective resources. Thank you for your ongoing support, grace, and patience.

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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/ .