



Praying Hands, or Study of the Hands of an Apostle, Albrecht Durer, 1508-12, Albertina Museum, Vienna, Austria, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

16 May 2021
7th Sunday of Easter

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World

Order of Worship

Prayer of Preparation

Holy One, creator of all that is and all that ever will be. You sent your son, Jesus, who showed us your true love. After his suffering and death on the cross, he was still among us, proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins. As we see him ascend into your kingdom, fill us now with your power and grace, that we may become the hands and feet, and heart and spirit, of Christ. Amen.

Welcome

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *All Creatures of our God and King* arr. J. Tonioli

*Call to Worship

Inspired by Psalm 1

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

God's ways are just and merciful.

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

In all that they do, they prosper.

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.

Anthem

Arise, Your Light is Come!

Duck/Walter

Confession

Forgiving God, you have called us to be the church, to live out our Resurrection faith. You have asked us to place our trust in you and to bring the good news of your saving love to all. But we have failed to do this. We have given our faith a back seat to the troubles of the world and to the stresses in our own life. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith. You, who raised Christ from the dead, have promised to raise our spirits and bring us to new life. Clear our spirits of the clutter of everyday living. Help us to be open always to your word and your love. Challenge us to move in directions of peace and hope. These things we pray in the name of our risen Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” **Matthew 22:37-39**

Prayer of Illumination

Lesson

Acts 2:1-14

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *As They Waited in the Upper Room*

Daewon Goldenbaum-Yang

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostle’s 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.

Anthem

There is a Place of Quiet Rest

McAfee

(11am) Graduate Recognition

Presentation of the senior gift
and Bible in memory of Carl Wheeler, Jr.

John M. Smith Junior Scholarship

The John M. Smith, Jr. Award was established in 1964, in memory of John M. Smith, Junior. John, son of Murphy and Margaret Smith, graduated from New Bern High School in 1964.

He was a leader at New Bern High, serving as president of the student body his senior year. While working in Virginia the summer after graduation, John was killed in an automobile accident. Some of John's classmates collected money to start a scholarship in his name and came to First Presbyterian Church to ask if the church would administer the fund for them. The Church agreed and the classmates put together the basis on which they wanted the scholarship to be awarded. It has and continues to be awarded to a student of the senior class who exemplifies good character and great leadership. This year's recipient is Luke Gladden.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Benediction

Response *Farewell, Good Friends!* Hebrew blessing

Postlude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arr. H. Leonard

If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the marked basket nearest the exit you use. We look forward to seeing you again next week.

A special thank you to our ushers!

Liturgist: Lloyd Griffith Pianist: Cindy Sutton

Ensemble: Beth Foley, Sue Jones, Steve Mabie, Susan Mabie, Pat K. Rowlett

Today we welcome Daewon Goldenbaum-Yang as our guest preacher. Daewon served as our Director of Christian Education and Youth ministry for seven years before moving to Greenville with his wife Laura, who serves as the Associate Pastor for Youth at St. James United Methodist Church. Daewon serves as the Interim Director of Campus Ministry for UKirk at East Carolina University and as the Temporary Director of Children's Ministry at St. James UMC. They have three children, Sophia, Drew and Carina.

Cover Image: The drawing is a sketch for hands of an apostle for the central panel of a triptych installed in Frankfurt and destroyed by a fire in 1729.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we recognize our Graduates!

Graduating this spring from high school, college (associate degree, bachelor's degree, or post-baccalaureate degree), or other institution:

- **Jane Ellen Blackerby**, daughter of Britt & Missy Blackerby, from East Carolina University, with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health, planning to attend graduate school for public health.
- **Addison Yates Cheek**, daughter of Jody & Clayton Cheek, from Parrott Academy High School, planning to attend Washington & Lee University.
- **Will Clark**, son of Bill & Peggy Clark, from East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine with a degree of Doctor of Medicine, planning to move to Memphis, TN for a preliminary year of medicine followed by a 3-year ophthalmology residency at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center.
- **Will Cleve**, son of Bill & Linda Cleve, from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry, planning to join a pharmaceutical company in Greenville, NC.
- **Madelyn Gatchel**, daughter of Brian & Betsy Gatchel, from Davidson College with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Math, planning to attend the University of Michigan to pursue a PhD in computer science.
- **Benjamin Neal Grady**, son of Christin Grady, from New Bern High School, planning to attend North Carolina State University.
- **Ayuyen Puih**, daughter of Noan Kpuih and Ayiui Puih, from New Bern High School.

Nursery Re-opening!

The nursery has reopened for the 11am service (from 10:30am-noon) for children, infants through second grade.

