

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 22, 2023
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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.

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 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
See Hymn 377.

arr. Robert Train Adams

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Anne Galliher

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

Call to Worship

One: We light the light of grace in worship when we pray, sing, and praise.

*In the name of God who creates life,
in the name of the Savior who loves life,
in the name of the Holy Spirit who is the fire of life:*

All: Let us praise the Lord, the light of life today!

***Hymn 69 – I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

HERE I AM (Schutte)

*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.

*Assurance of Pardon

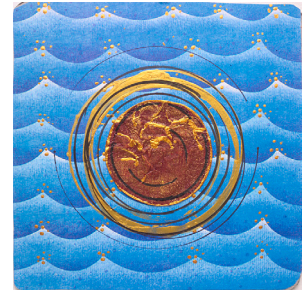
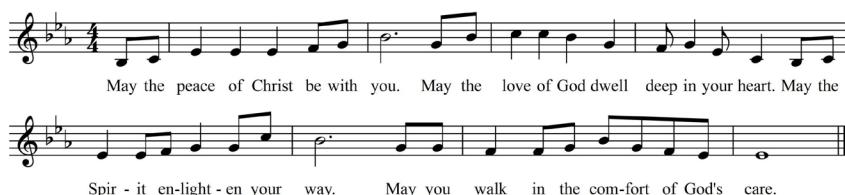
*Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also with you.

*Response Hymn

KIRISUTO NO HEIWA GA



“And it was good”

by James Fissel

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We begin with this wonderful hymn. Hymn 69 describes the covenant relationship between God and God's people. It reminds us of God's promises and our commitment to God in response to all God has done.

What would it mean for all of us to truly love “neighbors as self?” What would we need to do in order to follow Jesus into this difficult and challenging place?

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE
in the manner of Christ

Erik Routley (1917-82) was an ordained clergy in the Church of Scotland and later taught hymnology at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey until his death. This hymn text was his first; it was inspired by the riots in Oakland, California, and other American cities in the 1960's. Disciples are called to work for healing and reconciliation. There are several Bible verses referenced, as you will note in the footnote of the hymn page.

What is it which proves devotion to God and neighbor? What are the marks of devotion?

Each week we pray for the needs of our church community, the greater world, and the greater good. This prayer is an intercessory prayer, where we pray to God to intercede on behalf of the needs of the world.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 58:6-9, pew Bible p. 647

A Time With Young Disciples

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

***Hymn 351** – *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

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New Testament Lesson – James 1:19-27, pew Bible p. 215; Acts 2:17, pew Bible p. 111

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon – “*Marks of Devotion*”

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(11:00) **Kenan Grier Bryan**, child of Sydney and Byron Bryan

Anna Sackett White, child of Rebecca and William White

(9:30) Officer Ordination and Installation

ELDERS: *Karl Rectanus, Bill White

DEACONS: Cissy Livengood

*To be ordained and installed.

(9:30) Prayer of Installation and the Lord's Prayer

Genevieve Brooks

(11:00) Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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.

A Minute for Generosity

Maggie Black

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

(9:30) *The Shepherd* from *Three Songs of Innocence*

Arnold Cooke (1906 - 2005)

Jeanine Wagner, soprano; Philip Scott, clarinet; Margaret Simmons, piano

*How sweet is the shepherd's sweet lot!
From the morning to the evening he strays;
he shall follow his sheep all the day,
and his tongue shall be filled with praise.*

*For he hears the lamb's innocent call,
and he hears the ewe's tender reply;
he is watchful when they are in peace,
for they know when their shepherd is nigh.*

text by William Blake

(11:00) *Awake, Awake to Love and Work*

arr. Carlton R. Young

WMPC Adult and Open Invitation Choirs

*Awake, awake to love and work, the lark is in the sky,
the fields are wet with diamond dew, the world's awake to cry
their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by.*

*Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
see how the giant sun soars up, great Lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze:*

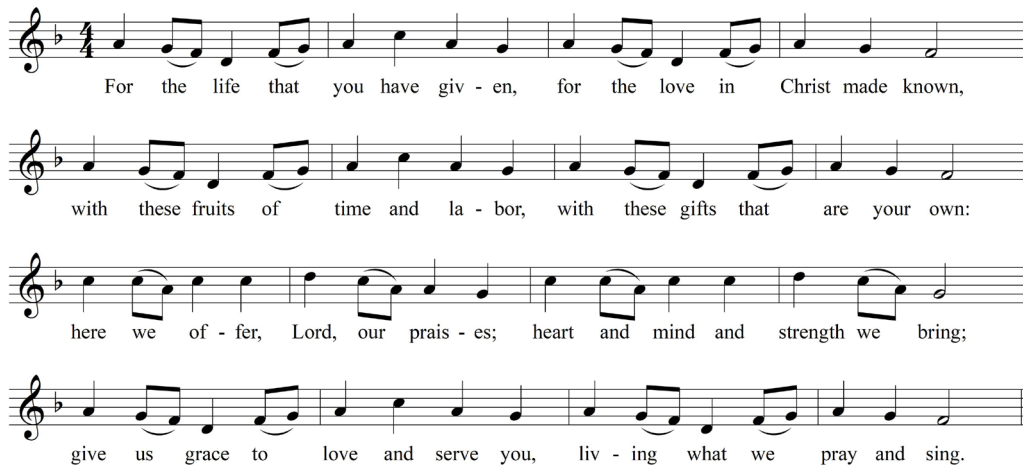
*to give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;
to spend thyself nor count the cost, to serve right gloriously
the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.*



“Trefoil and Triquetra”
by Elizabeth Steele Halstead
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***Offertory Response Hymn 717**

PLEADING SAVIOR



***Affirmation of Faith**

from *The Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn 727 – Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

THE SERVANT SONG

***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 – SLANE

arr. Charles Callahan

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in honor of Nancy Thompson in celebration of her birthday by her children Nancy Heathcote, Elizabeth Robertson and Sanford Thompson

Hymn 727 is a more modern hymn about the call to serve those around us. With its wonderful melody, it is a capstone to our worship this Sunday where we remember our collective commitment to help those around us to live lives of service and celebration.

