

and to us confusion of face.
**O Lord, great God,
 all holy, filled with awe,
 Father, most gracious,
 filled with mercy and steadfast love,
 incline your ear to our troubles.
 Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.
 Forgive us,
 not on the ground of our own righteousness,
 but on the ground of your great mercy.
 On the ground of your great mercy
 in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
 It is in his name that we pray,
 For he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.**

[In these quiet moments, we admit to God our sins and doubts, and ask Him by His Holy Spirit to cleanse us, forgive us, redirect our lives, and grant us renewed faith.]

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| Assurance of Pardon | Jeremiah 31:31,34 <i>Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.</i> | |
| Special Music | The Water is Wide Tom Balsom, Clairnet and Meagan Lacher, Piano | Brant Adams |
| Scripture Reading | Psalm 17 | |
| Sermon | The Apple of His Eye | Rev. Cliff Olson |
| Hymn of Response | Blessed Assurance | Crosby, Knapp, Brown, Brock |
| Benediction | | |
| Postlude | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Phil Biedenbender, Piano | arr. John Carter |

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Derrick Jones by Ray and Carolyn Jones.

We extend love and sympathy to Mark Wingate and family upon the passing of his father, Reid Wingate on July 29, 2020.

Financial Update General Operating Fund

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| | <u>As of 6/30/20</u> |
| Revenues | \$ 733,580.61 |
| Expenses | <u>704,745.07</u> |
| Net surplus (deficit) | <u>\$ 28,835.54</u> |

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Prayer Concern</i> |
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| Amelia Pritchett | Health concerns |
| Carlton Dixon | Recovering from surgery |
| Hugh Dobbins (father of Kim Starnes) | Has Covid-19, in ICU on ventilator, developed Pneumonia |
| Dana Haley's mom, Betty Allen | Hospice care |
| Mike Haley | Recovering from surgery |
| Pat McCurry | Surgery on 8/4 |
| Trey McKeown's mother | In kidney failure – on dialysis |
| Joyce Payseur & son, James | Both have Covid-19 |
| Rebecca Roy (daughter of Ronnie & Marty Starnes) | Has rare form of cancer |
| Tim Schaap | Stamina and strength |
| Betty Smith | At Robin Johnson Hospice House |
| David Smith, III | Recovering from bypass surgery on 7/28 |
| Leanne Stowe's father | Recovering from hip surgery on 7/24 |
| Mark Wingate & family | Passing of father, Reid Wingate on 7/29 |

Announcements

- **Exciting News!** – Check out the new “Exciting News” button on our website. It contains tutorials on things to come such as a church app, text and online giving, and remote check-in from church or at home!
- **Welcome Visitors** – If you are visiting with us today and would like to receive our weekly email blast, please send an email to whenderson@firstarpchurch.org. If you would like to know more about our church or have questions about church membership, please email Pastor Matt at mkuiken@firstarpchurch.org.
- **Women's Ministries** - *Around The World In 60 Minutes* - Zoom study with Bible teaching and discussion – join us this Thursday (8/6) from 12:30–1:30 as we welcome Martha Margaret Cotten, World Witness, MT3. Contact Betsy for more information (704-718-0026). To sign up for Women's Ministries Text Updates, text @firstarp to 81010 (you may sign up as parent or student – it doesn't matter which.)
- **Doves Back Yard Bible Study** - We meet on Wednesday nights at Court's (411 Dale Avenue) from 6-8pm. Dinner is provided. Our last meeting will be August 12.
- **Picnic and Prayer** – will meet August 6 and 13 and will be finished. We are reaching wide and inviting new families in our community to come and see the love of Jesus through a time of fellowship, play, picnic, and prayer. Thursdays (11:30-1pm) on the playground. Rain Plan: The MAC.
- **West Gastonia Boys and Girls Club Teen Center** – We are collecting individually wrapped snacks for the Teen Center. If you would like to make a donation, drop off in Courtney's office.
- **Access to RightNow Media Movies is a Simple Click Away** – Our children's ministry will using this movie library all month long! Be sure you have activated your free account! www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/FARPC
- **“Friday Nights at the Movies”** – begins this week! Access weekly details from our Children's Ministry Website! Age graded movies and family activities will be posted! <https://bit.ly/FARPCHiWeb> Coming up this week will be “Box – The Green Bear Next Door” (ages 2-6) and “The Prince of Egypt” (ages 6-12).

- **Snail Mail Hugs** – Want to make some? We have space set up in our art/craft room on the First Floor to make them here, or watch this simple tutorial and make them at home. Our homebound members need our love! <https://spark.adobe.com/video/7CnTguguaYhl0>
- **Prayer Meetings:** Please see the information below for both this week's Dawn Prayer Meeting and our Tuesday/Friday Virtual Prayer Meetings. If you haven't been able to access one of these meetings and would like assistance, please reach out to Billy Marino at 704-271-4497, and he'll be happy to help.

Dawn Prayer Meeting - In need of some community, connection, and prayer? Please join us this Tuesday from 6:30AM-7AM for the Dawn Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary. It will also continue to stream via Zoom conference for those folks participating from home through the following information. Join us by clicking the link or calling the number below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/99447000388?pwd=WHITaDFIQSs4Y1o0MjU2ZlIxT2hNdz09>

DIAL IN BY PHONE - 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 994 4700 0388

Password: 625606

Tuesday & Friday New Community Women's Virtual Prayer Meetings- The HEAL Prayer Team – The Tuesday & Friday zoom prayer meeting at 1:15pm, is now a community prayer meeting team for Christian women in our community!

The HEAL Prayer Team purpose is based on II Chronicles 7:14 "if my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and will HEAL their land."

The acronym "H.E.A.L." for the prayer team name, represents the focus of our prayer team which is to Humble ourselves - Earnestly pray - Ask and seek Him - Learn & turn.

Join in community prayer with your sisters in Christ, each Tuesday and/or Friday at 1:15pm by one of the following options:

(1) **CLICK** the link below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9660972853?pwd=Y1o1V25aUVhblbVOem44cDFRejhMQT09>

(2) **GO TO:** zoom.us At the prompts, enter meeting ID: 966 097 2853 and then, enter password: 141437

(3) **DIAL IN BY PHONE:** 1-929-205-6099 At the prompts, enter Meeting ID: 966 097 2853 and then enter Password: 141437

- **Thank You for Giving** - Thank you for faithfully tithing during this time of uncertainty. You may place your tithes into the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary today, drop them into the locked mailbox to the left of the Admin. Building entrance, mail them in, or give online through our church website. Click [here](#) for an Online Giving Tutorial.
- **Faith Promise Reminder from the Missions Committee:** Your generosity over the past several months is greatly appreciated. The faithfulness of the congregation to our church and her various outreach and benevolence ministries in the community has been incredible. Thank you! Please be reminded of our Faith Promise ministry as well. The summer months can be a lean season with busyness and travel by many. Our missionaries depend on our continued support during these months.
- **First ARP Love Locker** – The Love Locker initiative began as our church family and the York Chester community entered into a time of need. This is a great opportunity for the congregation to

serve and meet some immediate physical needs. With a “Take what you need; leave what you can” approach, the concept is for those in the community to get food and other essential items, as needed, but also for the locker to be restocked by church and community members, as their own resources allow. The locker is located in the church parking lot near the entrance to the new Administration Building, and non-perishable food items, toiletries, and other essentials are items we hope to supply. Please feel free to donate to the locker at any time. If the locker is full, please save your items and bring them back at a later time.

Psalm 17

- 17** Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry!
Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!
- 2** From your presence let my vindication come!
Let your eyes behold the right!
- 3** You have tried my heart, you have visited me by night,
you have tested me, and you will find nothing;
I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.
- 4** With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- 5** My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.
- 6** I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.
- 7** Wondrously show^[a] your steadfast love,
O Savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.
- 8** Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,
- 9** from the wicked who do me violence,
my deadly enemies who surround me.
- 10** They close their hearts to pity;
with their mouths they speak arrogantly.
- 11** They have now surrounded our steps;
they set their eyes to cast us to the ground.
- 12** He is like a lion eager to tear,
as a young lion lurking in ambush.
- 13** Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him!
Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword,
- 14** from men by your hand, O LORD,
from men of the world whose portion is in this life.^[b]
You fill their womb with treasure;^[c]
they are satisfied with children,
and they leave their abundance to their infants.
- 15** As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

The Way [Lyrics, 80 bpm, 4/4]

[Pat Barrett] by Ben Smith, Daniel Bashta, and Pat Barrett

V1, V2, Cx2, V3, V4, Cx2, Inst, Bx2, Cx2, B, Cx2, Outrox2, E

Verse 1

Through every battle
Through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance
I believe that You are my fortress
Oh You are my portion
You are my hiding place
Oh I believe You are

Chorus 1

The Way the Truth the Life
I believe You are
The Way the Truth the Life
I believe (You are)

Verse 2

Through every blessing
Through every promise
Through every breath I take
I believe that You are provider
You are protector
You are the One I love
I believe You are

Misc 1

(Bridge)

It's a new horizon
And I'm set on You
And You meet me here today
With mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts
They can all come too
Because they can't stay long
(When I'm here with You)
(When I believe You are)

He Will Hold Me Fast [Lyrics]

[Norton Hall Band] by Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus 1

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

Blessed Assurance

Crosby, Knapp, Brown, Brock

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long