

SERVICE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 2024 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

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. So guide us, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude – *Adagio* from Enigma Variations

Edward Elgar (1857-1934) arr. Kenneth Jennings

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Christopher Edmonston

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

(11:00) **Introit** – *I will lift my eyes to the hills* (excerpt)

WMPC Adult Choir

I will lift my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord! So I'll walk in the light of the path set before me, for I know your love will show me the way.

Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 22

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

All: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

One: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

All: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

One: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 310 – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

Tony Alonso

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

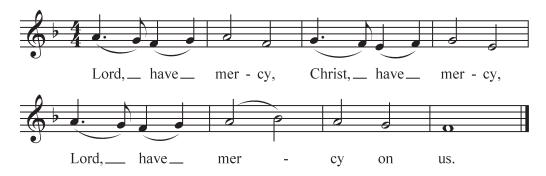
Merciful God, how inconsistent we are; we sin against you without knowing it. Save us from willfully ignoring your way and encourage us to let your commandments rule and guide us. We find ourselves worshiping earthly items, thoughts, and rituals instead of worshiping you, the one true God. We use your divine name in ways that turn others away from you. Forgive us and keep us faithful. While we misuse your creation, harm one another in word and deed, and do not hesitate to speak ill of neighbors, you call us to love. Forgive us and encourage us to love one another as you love us. In Christ's name, 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.



WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(9:30) **Eleanor Crawford Depew**, child of Anna Lawrence and Chauncey Depew **Townes Lilly McCurry**, child of Ashley and Robert McCurry

(11:00) Harrison Dorton Cozart Jr., child of Elizabeth and Harrison Cozart Richard Hill Pinto, child of Dee and Andrew Pinto

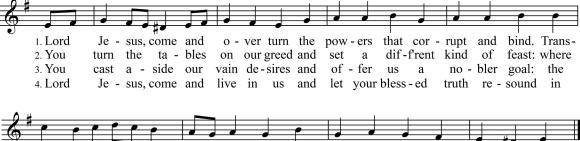
Old Testament Lesson – Exodus 20:1-17, pew Bible p. 63

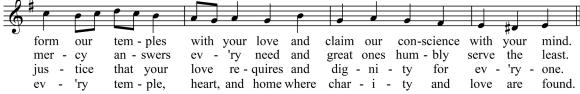
(11:00) A Time With Young Disciples

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

*Hymn – Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn; text by David Gambrell

ERHALT UNS HERR





New Testament Lesson – John 2:13-22, pew Bible p. 87

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon – "Dwelling Among Us"

Chip Pope

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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.

Grier Booker Richards

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

(9:30) Recitative and Duet from Messiah

George Frederich Handel (1685-1759)

Kelly Gold and Tim Sparks

Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. (1 Cor. 15: 54-57)

(11:00) Sicut cervus

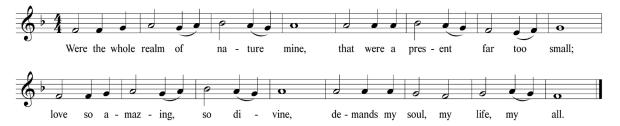
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

WMPC Adult Choir

Sung in Latin; English translation: *As a hart longs for the flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.* (Psalm 42:1)

*Offertory Response Hymn 223, stanza 4

HAMBURG



*Affirmation of Faith

adapted from The Confession of 1967

The Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation among humankind. The Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community where we know that God loves and accepts us despite who we are. We, therefore, can accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand except God's grace. The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guide us in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips us for our ministries.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 740 – Lead Me, Guide Me

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

*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 – Postlude on ERHALT UNS, HERR

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

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
- Loop hearing aid system and an FM system available in the Sanctuary.
- Live-streamed services are at whitememorial.org.
- 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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MARTHA STEVENSON, Educator Emerita

KARL ZINSMEISTER, Director of Music

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.

