

# WHITE MEMORIAL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
DEDICATION SUNDAY

November 13, 2022  
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

#### Greeting

Karl Zinsmeister

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

**All: And also with you.**

*One: Let us prepare for worship.*

#### Preparation for Worship

*Merciful and loving God, we come seeking quiet communion with you. In this sacred place, apart from busyness and stress, grant us stillness of heart and quietness in your presence. Amen.*

#### Prelude – Hymns for the Congregation

#### Christian Welcome and Announcements

Andrew Amodei

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

#### Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 98

*One: Sing to the Lord wonderful songs – for God does marvelous things!*

**All: God remembers the people with steadfast love and faithfulness.**

*One: So let us make joyful songs and praise to the God of our salvation.*

**All: Let the seas, the rivers, and the hills sing together with joy!**

*One: God shall judge the world with righteousness –*

**All: The Lord shall offer mercy and equity to people near and far.**

*One: Let us worship with our faith, our hearts, and our minds. Let us worship with our hopes and our faith as we pray the prayers of our lives. This is the Lord's day – let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

#### \*Hymn 712 – As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

#### \*Call to Confession

##### \*Prayer of Confession

**Hear our confession, God of sovereign mercy. Too often we live in fear. Too frequently we ignore your holy will. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, extend your grace to us and renew us for living in the light of your word. Help us to live like we have a gospel to proclaim and neighbors to love. Call us back to you so we will live generous lives in every season. Renew our faith that we might be ambassadors of your mercy, hope and grace. In the name of the Trinity, we pray. Amen.**

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Passing of the Peace

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

**All: And also with you.**

Today is Dedication Sunday at White Memorial. It is an annual observance during the fall. We dedicate our pledges and gifts to support the financial needs and ministries of the church. Over the past month we have explored the worship, education, outreach, and pastoral care ministries of our church. We hope all members and friends will join us in sharing financial support, time, and talent so that our congregation will live into the ministry God has placed before us.

Our Presbyterian ancestors employed the Psalms as a “worship book” to lead them in liturgy and song. This is the reason why many weeks we use the words of a Psalm as our Call to Worship.

Confession is part of our worship each week. One of the hallmarks of our theological tradition is the admission of our shortcomings when compared to the majesty of God. God alone is sovereign. God alone can claim perfection. As Romans 3:23 says: “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

*in the manner of Christ*

## \*Response Hymn

CUEQUITA



## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### Sacrament of Baptism

(11:00) John Kevill Cargill, Jr., child of Becky and Kevill Cargill

### Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 98, p. 521

(9:30) **Anthem - Praise to the Lord** arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)  
WMPC Adult Choir

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration. Hallelujah!*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the almighty can do if with his love he befriend thee!*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him! Hallelujah!*

### New Testament Lessons – James 1:17-21; James 3:13-18; pew Bible, pp. 215, 216

*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 Lucy Whitford at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by Ashlyn Whitford from the OnPoint service for Worship Enrichment in L201.

### Sermon – “The Good News and Generosity”

Christopher Edmonston

### \*Hymn 305 – Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

Gloria Johnson

**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.**

### Dedication and Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

We complete our preaching series on James today. James 1:17 says, “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” As you read this verse, how does it strike you? What deeper lessons of faith does it reveal?



Artist Elizabeth Steele Halstead writes, “As we open our hands we show our willingness to receive and give, presenting ourselves as a response to God’s gracious gift.”

## Offertory

(8:00 & 9:30) *Joyfully Let Praises Ring*

Edwin Fissinger (1920-1990)

WMPC Adult Choir

*Joyfully let praises ring, to our savior, God and king.  
Bless his name forever more. Alleluia, all rejoice, Alleluia with one voice.  
Sing unto God and praise his name, let all nations do the same.*

*Power and majesty are his. Christ, our Lord, does truly live.  
Strike the timbrel, let bells resound. Alleluia, all rejoice, Alleluia with one voice.  
Shout with joy and praises bring, let hosannas ever ring.*

*Raise your banners ever high, sound the trumpets to the sky,  
celebrate with glorious sounds. Alleluia, all rejoice, Alleluia with one voice.  
All the earth with praise resound, for the king of kings is found.*

(11:00) *Let Us Pray for Peace*

Thomas Keesecker (b. 1956)

WMPC Youth Choir; Lora Zinsmeister, accompanist


*Let us pray for peace, for the healing of creation.  
May God's truth and justice mend every breach; may we learn to live as one.  
Let us pray for love, for the grace to offer mercy.  
May compassion guide our way in the world, may forgiveness heal division.  
May forgiveness heal us all.*

