

September 18, 2022  
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

# WHITE MEMORIAL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

#### Greeting

*One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

*One: Let us prepare for worship.*

Karl Zinsmeister

#### Preparation for Worship

*O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name. Increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

#### Prelude – LOBE DEN HERREN

setting by Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

#### Christian Welcome and Announcements

Cate Church Norman

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor and include all requested information.

#### Call to Worship

from Psalm 146

*One: Praise the Lord! Let us praise the Lord our whole lives long!*

**All: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord our God.**

*One: Let us praise and worship the Lord of grace and mercy –  
the Lord who will reign forever!*

#### (11:00) Introit – Jubilate Deo

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Joyful Noise Choir

Sung in Latin; English translation:

*Sing joyfully to God. Alleluia!*

#### \*Hymn 35 – Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

#### \*Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession

**How hard it is to trust! Trust when we have to wait. Trust when the night is long. Trust when the odds are long. Trust when our faith feels so small. We confess that sometimes we place our trust in others rather than you. We confess that we forget to take up the cross of discipleship, for its weight is heavy and its demands are great. Forgive us in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Renew in us the ability to trust our faith; and then help us to bear your light to a world shrouded in far too much darkness. Amen.**

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Passing of the Peace

*One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

The final few psalms in the Book of Psalms (there are 150 Psalms) are all great songs of praise meant to raise the spirit and grow the faith. Our Old Testament text today, Psalm 146, is one of these songs of praise.

Introit comes from the Latin *Introitus* meaning to enter. Since the fifth century sung introits accompanied the entrance of clergy into the worship space. In contemporary worship the Prelude/Gathering Music, Introit, and Call to Worship all serve as opportunities for us to mentally and spiritually enter into worship. Today's introit sung by our Joyful Noise Choir (grades 3-5) represents the tradition of texts or even short phrases drawn from the Psalms.

God calls us to bring our whole selves to worship. We bring our time, our tithes, and our talents. We also bring honesty about our shortcomings and our sins. Confession is the act of laying the full truth of our lives at the feet of our merciful God.

At any point during the Confession-Pardon-Peace sequence of the service, it would be appropriate to cast a glance at the pitcher of water and baptismal bowl (which are present even if the sacrament is not celebrated) as a reminder of your baptismal covenant and God's mark upon your life.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

*in the manner of Christ*

This beautiful song of peace combines a Japanese folk melody with words from a Japanese blessing, translated into English by Lori True.

**\*Response Hymn**

KIRISUTO NO HEIWA GA

May the peace of Christ be with you. May the love of God dwell deep in your heart. May the Spir - it en-light - en your way. May you walk in the com-fort of God's care.

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

(11:00) **Wyatt Henry Stephenson**, child of Jen and Adam Stephenson

**Old Testament Lesson** – Psalm 146; pew Bible, p. 549

**Second Lesson** – Luke 16:1-13; pew Bible, p. 74

*One: The word of God for the people of God.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

(11:00) **A Time With Young Disciples**

At the 11:00 service, Kindergartners through 2nd Graders will meet with Caroline Britt at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by Diane Britt from the OnPoint service for Worship Enrichment in L201.

**Sermon** – “*A Little Which Goes a Long Way*”

Christopher Edmonston

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn 716** – *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

Jim Ferry

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

(8:00) *Praise the King of Heaven*

Mark Shepperd

Kathy Hart, soprano

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting king.*

*Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;  
Praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.*

*Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

(9:30) *Takk (Gratitude), Op. 62 No. 2*

Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

Listen closely to our text from Luke. It is one of the most complicated pieces of scripture in the Bible. Listen for verse 10: “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much.”

“Let the little children come to me,” (this saying of Jesus is found in Matthew, Mark, and Luke.) Our “Young Disciples” are followers of Jesus: “for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

The piece by Grieg, *Takk*, or “thanks” was selected today as a reflection of Psalm 146—an expression of gratitude. Undine Smith Moore, composer of the 11:00 anthem, served briefly as supervisor of music in the public schools in Goldsboro, NC before embarking on a long tenure at Virginia State College.

(11:00) *I Believe This Is Jesus*

Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

WMPC Adult Choir

*I believe this is Jesus; come and see.*

*The light of God shines in his face, he offers all his pardoning grace; come and see.*

**\*Offertory Response Hymn 709**

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS



God, we hon-or you. God, we trust in you. God, we wor-ship and a - dore you.



Take what we bring, of-fered to you. Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless-ings.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn 730 – *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God***

GRAND ISLE

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Chiming of the Trinity**

The worship service ends with the Chiming of the Trinity.

Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

**Postlude – *Hornpipe in D***

John S. Dixon (b. 1957)

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**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**NEW PRESBYTERIANS**

**Charlotte Lundin Wadford**, August 24, child of Kelly Lundin and Trent Wadford.

**Laughlin Bailey Scott**, September 9, child of Reynolds and Jack Scott.

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**The flowers in the chancel today** are the wedding flowers of Stewart Harris Corchiani and Sanford Alonza Cockrell, whose marriage was celebrated yesterday.

Stewart is the daughter of Molly and Tom Harris.

After making our offering we sing this three line response which begins with an acclamation of praise, followed by a prayer, and concludes with alleluias and amen.

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**Shortcuts!** Find out what's happening around White Memorial during the week. Register for events. Request a prayer. All this can be found in one location. Simply scan the QR code with your smart phone.

## WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Visiting? Deacons can be found in the Narthex to offer a friendly greeting, answer questions and provide directions. New members are received after attending *Believing & Belonging @WMPC* Class. Visit [whitememorial.org/join](http://whitememorial.org/join) or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206 for details, class dates and registration.

### THINGS TO KNOW:

- **Restrooms** are located on the hallway to Jane Bell Gathering Space on the Pulpit side and also on the first floor of the Luther Building.
- **Childcare** is available for children up to four years old.
- **Sunday School** is offered at 9:30 for all ages.
- **Refreshments** Coffee stations are located in The Connector and Main Hall
- **The Sanctuary** has a loop hearing aid system and an FM system.
- **Live-streamed services** are at [whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org).
- **Radio**, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: next broadcast is September 25.
- **Bulletins** left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation.



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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**AFTER HOURS PASTOR ON CALL:** 919-605-4593

Each Sunday we offer four opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial in the Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 in the Main Hall. While you will notice differences in music, location and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our scripture, liturgy and sermon. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture and Affirmation of Faith.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 18

*Psalm 146; Luke 16:1-13*

#### Cancer Companions

**Sundays | through November 13**

**4:30-6:00 p.m. | Zoom**

This class uses Cancer Companions devotionals, videos and Bible lessons to explore how we can draw closer to God as we go through difficult times. Contact Jean Williams at [jwilliams@whitememorial.org](mailto:jwilliams@whitememorial.org) or Jim Ferry at [jferry@whitememorial.org](mailto:jferry@whitememorial.org) for more information.

#### Parent Group Kickoff

**3:30-5:00 p.m. | Oberlin Road Courtyard**

Parenting young children is full of both joys and challenges. Cultivating community with other parents in a similar season of life and parenting provides support and connection in this busy time of life. If you are interested in meeting regularly with other parents of children preschool and under, we hope you'll join us for Parents Group Kickoff. We'll meet outside for fellowship, snacks, and conversation in the Oberlin Courtyard. Bring a camp chair if you have one! Childcare will be provided.

### MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 19

*Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 9:12-26; Acts 4:1-12*

#### Pickleball at WMPC!

**2:00-4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall**

### TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 20

*Jeremiah 10:1-16; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23*

#### Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

**Breakfast Line | 7:00 a.m. | Main Hall**

**Bible Study | 7:30 a.m.**

**In-person or Zoom [Registration required](#)**

#### Women's Breakfast & Fellowship

**7:00-8:00 a.m. | The Hub**

Women of all ages are invited to come for a hot breakfast, fellowship, study and prayer. This group studies the PW Bible lesson once a month and on other weeks they study a variety of topics. Hosted by Circle M.

#### 20s + 30s Tuesday Table

**6:00-7:30 p.m. | Off premises**

We believe that God has created us for community and that one of the best ways to bring people together is by gathering around the table. From September-May, we meet twice a month to share a meal and talk about life and faith. We also meet one Sunday afternoon a month to serve our community with one of our mission partners. All 20s + 30s are welcome and invited to join us! Contact Pastoral Resident Anne Galliher at [agalliher@whitememorial.org](mailto:agalliher@whitememorial.org) for more information.

### WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 21

*Jeremiah 10:17-25; Luke 20:45-21:4*

#### Lectio Divina

**11:00-noon | Zoom**

We begin with Lectio Divina, followed by Centering Prayer. You are welcome to come for one or stay for both. [Register to receive your Zoom link.](#)

#### Pickleball at WMPC!

**2:00-4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall**

#### Wednesday Together Dinner

**5:00-6:30 p.m. | Main Hall**

Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship. [Please register by 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 18.](#)

### THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 22

*Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 23:9-22; 2 Corinthians 8:8-15*

#### Keenagers

**10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall + Zoom**

Join us as Lindsey Doerr, Volunteer Engagement Manager for Wake County Boys and Girls Clubs shares volunteer opportunities with the Boys and Girls Clubs.

### FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 23

*Jeremiah 23:23-32; Ephesians 2:1-10*

### SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 24

*Jeremiah 24:1-10; Luke 9:43b-48*

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## SAVE THE DATES

#### Get Involved!

**Sunday | September 25**

**9:00-11:00 a.m. | Carol Copeland Courtyard**  
This is a great opportunity to find out how you can engage in the life of our church by signing up for a volunteer commitment. What do you want to do?

#### Church-wide Bible Study on James

**Monday | September 26-October 24**

**6:30 p.m. | Main Hall | In-person only**  
We hope you will join us as Christopher Edmonston leads a study on the book of James. [Childcare is available with registration.](#)

#### Flu Shots

**Wednesday | September 28**

**12:45-3:00 p.m. | C200**

Hayes Barton Pharmacy will be offering flu shots to all members. You must be at least 14 years old to receive a flu shot at WMPC. [Registration is required.](#)

#### Spiritual Spa Day

**Saturday | October 1 | 9:00 a.m.-noon**

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# 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D)

(Bm)

(G)

F

Dm

B $\flat$ 

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D)

(Bm)

F

Dm



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G)

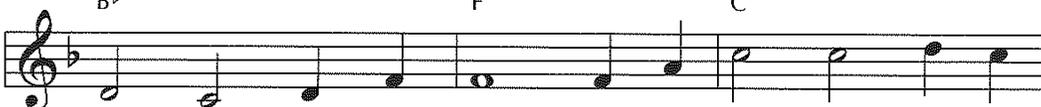
(D)

(A)

B $\flat$ 

F

C



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm)

(F $\sharp$ m)

(Bm)

(G)

(A)

(D)

Dm

Am

Dm

B $\flat$ 

C

F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm)

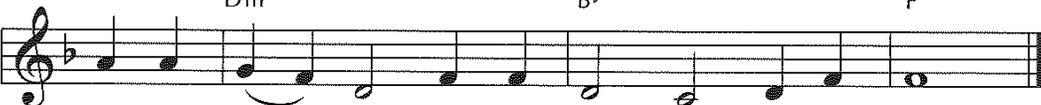
(G)

(D)

Dm

B $\flat$ 

F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

8.7.8.7.D

## I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and  
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of



brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and  
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'  
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



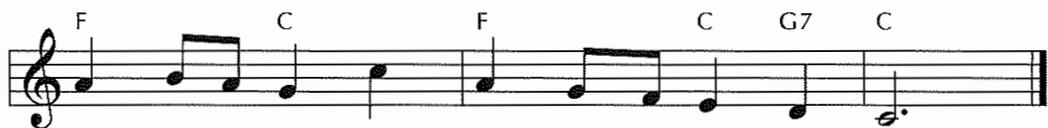
died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a  
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a  
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess  
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a  
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the green: they were all of them saints of  
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,  
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.