

WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

Greeting

Kirsten Homdrom

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

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending. Enable us to love you with all our hearts and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude -

(8:00) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

OnPoint Band; Eric Nanz, director

(9:30 & 11:00) *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Jim Ferry

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

(11:00) **Introit** – *Little Things*

Mark Burrows

*Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the beautiful land.
Little deeds of kindness, little words of love, make our earth an Eden like the heaven above.
And even in the winter chill or in the darkest night, a single little candle can fill the world with light.
Little deeds of kindness, little words of love, make our earth an Eden like the heaven above.*

Cherub Choir; Cindy Sharp, director

Call to Worship from Psalm 24

(11:00) Cameron Leden and Andrew Silverman

One: The earth is the Lord's -- everything on the earth and everything in the earth.

All: God alone has established the lands and the seas.

One: Let us receive blessings from the Lord; let us declare the God of salvation.

All: Let us lift up our heads and lift up our faces to behold the God of glory!

One: For God is the Lord of the table. God is the Lord of the earth. God alone is our king of glory.

***Hymn 19** – *God of Great and God of Small*

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

O Lord and God, in our far too busy lives we become numb to people and events which are truly extraordinary. God of grace and glory, hear our confession. Draw us into your arms by your Holy Spirit. Help us see the wonder and awe worthy of the extraordinary life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Make each of us a channel of Christ's peace. Forgive the very sin which numbs our faith. Give us grace to focus upon the divine love that Jesus provides. Help us remember the lessons of scripture so that we might return to you and be shaped by your amazing grace. In the name of our Savior, we make our confession. Amen.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

***Assurance of Pardon**

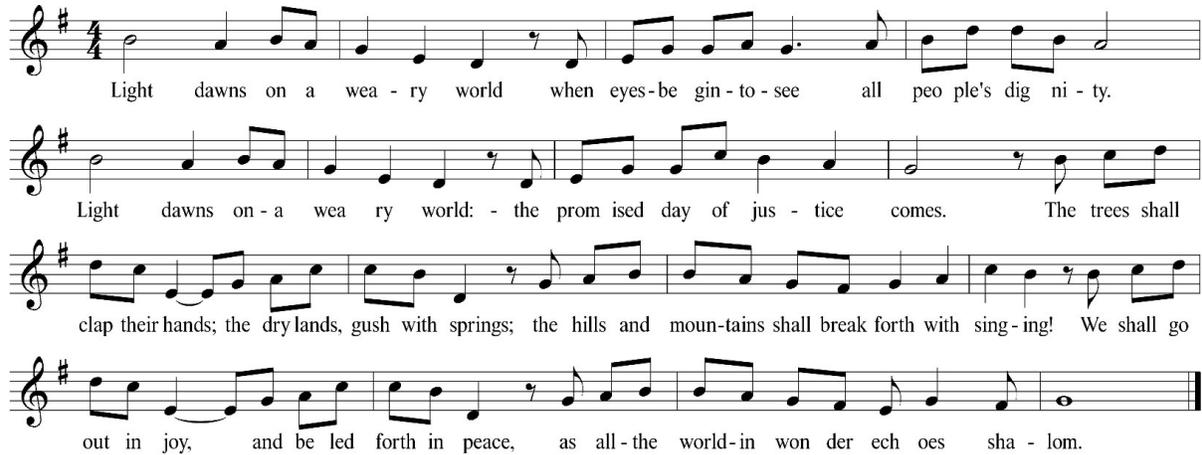
***Passing of the Peace**

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

All: And also with you.

***Response Hymn 79, verse 1**

TEMPLE OF PEACE



Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes-be gin - to - see all peo ple's dig ni - ty.
Light dawns on - a wea ry world: - the prom ised day of jus - tice comes. The trees shall
clap their hands; the drylands, gush with springs; the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing-ing! We shall go
out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all - the world-in won der ech oes sha - lom.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(9:30) **Theodore Henry Roulston**, child of Abby and Stew Roulston
Laughlin Bailey Scott, child of Reynolds and Jack Scott



Old Testament Lesson – Micah 6:1-8; pew Bible, p. 816

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 5:1-12; pew Bible, p. 4

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(11:00) **Anthem** – *Blessed Are They (The Beatitudes)*

Michael Bedford

Blessed are they who serve the Lord. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will surely be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

And blessed are the hungry and thirsty, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy will be theirs.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will surely see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God,

and blessed are they who are scorned for righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who love and serve the Lord. (Matthew 5:3-10)

Carol Choir; Lee Baker, director; Jeff Siker, accompanist

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

Following our time together, children will return to the pews for the remainder of the service.

Sermon – “*For the Beauty of the World*”

Christopher Edmonston

***Hymn 630** – *Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADERS' HYMN

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Cate Church Norman

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

Fifth Sunday Hunger Offering

Offertory

(8:00) *The Summons*

OnPoint Band

(9:30) *What Does the Lord Require?*

Eric Nelson (b. 1959)

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?

To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God. Rulers of earth, give ear!

Should you not justice know? Will God your pleading hear; while crime and cruelty grow?

Then do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God. How shall our life fulfill God's law so high?

Let Christ endue our will with grace.