New Adult Class “Read This Book” started

JOIN US for Read This Book every Sunday, 9:30-10:30am on Zoom and in person. Each week a different person will present a book that informed, challenged, or inspired them, and connected with their faith. You don't have to attend every week to participate in the class, and friends and family are welcome to attend! To be included on the email list for the class, contact Maren (maren@firstpresnb.org).

Here is the schedule of presenters for May:

- **May 16** Wendy Moeller “On the Road with Augustine: A Real-World Spirituality for Restless Hearts ” by James K A Smith
- **May 23** Jim Copland “The Telling: How Judaism's Essential Book Reveals the Meaning of Life" by Mark Gerson
- **May 30** Janet Benrey Swain “Why Social Justice Is Not Biblical Justice: An Urgent Appeal to Fellow Christians in a Time of Social Crisis" by Scott David Allen
- **June 6** Wendy Moeller "Surprised by Oxford", "Sex and the City of God", and "Holy Is the Day" by Carolyn Webber

Adult Sunday school class “The Present Word”

George Evans is leading "The Present Word class: Call in the New Testament". The class meets online Sunday morning 9:30-10:30am using Zoom. Please contact George Evans (gkevans4@gmail.com) to receive a meeting room ID and password. The book is available in the church office.

Church Office Staff: Welcome Marcy and Thank You Cilla!

We are very pleased to announce that Marcy Latteman started on May 5th as our new Office Administrator! As we welcome Marcy, we also say goodbye to Priscilla Miller (or CillaMilla, as she is affectionately known) whose last day is May 20th.

Nursery Worker Recruitment

First Presbyterian Church is looking for two Nursery Workers and a Nursery Coordinator to care for our infant to four-year-old children on Sunday mornings and at special services. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have experience in caring for young children,

complete a background check and complete CPR training for infants and children. Hours for the positions are normally 8:00 am – 12:30 pm. Interested individuals should send a resume to the Office Administrator at church@firstpresnb.org.

Reception Desk Volunteer Opportunity

Would you like to help out at the Church Office's Reception Desk? Do you have 4 hours that you could give to the church? We have returned to normal business hours, but we need your help. We are looking for those who can let their smiles show through in their voices on the phones or in their eyes when greeting visitors (we are still masking). Don't worry if you are not familiar with the ins and outs of the office equipment. We are more than happy to teach you. Hours of shifts are 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm Monday through Thursday, and 9am-1pm on Fridays. If you are interested or have questions, please contact our Office Administrator, Marcy Latteman.

Flower Calendar

Have you thought about ordering flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one? Immediate dates available are in June (13th, 20th, 27th) and July (11th, 18th, 25th). Other dates are available throughout the year. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Updated Hours

Amber Zapffel our church Financial Administrator will be working from her office in the Ministry Center Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm beginning Monday, May 10th.

New Church Library Location

The church library has moved to the second floor of the Ministry Center – come and check it out! At the moment we are NOT accepting new book donations.

Montreat Women's Conference 2021 – Discount Available

Join us at the Montreat Women's Connection Conference Friday-Sunday, August 13-15! The conference was postponed for a year, but we held on to our room reservations in the Assembly Inn (with an elevator and air-conditioning), and we have a couple of rooms available for those who had not previously registered. Registration cost includes program, room, and meals. Transportation

is on your own and many arranged carpools together last time. We are offering a discount on the cost of the registration from the McClary Scholarship fund to make it easier to attend the conference! Please contact Maren to learn more about the discount and/or to register. Childcare is available at Montreat for children aged six months through preschool.

Thank you for your financial support!

At the April Budget and Finance Meeting, we reviewed the finances of the church for the year so far, and we are in a remarkably strong place. Giving has increased and our expenses are down. As new staff comes on board in the next few months, our personnel costs will increase, but we were collectively moved by our congregation's generosity and continued faithfulness. Your continued giving makes worship possible, makes music fill our sanctuary, provides for the Christian education of all ages, supports our mission partners in New Bern and beyond, and allows for care for people in many ways.

Grief Support

The Grief Support Group will meet Tuesday, May 18 at 12:30pm on the porch at Stacey Griffith's house. Bring your own lunch. We hope you can join us! Please contact Marcy Latteman (marcy@firstpresnb.org) at the church or call 252-637-3270 if you plan to attend. Friends are always welcome.

Care Commission

The Care Commission Call Team is making annual congregational calls. This is an opportunity to share joys & concerns, request prayers, update Directory listings and get church news. So when your phone rings, please take a few minutes to participate in this Care ministry, strengthening our ties through connecting with one another.

Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation.