

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
KICKOFF SUNDAY

September 10, 2023
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

*Gluten-free bread cubes and cups of juice will be passed in the pews.
If you prefer pre-packaged elements, please pick these up in the narthex
or Jane Bell Gathering Space prior to the service.*

** 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.

Kirsten Homdrom

Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude – *Light Within, Part I*

Jack Langdon (b. 1994)

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Lee Hunter

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

Introit – *With a Voice of Singing*

Kenneth Jennings (1925-2015)

WMPC Adult Choir

*With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this;
utter it even to the end of the earth.*

Hallelujah! The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah!

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.

Sing forth the honor of his name; make his praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Call to Worship

One: This is the day of the Lord.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad.

One: We gather to sing our songs and pray our prayers.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad.

One: Come, now is the time to worship.

All: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn 297 – *In Christ Called to Baptize*

ST. DENIO

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and others in thought, word, and deed. We often fail your law. We often reduce the power of your grace. Help us to love you and our neighbors as ourselves. You ask us for our whole selves; but we give only the minimum. Forgive our sin and call us repeatedly back to you; in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Composer's Note: *Light Within*

is a work for organ written during the Fall of 2014 while a student at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. The piece explores the ideas of transcendence and unification... It is an homage to the great transcendent force which unites all people through the miracle of life. The composition is being played in two parts today: Prelude and Postlude.

The Introit text is based on Isaiah 48:20 and Psalm 98:4. This choral setting was made by St. Olaf Choir director and professor of music, Dr. Ken Jennings who served from 1968-1990.

Give special attention to the final verse of Hymn 297: "Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you within us, around us, above. Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow." This verse is a perfect prayer with which to begin our new year of Christian Education and faith formation.

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 582, v. 1**

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)



WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 149, pew Bible p. 550

A Time With Young Disciples

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

New Testament Lesson – Romans 13: 8-14, pew Bible p. 152

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon – “Welcome Mat”

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

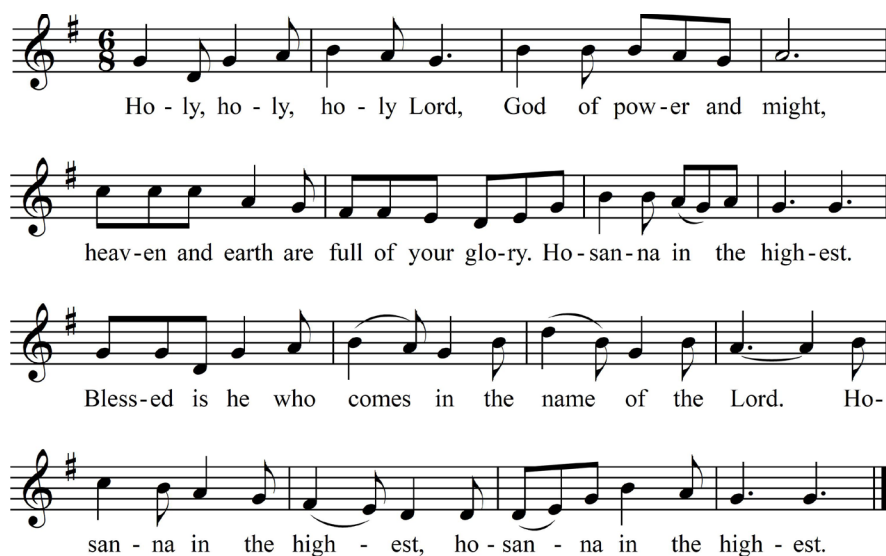
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This is one of the “Psalms of Ascent.” Listen for the line: “For the Lord takes pleasure in his people – God adorns the humble with victory.” Luther called the Psalms a “gospel in miniature” which is a good reminder of the beauty, wisdom, and wonder of the Psalms.

How are we making our lives and our witness “a welcome mat to others”? How do we make space in our lives for other people: to offer them hospitality, grace, and love?

One: Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:



One: Great is the mystery of faith.



