
*Worship Service for Virtual Presbytery Meeting ~
Saturday, October 3, 2020*

Prelude Music *Lord You Have Come the Lake Shore* Jose Rivera
Call To Worship CRE Henry Cowan & Rev. Nicole Newton

Men/Grp1: We join today in giving thanks for the spirit of generosity, compassion and partnership embodied by Self-Development of People

Women/Grp2: Let us always work for the empowerment of those whose barriers to living well are great.

Men/Grp1: Wherever we encounter poverty, hunger, injustice, or oppression, we are being invited to listen, learn, and serve.

Women/Grp2: As a Presbytery, we seek to listen, learn, and serve so that we may partner with those who seek better lives for themselves, their families and their communities.

All: With God's help, we can do our part to make the world a better place for all people.

Opening Prayer Rev. Nicole Newton
God of justice and compassion, we come before you this morning in a spirit of gratitude and praise. As we gather in our communities of faith, we give thanks for the gifts of calm hearts and still minds, given to us through the presence of your Holy Spirit, as we hear your message and receive your guidance. Remind us, Lord, of our connectedness and our responsibilities to each other. As we gather in worship, may your divine love inspire us to lead lives of peace and justice, and may your Holy Spirit bring hope and empowerment to communities of need everywhere, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession CRE Abelina Sosa Capote
God of Grace, We confess that there are times when it is difficult for us to think of others, to feel selfless, generous or brave; Forgive us for the times when we feel helpless, when we fear that nothing we do will help the poverty and oppression that surround us; Pardon us for the times that our human frailties overwhelm us with doubt and despair.

God our Redeemer, Restore our faith in You, ourselves, and each other, that we may have the courage to work for change where it is sorely needed; Fill our spirits with the will and the generosity to give of our time, talents and gifts, in the spirit of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance (From II Corinthians 5:17-18)
The Scriptures tell us that in Christ, we are a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new. In Christ, we are forgiven! We are grateful to claim God's promise of new life, and pledge to live as messengers for justice and reconciliation in the world.

Hymn *Oceans* (Hillsong) PYC Member Emily Khron
Prayer of Illumination Rev. Alonzo Johnson
Scripture Reading Matthew 25 (selected) Rev. Alonzo Johnson
Message "Recognizing Christ" Rev. Alonzo Johnson
HYMN *When We are Living* Jose Rivera
Minute for Mission for PDA Offering & Prayer Rev. Robbie Phillips
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Presbytery Youth Council Commissioning & Prayer Rev. Marie Cone
Hymn *Blessings* (by Laura Story) PYC Member Olivia White
Benediction & Charge Rev. Alonzo Johnson
Postlude First Hispanic Church of Fayetteville

Presbytery Youth Council 2020-21 – Youth & Adult Advisors:

Bethesda: Justin Andersen; **Bluff:** Gray Murphy; **Brownson Memorial:** Erin Wehrmeister, Olivia Blackwood, Luke Bullock; **Chaplain:** Rev. Lauren Voyles; **College Heights:** Evalise McClain, Tiya Snowden, Isis Tupaz, Zada Tupaz; **Ebenezer:** Lucas Hammersley; **First Sanford:** Riley Varga, Samantha Jeffries; **FPC Morehead City:** Sadie Anthony, Emily Krohn; **Graves Memorial:** Bonnie Barr; **Iglesia Monte de los Olivos (St. Pauls):** Angel Gonzalez Velazquez, Lauri Velazquez, Isaac Ramos Morales; **Pollockville:** Rev. T. Wes Moore; **Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana de Fayetteville:** Angeles Baez Araiza, Emanuel Martinez Zarco, Hector Cardenas Resendiz, Christopher Sosa, Jerusalén Martinez, Abelina Sosa; **St. Andrews-Covenant:** Jenny Braswell, Kerryn Lowry; **Wallace:** Madelyn Coombs, Zach Casteen, James Sills; **West End:** Barbara Pipo, Charlotte Beamguard; **Westminster Fayetteville:** Tucker Samuelian, Adam Shelton, Olivia White.

Thank you to these Worship Leaders:

Jose Rivera, Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

CRE Henry Cowan, Reilly Road Presbyterian Church

Rev. Nicole Newton, First Wilmington

CRE Abelina Sosa Capote, Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana de Fayetteville

Emily Khron, Olivia White, PYC Members

Rev. Alonzo Johnson, Self-Development of People

Rev. Marie Cone, Presbytery Moderator

Rev. Robbie Phillips, Disaster Recovery Director

Musicians of First Hispanic Church of Fayetteville

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