



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do Justice · Love Kindness · Walk Humbly

The Service of Worship

June 28, 2020 – Third Sunday After Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday, Birthday Sunday

Welcome to our worship service! Please take a moment to let us know you're here by signing our Online Attendance Register: <https://bit.ly/WPCOnlineAttendance>.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDES

Preludes on *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* – Brother James' Air – *Be Thou My Vision*
Dale Wood

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GREETING Alex Stayer-Brewington

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Allemande (from Suite III) – Adagio (from Suite II) G. F. Handel
Monica Rossman, piano

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 13*) Brad Davis

"How long, O Lord?" we cry. "Will you forget us forever?"

It feels like we have been under stay-at-home orders for so long.

"How long must I bear pain in my soul?" we wonder, "and have sorrow in my heart all day long?"

Our siblings in Christ have been waiting for justice for even longer.

"Consider and answer me, O Lord, my God! Give light to my eyes," we shout to you, "or I will sleep the sleep of death."

So much is so wrong. It seems like little can change.

Yet, we wait for you. We wait for your steadfast love.

Hold us as we wait. Empower us to be a part of what we can. Show us the way.

THE HYMN NO. 187 SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US Bradbury

THE ACT OF CONFESSION

Chris Tuttle

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 promise, it is so hard to trust. We confess that the moment things get difficult we want to try and take control of things ourselves. We grip things so tightly. Forgive us for not listening. Forgive us for lashing out. Forgive us for the ways we try and control what is yours. Forgive us for believing we are alone. Send your Holy Spirit as our steadfast companion. Open our eyes and our hearts, that we might lean into your grace and your call for us. 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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We praise you, Eternal God, sovereign of the universe.

You have called us to your service and given us your Word.

We praise you, O God, giver of the truth.

Amen.

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 13

Please join in reading the even-numbered verses. Follow along in your Bible, or see page 3 for a printing of today's Scripture.

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 22:1-14

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Alex Stayer-Brewington

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

THE HYMN NO. 203 JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE Chereponi
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From "A Declaration of Faith")

**God chose one people for the sake of all.
To the world in its rebellion and alienation
God promised blessing and restoration.
The Lord chose Abraham and his descendants
as bearers of that promise for all peoples.
They had done nothing more than others
to deserve the Lord's favor,
but God loved them and made them his own.
We acknowledge God's freedom and grace.
Though we are unworthy,
the Lord has made us his own in Christ.
God has chosen us as his servants
for the sake of the world
and destined us to be his daughters and sons,
giving us love and life,
calling us to worship and honor him.**

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Birthday Prayer: **O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Birthday Hymn African-American spiritual
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
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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.*

CONFIRMATION LITURGY

Confirmands, trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? Do you?

Confirmands: *I do.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? Do you?

Confirmands: *I do.*

Will you be Jesus' faithful disciples, obeying his word and demonstrating his love? Will you?

Confirmands: *I will with God's help.*

Members of this congregation, will you continue to support these youth prayerfully and tangibly in their new life in Jesus Christ? Will you?

Congregation: We will.

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

THE HYMN NO. 752 DONA NOBIS PACEM (GRANT US PEACE) Dona Nobis Pacem

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**After the worship service, you're invited to gather for fellowship in the WPC
Virtual Courtyard. The Zoom link will be shared in today's live-chat.**

Today's Responsive Reading: Psalm 13

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Today's Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22: 1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



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203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F Fine

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh - bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

TEXT: Tom Colvin, 1969, rev. 1997, alt.
 MUSIC: Ghanaian folk melody; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963; arr. Jane Marshall, 1982
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 Music Arr. © 1982 Hope Publishing Company

CHEREPONI
 7.7.9 with refrain

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.

*1 Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*2 Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*3 Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

(G) (D) (A) (D)
 Bb 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.

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

DONA NOBIS PACEM
 Irregular



JUNE 28 WEEKLY UPDATE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to learn, worship, serve, and stay connected

Conversations Around the 21-Day Race Equity Challenge

The kind of learning many of us are doing through the [21-Day Race Equity Challenge](#) must be followed by both conversation in community and real antiracist action in our world. Join us via Zoom **tonight at 7:00pm** for the conversation part. Contact Chris (chris@wpcdurham.org) to receive the meeting link.



We encourage you also to take a look at the growing database of antiracism resources our staff is compiling at <https://bit.ly/WPCAntiracismResources>. Here you will find materials to read, watch, listen to, social media accounts to follow, and more, to inform and direct your learning. This is key work the church must be involved in, and we hope our efforts will lead us to discover tangible ways we can together take action.

Congregational Survey on WPC

Campus Reopening Last Monday you received an email inviting you to participate in an online congregational survey. Thanks to everyone who has responded thus far. If you haven't yet, please take a few moments to share your thoughts on visiting our campus while the world is still dealing with the realities of a pandemic. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Russ Lange (russ.lange@cmgpartners.com).



Christian Education News

Let's Read about Race Together Join Marietta in reading some books with our children to help us have challenging conversations about race, how we got here, and steps we can take.

For Younger Children (ages 4-8): A Zoom Story Time Event, July 8, 12:00 noon *Something Happened in Our Town* follows two families – one Black, one White – as they discuss a police shooting of a Black man in their community.

The story aims to answer children's questions about such traumatic events, and to help children identify and counter racial injustice in their own lives. This book is unavailable at present, so Marietta will share her screen so children can view an animated reading of the book.



Two Book Suggestions for Older Elementary or Younger Middle School Older elementary and younger Middle School youth are invited to read one or both of the following books to help us better understand our history. Let Marietta know if your family is taking the challenge, and we'll schedule a Zoom gathering that's convenient for the group.

- **Leon's Story, by Leon Walter Tillage** This book was brought to our attention by Amy Stanfield. She writes that this book is about "Leon, a boy growing up in rural Wake County (near Fuquay) in the 1950s. There is a lot of violence and death in the book, yet it still makes for a great middle elementary age read. I wish this book and ones like it were required reading for North Carolina history/social studies. I shudder to think how many more stories like Leon's are out there, untold." We agree. We encourage you to read this book ahead or alongside your child, so you can be ready for questions and conversations. Amy purchased two books for WPC; Please contact Marietta if you'd like to borrow one, or you can order it [here](#).
- **January's Sparrow, by Patricia Pollaco** This book is set further back in time, telling the true story of the horrors and occasional happiness of slave families just before emancipation. Like *Leon's Story*, this is a difficult but engrossing, suspenseful story about the Crosswhites, including young Sadie, who flee the Kentucky plantation they work on. This book is available, used or new at [Amazon](#) and other retailers.

To sign up, ask questions, or receive Zoom links, please contact Marietta Wynands (marietta@wpcdurham.org).

Youth Group Happenings

Talking About Race, Keeping the Energy Alive We are witnessing a time of profound possibility. How do we want to live as individuals, as a church, and as a society? How can our faith be a part of creating a world that is more just, equitable, and peaceful for everybody? Let's get together to discuss. Join the conversation Tuesday at 1:00pm (contact Alex for Zoom link).



Virtual Youth Sunday is July 12! We're looking for youth who are interested in reading Scripture and leading prayers during worship, playing an instrument, or contributing their art to the service. If you would like to be part of it, please let Alex know ASAP!

Ongoing: Instagram Live and Bible Studies Don't forget! Join Alex on Instagram Live @wpcyouthdurham on Mondays at 12:00 noon. Thursday is the day for Bible studies - High School at 2:30pm, Middle School at 4:00pm. Topics change weekly. Contact Alex for the Zoom links and passwords.

Opportunities to Be a Blessing

Help for WPC's Community Partners Our Local Missions Committee has been tracking the needs of our 20+ community partners to learn how the Westminster family can help. You can access the list of current needs at www.wpcdurham.org/community-partners-neighbors. This resource is updated with new requests for help as the Local Missions Committee learns of them, so be sure to bookmark it on your computer and check back frequently.

A recent request comes from **Families Moving Forward**: They're in need of diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5), baby wipes, and washcloths. You can drop donations off at FMF's touchless drop-off bin in their lower parking lot, or order online and have them delivered directly to their office (300 N. Queen St, Durham). **Contact:** Kim Tupper (kim.tupperk@hotmail.com)



TREE Callers Needed Our WPC TREE could use a few more callers. Do you have two or three hours each month to devote to checking in on a list of 10 Westminster households? This is a wonderful way to serve your church family during these challenging times. Volunteers must know how to send emails and texts. Please let us know if you can help. **Contact:** Cherrie Barton Henry (cherrie@wpcdurham.org)

COVID-19 Relief Fund Westminster has created this fund for those wishing to donate some or all of their COVID-19 stimulus check money to those in the community with greater needs. Our COVID-19 committee will direct funds collected to the most needy of our Durham nonprofits. Contributions have topped \$9,700 thus far – thank you! If you'd like to donate, please mail a check to the church (put "COVID19 Relief Fund" in the memo line), or visit <https://www.wpcdurham.org/give/> to give online (choose COVID19 Relief Fund from the list of funds).

Nominations for Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee is working to identify five new elders (four adults, one youth) and eight new deacons (seven adults, one youth). We are also searching for two individuals to complete the remaining one-year terms of an elder who moved and another who could not continue to serve. This is an opportunity to serve in meaningful ways and be a part of God's vision for Westminster. Please send nominations to nominations@wpcdurham.org.

Your Giving is Essential Thank you for continuing to give your offering and make your pledge payments even though we can't gather in person. Our Business Manager, Sharon Morgan, has created easy, downloadable instructions on giving through your **myWPC** account. Visit <https://bit.ly/WPCgiveonline> to access the instructions, or email Sharon (sharon@wpcdurham.org) with any questions.

Other WPC News

Update Your Photo in myWPC A recent review of our online directory in myWPC tells us that many of you haven't updated your photo in quite awhile! Please take a moment to do so soon - it would be super helpful for our newer staff, especially as we continue to limit going out during the pandemic. Also, if you're giving to the church through your myWPC account, the address we have in myWPC must match the address of your credit card billing statement for your donation to go through. Go to www.wpcdurham.org/mywpc/how-tos for step-by-step instructions to update all your info. **Contact:** Barb Schmidt (bschmidt@wpcdurham.org)



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Westminster School for Young Children - Facebook & Instagram: [@wsycurham](https://www.facebook.com/wsycurham)

Update on the Food Pantry & Food Distribution Ministry with Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel *from the Local Missions Committee*

There is an old Jewish saying: “You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.”

As the months go by, it is becoming so clear to anyone who cares for the “least” in our society that COVID-19 fueled hunger is one of the BIG works out there that no one of us can complete, and yet every one of us must understand we are not free to abandon.

Enter Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel (IPE) who in March began to see the numbers of boxes it gave away each week at its food giveaway go from 90 to nearly 300! Enter Westminster Presbyterian Church who along with some others saw a sibling church in need and joined in to help.

It has now been three months since we began that help and we want now to give a big shout-out to all who have directed traffic and placed groceries in the trunks of cars each Wednesday. Our youth, college students, and their parents have shown up strong for this and their work has been invaluable to IPE.

On the home front, we are also so thankful for all those who have bagged beans and rice for IPE. This has been especially strong with our elementary students and their parents and with the retired members of our congregation. They too should be pleased that those beans and rice fill Durham bellies every week.

And still the work is not completed. We hope to go at least through July and August with helping IPE on their Wednesday giveaways. If you can join us, please visit our online to select a date to serve (you can also sign up to bag beans and rice there, too): <https://bit.ly/HelpIglesia>

If you would like to do some extra shopping, IPE is also collecting some very specific food items to pack in their weekly food distribution boxes:

- Pasta (any variety)
- Cereal (any variety)
- Canned corn or green beans
- Canned protein
- Spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter

You can deliver these items directly to Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel (2504 N. Roxboro St, Durham, NC 27704) on Mondays from 3:00-5:00pm (Note: there’s no online sign-up for these items).

The work is not complete, but we are pleased that it has not been abandoned. THANK YOU, WESTMINSTER FAMILY, for being faithful to our neighbors!