*We pray for peace, we pray for understanding.  
Pray that hatred cease, and God's reign is known on earth.  
Hear our prayer for peace, hear our prayer for love.  
Hear our voices, Lord, this day, we pray.*

*You know our hearts; you know our selfish struggles.  
Take away our pride, and fill us all with you.  
May your will be done, hear on earth as is in heaven.  
May your reign of love be known in our lives, may your will be done among us.  
May we do your will, Amen.*

## \*Offertory Response Hymn 694 – stanza 1

AURELIA



Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care, you are the fount of  
good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our  
praise is but a start: sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

## \*Affirmation of Faith

from The Study Catechism PC(USA)

*One: What is God's purpose for our lives?*

**All: God wills that we should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.**

*One: How do we live for the love of God?*

**All: We love because God first loved us. God loves us in Christ with a love that never ends. We entrust ourselves to God's care: giving thanks each day for the wonderful goodness of God. Amazed by grace, we no longer live for ourselves. We live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death. Therefore, we take those around us to heart, especially those in need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for us.**

WMPC Adult Choir (merger of former Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs) and Youth Choir offer worship leadership today. Their musical offerings are prayers and praises to God on behalf of the entire worshipping community. Please join them in lifting your voices when the largest choir (the congregation) offers its sung prayer and praise.

Worship for Presbyterians should nearly always include an Affirmation of Faith: a statement of our theological core values and beliefs. In our history we have used catechisms as teaching tools for believers of all ages. We have been using this selection from the Study Catechism often over the past month.

We sing Hymn 611 as a hymn of praise. It is most often sung at weddings and services of witness to the resurrection (funerals). Today it is offered in thanksgiving to the joy God provides.

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

We are glad you are worshiping 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 today, October 30.
- **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.

### PASTORAL & PROGRAM STAFF:

CHRISTOPHER EDMONSTON, Pastor

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JEAN WILLIAMS, Parish Nurse

KARL ZINSMEISTER, Director of Music

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.

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Hymn 611 – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

HYMN TO JOY

**\*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 – Now Thank We All Our God** Sigfird Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

### IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

**James Graves Joyner** - November 8, 2022 WMPC family members:  
parents, Emily and James Joyner, sister Emily Clarke Joyner, grandparents,  
Lucy and Walton Joyner, uncle and aunt, Walton and Sheryl Joyner, cousins,  
Sara, Olivia and Kitch Joyner

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### NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEW OFFICERS

The Churchwide Nominating Committee starts meeting in mid-January to consider nominations for church Elders and Deacons, class of 2026. Nominations are now being accepted. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination for these critical leadership roles.

[The nomination form can be found online.](#) All recommendations must be received by January 9, 2023.

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### GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2023 UPDATE

As of Wednesday, November 9, we have received 447 pledges representing \$2.460 million towards our goal of \$4.175 million/1,000 pledging households.

If you would like to make a pledge, please visit  
[www.whitememorial.org/give](http://www.whitememorial.org/give). Thank you for your generosity.

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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.



# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 13

*Psalm 98; James 1:17; James 5:7-16*

### Cancer Companions

through November 13 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. | [Zoom](#)

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.

### Healing Through Grief

November 13-December 18 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. | C204

## MONDAY | NOVEMBER 14

*Psalm 76; Isaiah 60:17-22; Ephesians 4:25-5:2*

### Women's Monthly Fellowship Luncheon

12:00-1:00 p.m. | Main Hall

### Pickleball at WMPC!

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

### Healing Through Grief

Mondays | November 14-December 12

6:30-8:00 p.m. | Zoom | Led by Cate Church Norman and Allen Brimer,  
Pastor of Church of Reconciliation in Chapel Hill

## TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 15

*Isaiah 66:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1*

### 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.

### Walk 'n Talk (Young Family Stroller Group)

9:30-11:00 a.m. | Carol Copeland Courtyard

### 20s+30s Tuesday Table

6:00-7:30 p.m.

God has created us for community and one of the best ways to bring people together is by gathering around the table. If you're in your 20s+30s you are invited to a Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner. Contact Anne Galliher at [agalliher@whitememorial.org](mailto:agalliher@whitememorial.org) to learn more.

## WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 16

*Isaiah 66:14-24; Matthew 23:37-24:14*

### 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.

### 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 dinner and fellowship. Register by 8:00 p.m., Sunday, November 13. [Registration required](#).

## THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 17

*Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 21:1-14; Hebrews 9:23-2*

### Advent Contemplative Retreat

Holy Mystery: Embracing Emmanuel

9:00-4:00 p.m. | WMPC Campus

### Keenagers

We will enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch at a local restaurant.

### Note in the Pocket

1:00-4:00 p.m. | 1430 Hargrove Road

Join us as we sort donated clothing which is given to children in need in the Wake County School System. Contact Ruth Landers with questions at [ruth@landers.me](mailto:ruth@landers.me)

## FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 18

*Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9*

## SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 19

*Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17*

### Walk 'n Talk (Young Family Stroller Group)

9:30-11:00 a.m. | Carol Copeland Courtyard

## SAVE THE DATES

### Parents of Littles

Sunday | November 20 | 3:30-5:00 p.m. | C200

This group brings together people in our church family who are in the thick of raising young children (preschool and under). The group meets for fellowship and conversation once a month. Gatherings take place on-campus and childcare is provided. Contact Anne Galliher at [agalliher@whitememorial.org](mailto:agalliher@whitememorial.org) for more information.

### Midweek Advent Worship

Wednesday | November 30 | 6:30-7:00 pm. | Sanctuary Chancel

We invite you to this very special midweek Advent worship service as we prepare our hands for hope.

### AARP Safe Driving Class

Thursday | December 1 | 12:30-4:30 p.m. | C200

Join us for this AARP safe driving class. Fee to be paid at the class: \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-members.

### Children's Movie Night: The Star

Friday | December 2 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | C200

Children Kindergarten-5th grade are invited. Pre-registration is required. Be sure and bring your sleeping bag! Pizza is \$5.00/person. No outside food or drink.

### Joy Gift: A WMPC Family Worship Tradition

Sunday | December 4 | 5:30 p.m.

During the Joy Gift Service, the Christmas Story will unfold through lessons and carols. Children ages four through 5th grade will come forward to the WMPC Christmas tree with ornaments that were made in Sunday School. They can place their gift of an unwrapped new toy or food for families under the tree during the offertory. Music will be led by the White Memorial Youth Choir and Youth Worship Band. Childcare is provided for children three and younger beginning at 5:15 p.m.

### Sounds on Oberlin: Carol Fest

Sunday | December 11 | 4:30-5:10 p.m. | Sanctuary

Dinner (with reservations by November 28) to follow in the Main Hall

Led by WMPC children's, youth, and adult choirs assisted by a variety of instrumentalists, attendees will join in singing dozens of treasured and new carols for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Designed to be participatory and engaging for all ages, this brief program will be followed by dinner from 5:15-6:30 p.m. in the Main Hall. Reservations are required and must be made by 5:00 p.m. on December 2.

### WMPC Women's Retreat

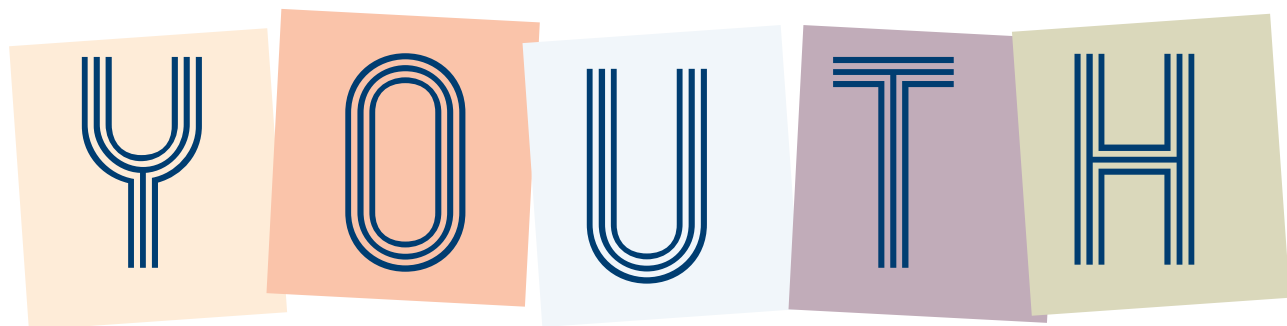
February 3-5, 2023 | Pinehurst

Registration open! [whitememorial.org/register](http://whitememorial.org/register)



