# Third Street Presbyterian Church (USA)

# Conference Call-Midweek Prayer and Bible Study

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021 - 6pm**

 **Welcome /Introductions: Pastor Reid**

**Opening Prayer : Elder Charles Stroman, III**

**Opening Song: Elder Lowery with Music Ministry**

**THE WORD: John 14:15-31-NIV-** *Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit*

**Brother George Littlejohn -Reading**

**15**“If you love me, keep my commands. **16**And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— **17**the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be you. **18**I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. **19**Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **20**On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. **21**Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

**22**Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

**23**Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **24**Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

**25**“All this I have spoken while still with you. **26**But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **27**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**28**“You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. **29**I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. **30**I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, **31**but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

“Come now; let us leave.

**REFLECTION: Elder Carolyn Werts, Reading**

Earlier in chapter 14, Jesus has been comforting his disciples, explaining that he is the way, the truth, and the life, and also his intimate relationship with the Father.

Now Jesus begins teaching his disciples about the Holy Spirit, who will come to take his place when he goes to the Father. Over chapters 14, 15, and 16, we see Jesus' fullest teaching about the Holy Spirit

Jesus knows that his time with the disciples is coming to an end, but he will not leave them alone. Just as Jesus has left the Holy Spirit to help them, we can be assured that the Holy Spirit has been left to help us. The gift of the Holy Spirit is vital to every Christian because we need the Holy Spirit to help us live the life God has called us to live.

**Guiding Questions for Bible Study Discussion:**

Please feel free to join in during the study discussion. We all learn and are studying God’s Word together.

1. Where does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will live? (John 14:17, 20, 23.) Is this different than where the Holy Spirit has lived in the past? (John 14:17b).
2. What does the Holy Spirit specifically do to help the disciples take the Gospel message forward? Read John 14:26.
3. What does the Holy Spirit specifically do to help the disciples take the Gospel message forward? Read John 14:26. How does this help you understand 2 Peter 1:20-21?
4. In this passage, which disciple asks a question, and what is the question?
5. Which Judas is mentioned in this passage? Who does Jesus say is “the ruler of this world”? Does this ruler have any power? How do we see this ruler in the world today? Jesus’ words are true!!(see John 12:31)

**Apply God’s Word to your Life:**

We know that we all come short of God’s glory. If someone were to look at your life, would they conclude that you love Jesus by the way you keep his commandments? What changes in your life as Christian have you seen when you show you genuinely love Jesus and seek to honor him with your life?

**Sharing Inspiration and Mission Giving:**

What is inspiring you in these times? God is still doing a great work in all of us.

***Pentecost Sunday Wear Red –* May 23, 2021- Pentecost Offering is the 2nd of 4**

**special offering in the see PCUSA.**

 Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

**Evening Prayer:**

We lift up prayer requests at this time, we lift up our joys and concerns before the Lord. …… Close with the Lord’s Prayer. *Our Father who art in heaven…..*

**Closing Song: Elder Lowery with Music Ministry**

**Words of Sending: - Pastor Reid- God keep and protect you and your household, May God make his light to shine all around and give you peace. AMEN!**

Thank you for joining our Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer this week! Next Bible Study: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21at 6pm.**

With the Love of Christ,

Pastor Reid