WMPC Adult Choir

(11:00) *Simple Gifts*

Traditional Shaker melody

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, to turn, turn will be our delight,
till by turning, turning we come 'round right.*

Joyful Noise Choir

*Offertory Response – Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Affirmation of Faith

from the PC(USA) Study Catechism

One: What does it mean to say that Jesus Christ is the image of God?

All: Despite our turning from God, God did not turn from us, but instead sent Jesus Christ in the fullness of time to restore our broken humanity. Jesus lived completely for God, by giving himself completely for us, even to the point of dying for us. By living so completely for others, he manifested what he was — the perfect image of God. When by grace we are conformed to him through faith, our humanity is renewed according to the divine image that we lost. This is our faith and our trust.

**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
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.
- **Radio**, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: next broadcast is February 5.
- **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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn 644 – Give Thanks, O Christian People**

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

***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 – Trumpet Tune

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

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JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Dorothy “Dot” Cochrane Crocker - January 18, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Laura Taylor on the birth of her grandchild, Elizabeth “Eliza” Louise Wallis, January 20, child of Maggie and Tony Wallis, Annandale, VA.

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Today's bulletin artwork was drawn by

May Wright, a 4th grader, as an interpretation of Matthew 5:1-12.

GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2023 UPDATE

As of Wednesday, January 25, we have received 748 pledges representing \$3.664 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. Thank you for your generosity.

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Would the generous donors of the following securities
please contact Jody Grayson at 919-834-3425 x204 to claim your
2022 gifts? Truist, Marathon Oil and Elevance Health.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY | JANUARY 29

Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12

MONDAY | JANUARY 30

Psalms 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

TUESDAY | JANUARY 31

Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

Bible Study | 7:30 a.m.

[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. Hosted by Circle M.

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 1

Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26

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

This week, join us for spaghetti supper and fellowship.

On Campus Dining

Dinner service for pre-registered diners is 5:00-6:30 p.m.

To Go Meals

Pick up for pre-registered to go meals is 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Walk-ins

If you have not pre-registered, you can walk in after 6:00 p.m.

* First Wednesday spaghetti supper does not require registration but you can pre-pay on-line: whitememorial.org/register.

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 2

Psalms 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5

Keenagers

10:00 a.m.- 1 p.m. | Geneva Hall

Join us as Pete Wood discusses the process of writing and does a reading from his book.

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 3

Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18

Women's 2023 Retreat

Friday - Sunday | Pinehurst

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 4

Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8

Servant Saturday

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Join us as we prepare hygiene kits for StepUp and Healing Transitions, and make lunches and cards for the bags for Raleigh Rescue Mission. A great service opportunity for all ages!

SAVE THE DATES

Sounds on Oberlin Concert: Rush Dorsett

Sunday | February 5 | 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Songs of Love Through the Ages

Soprano Rush Dorsett guides listeners on a journey of both great classical arias as well as Broadway and contemporary songs to explore the ageless theme of love through varied lenses of culture, language, genre and time period. Each selection illuminates a piece of the common thread that unites them all. Concert is free. Please consider making a gift to support Sounds on Oberlin. Any amount is most welcome and appreciated.

whitememorial.org/sounds/

VBS: Hero Hotline

Monday | June 19 - Friday | June 23

Register Now!

Enjoy an Early Bird discount by registering through March 1! VBS is for members' children who have turned 3 by August 31, 2022 through current fifth graders. If you'd like to help with this lively week of growing in faith, please contact 2023 VBS directors Meg Groves at meggroves22@gmail.com or Carolyn McGowan at cmcgowan78@gmail.com. Questions? Contact Lynn Springfield at lspringfield@whitememorial.org. Register: whitememorial.org/register.

Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Nominations

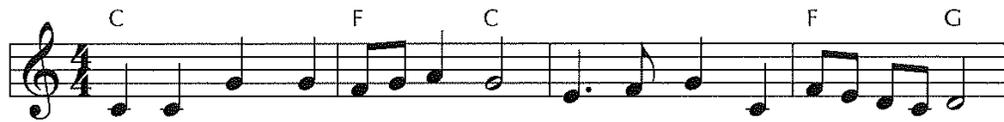
Please submit your nominations, along with your nominee's history of service and your statement of why you are nominating this person [on the form attached](#) and send the completed nomination to Faye Senter fsenter@bellsouth.net. Deadline for receipt of this nomination is February 15, 2023.



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.

REGISTRATION FOR MOST EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/REGISTER

God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

TEXT: Natalie Sleeth, 1973

MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1973; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012

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GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

7.7.7.7 with refrain

ADORATION

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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

TEXT: Münster *Gesangbuch*, 1677; stanzas 1-3, trans. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850, alt.; stanza 4, trans. Joseph August Seiss, 1873, alt.

MUSIC: Silesian folk melody; *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

CRUSADERS' HYMN
5.6.8.5.5.8

Give Thanks, O Christian People 644



1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
 2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
 3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
 4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship




who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way
 who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap - pears,
 who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:
 with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:




to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,
 to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,
 to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,
 to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,




to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.
 to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.
 to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.
 to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.



This text was written by a Presbyterian director of Christian education in Washington, DC, to honor the ministry of a colleague who was leaving the area. It is an effective reminder that God's people serve in many vocations and ministries. The tune adapts a secular German song.