WMPC YOUTH

## Support our



## Winter Fundraiser Beef Chili Sale

**Taking orders on-line through November 14, 2022**



**Pick-up:** Sunday | November 20 | 10:30 am-1:30 pm | Pickard Hall  
**Drive through pick-up:** Monday | November 21 | 5-6 pm | McDonald Lane  
**Order by:** Monday | November 14 | \$15 per quart

## WMPC Ornaments and Notecards

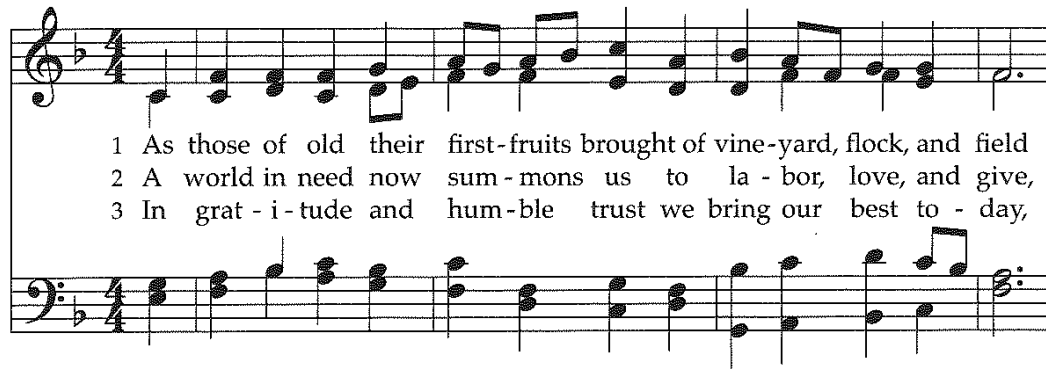
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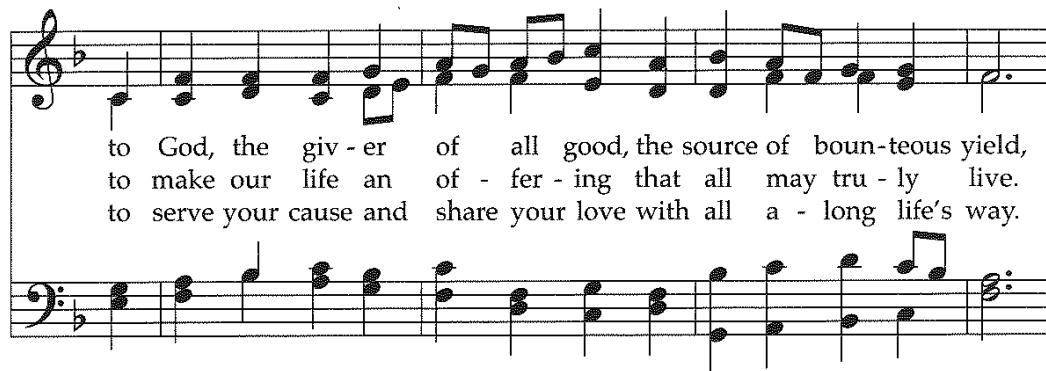
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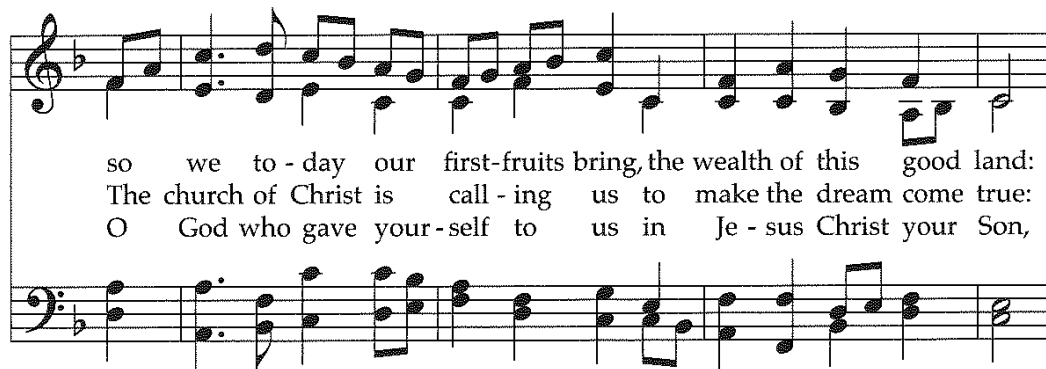
# As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712