Words of Institution

Serving of Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion 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

Offertory – *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

John Ferguson (b. 1941)

WMPC Adult Choir

*Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping, some are laughing, some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.*

*Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear.
Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt, their fear.
Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.*

*Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways,
but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited north and south and east and west
to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.*

*Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it – truth and manna from above! -
and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.*

text by Tom Troeger

In the Presbyterian Church, we have an open table. Meaning that all, no matter their history or denomination, are welcome in our service of communion, or the Lord's Supper. All who are baptized and who trust in God's love and Jesus Christ are welcome to share in the bread and cup with us.

The Offertory anthem is the third piece today stemming from the music tradition of St. Olaf College: professor of church music, Dr. John Ferguson, made this setting of *Glory to God* Hymn 506. The hymn was introduced at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference in 2006 where Dr. Ferguson served as conference organist.

Our Affirmations of Faith are taken from the broad confessional tradition of the Presbyterian Church around the world. Today's affirmation is taken from an American source, first approved for worship in the 1970s.

**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** and 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 September 17.
- **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 three 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.

***Affirmation of Faith**

from *A Declaration of Faith, PC(USA)*

**Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.
The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history.
It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church
towards the kingdom of God - the just and loving rule over all.
It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit.
That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own.
It forms our memory and our hope.
It tells us who we are and what we are to do.
To retell it is to declare what we believe.
Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement.
His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion.
His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand.
His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness.
Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 306 – *Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

***Charge & 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 – *Light Within, Part 2*

Langdon

JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

James “Jim” Horace Hancock, Jr. - August 26, 2023

WMPC family member: wife, Linda

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Margaret Weaver and family, on the death of her father,
Pembroke Decatur Gwaltney, IV, August 24, Manteo, NC.

Lou Case and family, on the death of his brother,
R. Edward Case, August 25, Ashburn, VA.

John Townsend and family, on the death of his father,
James Moultrie Townsend, August 26.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN

Hendricks Cameron Leach, August 28,
child of Alyssa and Philips Leach

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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 | SEPTEMBER 10

Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14

Kickoff Sunday!

Lemonade on the Courtyard

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Oak City Cares

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. | Offsite | 1430 S. Wilmington St.

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 11

Psalm 121; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Peter 2:11-17

Women's Monthly Fellowship Luncheon

Monday | September 11 | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Main Hall

Join us for lunch and an overview of this year's PW Bible Study presented by Judy Yates Siker. If you're not able to make the luncheon, join us for dinner on Wednesday at 6:00 instead! Reservations required by [September 8 at noon for lunch](#) and by [September 10 for dinner](#). Don't forget, Circle meetings resume this week, too!

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 12

Exodus 12:29-42; Romans 13:1-7

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

Bible Study | 7:30 a.m.

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.

Dress for Success

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Offsite | 1812 Tilery Place, Suite 105

20s + 30s Tuesday Table

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Aaron & Anne Galliher's home

All 20s+30s are invited! Join us around the table for food, fellowship, and growing in faith. Our topic this month is holy friendship. Contact Anne (agalliher@whitememorial.org) to learn more.

Cancer Companions

6:30 - 8:00 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 Jim Ferry at jferry@whitememorial.org with questions. [Registration required.](#)

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 13

Exodus 13:1-10; Matthew 21:18-22

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 delicious shrimp scampi and fellowship.

[Register online by 11 p.m. on Sunday, September 10.](#)

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 14

Psalm 114; Exodus 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16

Flu Shots

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 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.

No appointment necessary.

Keenagers

10:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Geneva Hall

Join us to get your flu shot with Hayes-Barton Pharmacy. Contact Mariel Lee at mlee@whitememorial.org for more information.

Open Invitation Choir

7:00 - 7:45 p.m. rehearsal | S300

Have you ever wanted to sing in the choir, but just couldn't find the time? Here's an opportunity to fellowship with us and sing on Sunday, September 17 at 11:00 worship with no audition, no experience, and no commitment needed.

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 15

Exodus 14:1-18; Acts 7:9-16

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 16

Exodus 15:19-21; Matthew 6:7-15

SAVE THE DATES

Get Involved!

Sunday | September 17 | 10:30 a.m. on | Carol Copeland Courtyard

Stop by the Courtyard for donut holes and lemonade and find out how you can *Get Involved!* in the life of our church.