**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 October 29.
- **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.



As of Wednesday, October 18, we have received 306 pledges representing \$1.7 million towards our goal of \$4.3 million/1,000 pledging households. If you would like to make a pledge, please scan the QR code above. Thank you for your generosity.

This week, join the Community Allocations Committee tours of:

FIGS

Tuesday, October 24

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Judy McConnell | j.mcconnell2115@gmail.com

Community Music School

Tuesday, October 24

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Emil Runge | emilrunge@gmail.com

YMCA

Wednesday, October 25

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Emil Runge | emilrunge@gmail.com

Triangle Pastoral

Wednesday, October 25

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Judy McConnell | j.mcconnell2115@gmail.com

Porch

Wednesday, October 25

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Julie Nau | julienau1948@gmail.com

Interact

Thursday, October 26

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Celia Poole | celiapoole@aol.com

SouthLight

Thursday, October 26

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Julie Nau | julienau1948@gmail.com

You can find a full listing of the 45 agencies we will visit over the next three months on our website.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 22

Isaiah 58:6-9; James 1:19-27; Acts 2:17

MONDAY | OCTOBER 23

Psalms 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

Red Cross Blood Drive

2:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Be the lifeline patients need and sign up today!

redcrossblood.org - use sponsor code WMPC.

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 24

Numbers 12:1-9; Revelation 18:21-24

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.

Cancer Companions

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Zoom

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 25

Numbers 13:1-2, 17-14:9; Matthew 17:22-27

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

Trunk or Treat

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | McDonald Lane

Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, costumes and lots of candy!

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 26

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16

Keenagers

10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall

Join us as Joseph DeMuro speaks about Emmaus House.

Questions? Contact Marielee.

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 27

Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 28

Deuteronomy 32:44-47; John 5:39-47

Historic Oberlin Cemetery Cleanup

9:00 a.m. - noon | 1014 Oberlin Road

Tools helpful to bring with you are clippers, pruners, wheelbarrows, tarps. Light refreshments and water are provided.

Contact Cam Lewis for more information at

clewis153@nc.rr.com.

Habitat for Humanity Home Preservation

8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | 3120 Edgemont Rd, Wendell

Habitat Wake's Home Preservation Program works with homeowners in our Neighborhood Revitalization communities to complete projects with homeowners who are physically unable or cannot afford to complete the work on their home. Please join us as we help this homeowner with exterior house painting and some siding repair. Sign up at vhub.at/whitememorial.

SAVE THE DATES

Servant Saturday

Saturday | November 4 | 9:00 a.m. - noon | Pickard Hall

Kindergarten - 5th Grade Skating Party

Saturday | November 4 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. |

2901 Trawick Rd. | \$9.50 per person

Evensong

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

Come to remember, give thanks, find comfort and discover hope. This is a meaningful worship service for anyone who has had a loved one die in the past year or in years past.

Retirement and Aging

Monday | November 6 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. | C200

Art Ross and Landy Anderton will lead a discussion about retirement and aging. Please join us to hear their thoughts, ask questions and discuss this significant decision and phase of life.

Caregivers' Coffee

Wednesday | November 8 | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. | The Hub

November is National Family Caregivers Month. Join us for coffee and connection in recognition and honor of your role as a caregiver.

Women of the Divan Luncheon: Food & Culture with Fellowship

Sunday | November 12 | 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Join us as we fellowship with the women of the Divan Center for lunch. Childcare provided. Registration is required. For more information, contact Judy McConnell at j.mcconnell2115@gmail.com.

Enneagram Workshop: A Deeper Dive

Sunday | November 12 | 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Registration required

Join George and Anne Ramsay for a deeper dive into the Enneagram. We'll explore how your type navigates stress and can experience growth. All are welcome to join us, just make sure you have taken the Enneagram test (enneagraminstitute.com/rheti) and have discovered your type. Come see how the Enneagram can be a tool for personal growth and spiritual transformation. Workshop is \$20. Registration is required.

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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

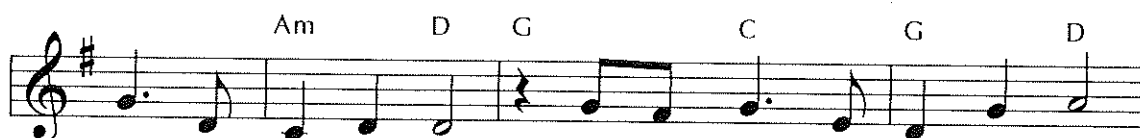
Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you




lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

All Who Love and Serve Your City 351

C G C Em F Em



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the

Am Dm7 G Em Am



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our

Em Am Dm C G G7 C



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

TEXT: Erik Routley, 1966

MUSIC: *The United States Sacred Harmony*, 1799; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).