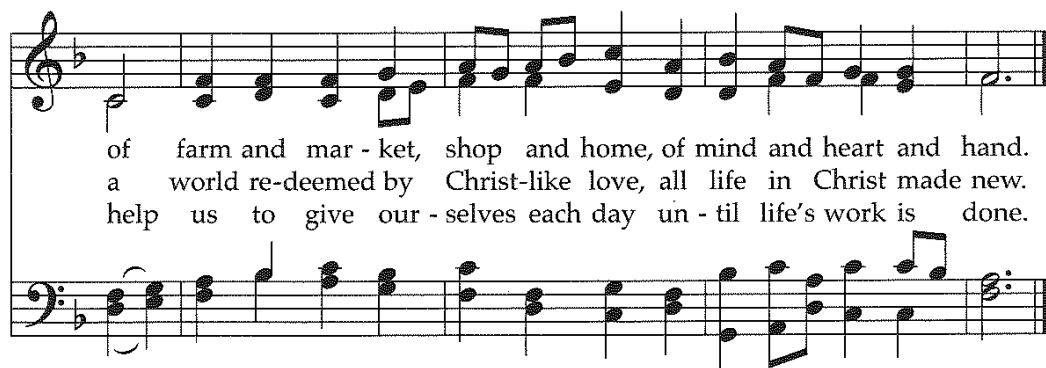
1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field  
 2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and give,  
 3 In grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to - day,



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
 to make our life an of - fer - ing that all may tru - ly live.  
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



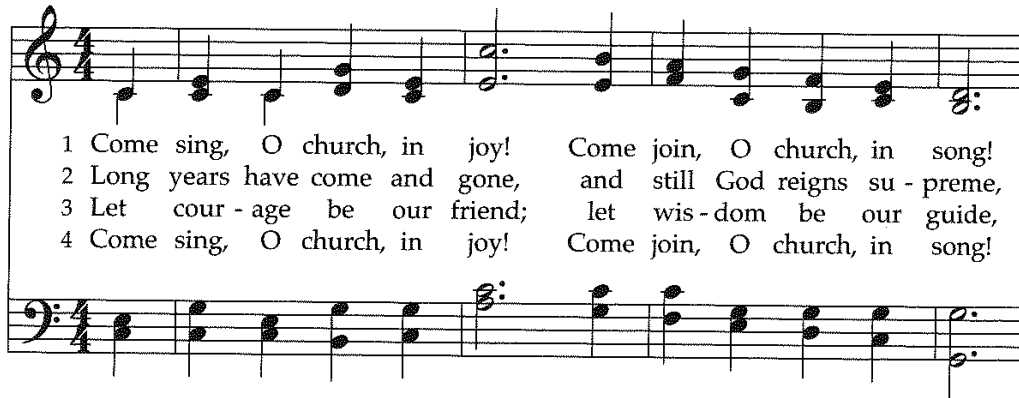
so we to - day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
 The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
 O God who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



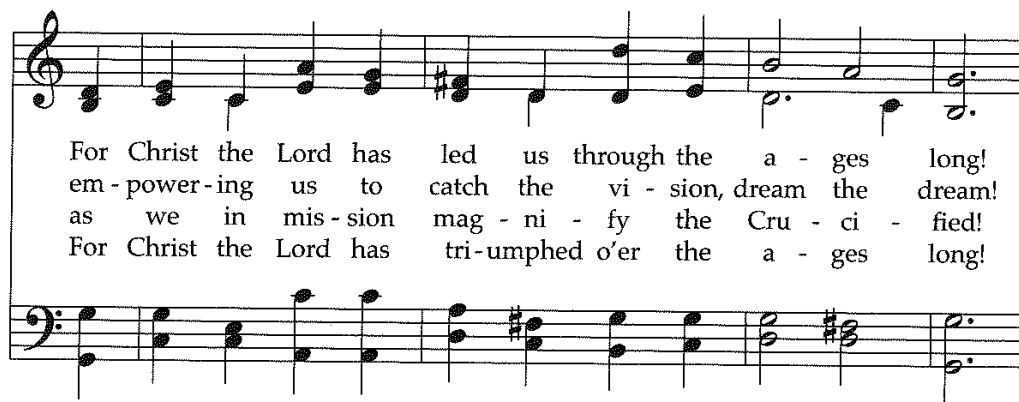
of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.  
 help us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.