The Enneagram: Exploring your Enneagram Type

Wednesday | September 20 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Geneva Hall
\$20 per person

The Enneagram is a personality tool that outlines nine distinct types. By learning your type, you can use the Enneagram for spiritual growth. We hope you'll join us for a fun and insightful time together! [Register online.](#)

At the River Screening

Sunday | September 24 | 4:30 p.m. | Main Hall

Join us for a screening of the feature-length documentary *At The River*, followed by a Q&A led by filmmaker and director, Carolyn Crowder. [Admission is free, but registration is required.](#)

Flu Shots

Wednesday | September 27 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | C200

Theologian in Residence: Karen Wright Marsh

Wednesday | September 27 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Main Hall

REGISTRATION FOR MOST EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: [WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/REGISTER](https://whitememorial.org/register)



September

Sort clothes at

Clothing Closet

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 & 20

1st floor Witherspoon Building

8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Paula Williams | Rw78243@mindspring.com

Serve meals at

Shepherd's Table

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

121 W. Morgan Street

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Jan Stewart | thestewarts2614@gmail.com

Sort clothes at

Dress for Success

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

1812 Tillery Place, Suite 105

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ruth Landers | ruth@landers.me

Sort clothes at

Note in the Pocket

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

4730 Hargrove Rd.

1 - 4 p.m.

Ruth Landers | ruth@landers.me

Serve meals at

Oak City Cares

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

1430 S. Wilmington St.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Sara Joyner | sej404@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER ANY DAY!

A Place at the Table

300 W. Hargett Street

Contact volunteer@tableraleigh.org

Habitat for Humanity

Various build locations

Habitat volunteer hub:

<https://habitatwake.volunteerhub.com/vw2/>

Meals on Wheels

Sign up: <https://www.wakemow.org/volunteer>

Delivery every morning.

Contact Brandy Oliveira (volunteer coordinator)

984-683-9769

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

1924 Capitol Blvd.

Contact Kristye Brackett

Kristyebrackett@gmail.com

Register at: <https://foodbankcenc.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Wake Relief

616 Tucker Street

Weekday and weekend volunteer opportunities available.

For more information: wakerelief.org.

Contact Laura Rogers, brcactus@aol.com

or 919-605-3125

September Collection: individually packaged healthy snack items

(pretzels, peanut butter crackers, granola bars, popcorn, etc.)

Food donations always welcome!

In Christ Called to Baptize 297

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,


and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.


then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.

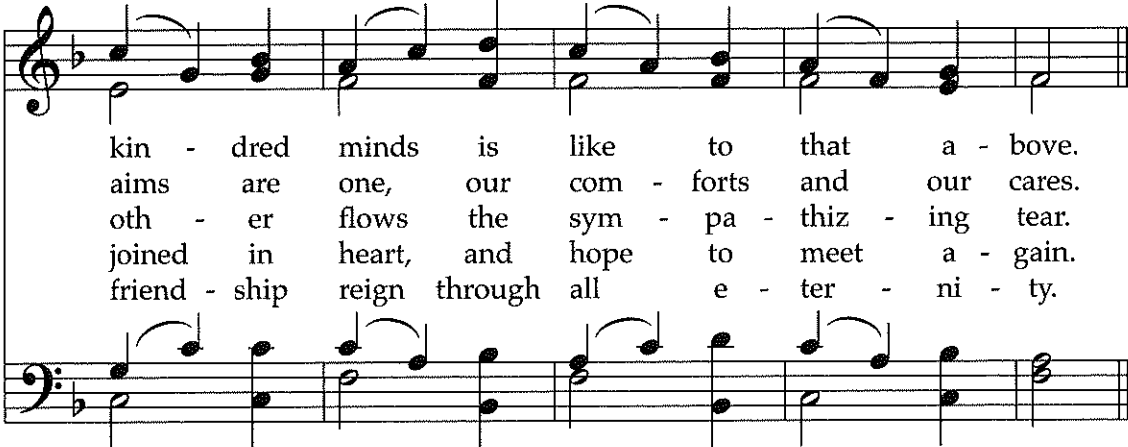
Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.