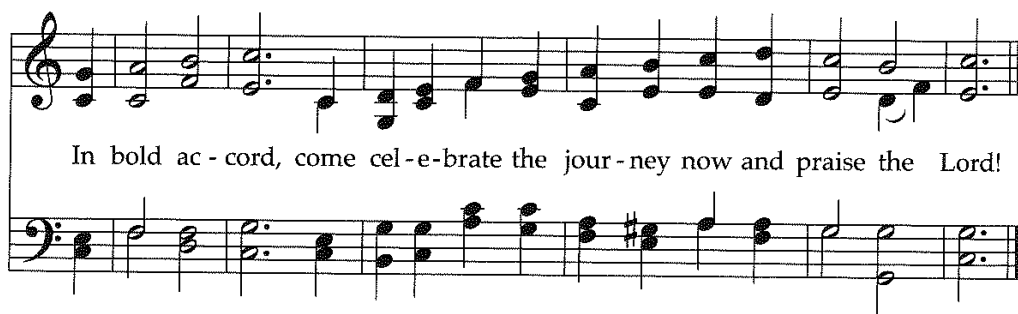
# 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,  
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,  
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

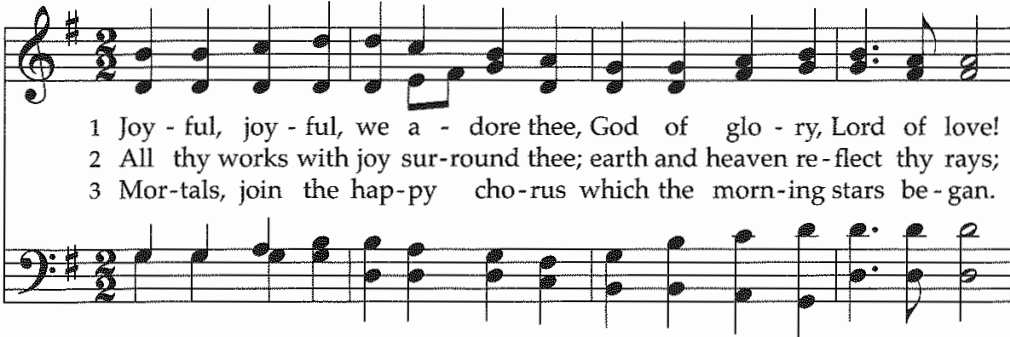


In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

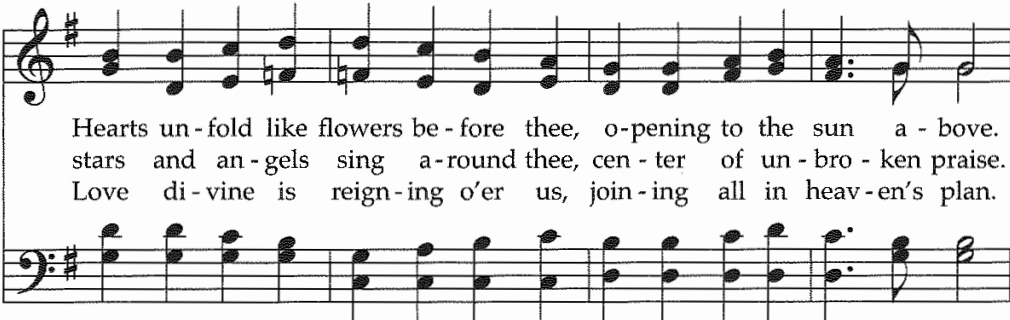
This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988-1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.



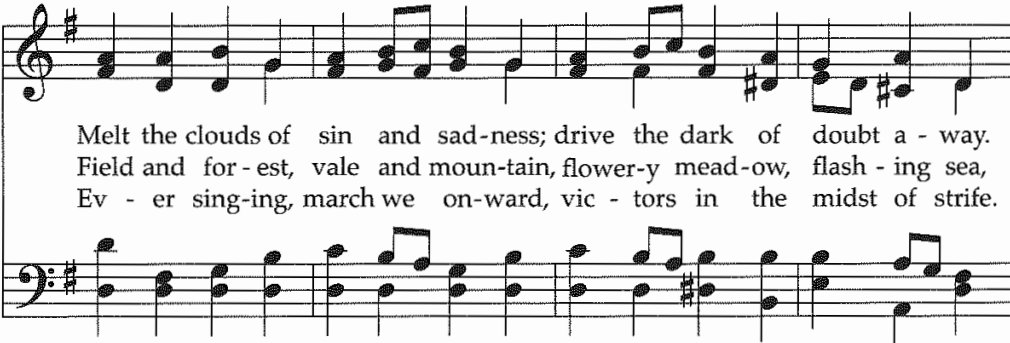
## 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;  
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY  
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