JOYS & CONCERNS PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Hazel Pearson and family, on the death of her sister, Frances Johnson White, February 20, Tupelo, MS

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Judy and Tim Blount on the birth of their grandchild, Robert Douglas Blount, February 20, child of Selby and Josh Blount, Littleton, CO

Music in today's service presented with permission under Podcast/Streaming License with One License #714069.



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 | MARCH 3

Exodus 20:1-17: John 2:13-22

Sounds on Oberlin: NU-BLU

3:00 p.m. | Main Hall

Get ready for an afternoon of music from chart-topping bluegrass band Nu-Blu! With a sound that acknowledges the traditional institutions that have shaped it, Nu-Blu brings a fresh sparkle to contemporary acoustic music. Admission is free.

MONDAY | MARCH 4

Psalm 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

TUESDAY | MARCH 5

2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19; Hebrews 9:23-28

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 a hot breakfast, fellowship, study, and prayer.

Outreach Knitting Group

9:30 - 8:00 a.m. | R400

Oncology Yoga

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | C200

Caregiver's Coffee

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | The Hub

Please come for coffee, conversation, and connection with other family caregivers.

Cancer Companions

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

For more information, contact Parish Associate <u>Jim Ferry</u> or <u>Amanda Kidd.</u>

WEDNESDAY IMARCH 6

Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19

Shepherd's Table

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Offsite | 121 W. Morgan St.

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 fellowship and a delicious spaghetti supper! <u>Register</u> by 11:00 p.m. Sunday, March 3.

Baptism and Belonging

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | K200

Baptism and Belonging is a workshop for parents of children under three who would like to present their children for Baptism. Expectant parents are also invited to attend. Dinner and childcare are provided. Registration is required.

THURSDAY | MARCH 7

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 1:3-613

Keenagers

10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall

This week, Claire Cox-Woodlief shares perspectives on the second half of life. Questions? Contact Mariel Lee.

Lenten Lunch and Worship

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. - lunch

12:30 - 1:00 p.m. - worship | Main Hall + Lenten Thursday Live (Facebook Live)

Register for lunch.

FRIDAY | MARCH 8

Daniel 12:5-13; Ephesians 1:7-14

SATURDAY | MARCH 9

Numbers 20:22-29; John 3:1-13

SAVE THE DATES

Children's Musical: Five Loaves & Two Fishes

Wednesday | March 13 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary + Livestream

Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday | March 16 | 9:00 a.m. | Main Hall + Tatton Hall Join us for a morning of Easter fun! Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. Registration is required to take part in breakfast; the cost is \$5. Afterwards, we will enjoy music and story time from 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. The Easter Egg Hunt begins offsite at Tatton Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday | March 17 | Sanctuary | After 11:00 a.m. service

The purposes of the meeting are: the election of new church officers, the election of the nominating committee, the approval of pastors' terms of call, and the presentation of the 2023 Annual Report.

Depression & Doubt: A Lenten Book Study

Monday | March 18 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Zoom

Join Associate Pastor Anne Galliher and the WMPC Mental Health & Wellness Ministry for a discussion of *Companions in the Darkness: Seven Saints Who Struggled with Depression and Doubt* by Diana Gruver. Register to receive the Zoom link.

Friends of Poland

Wednesday | March 20 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

Join our partners Wojciech Szerba and Marek Kucharski for dinner. Make your reservation for the Wednesday Together Dinner then join us in Geneva Hall for dining. An information presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Kathy Kidd or David Rosar.



Assemble hygiene kits and snack bags at

Servant Saturday SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Pickard Hall
10:00 a.m.
Debbie Fox | debfox@bellsouth.net
All ages welcome!

Serve meals at

Shepherd's Table WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

121 W. Morgan St. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |an Stewart | thestewarts2614@gmail.com

Assist with Poverty Simulation for

StepUp Ministry FRIDAY, MARCH 8

White Memorial Campus 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Dayna Jameson | djameson@stepupministry.org

Sort clothes at

Dress for Success TUESDAY, MARCH 19

1812 Tillery Place, Suite 105 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Ruth Landers | ruth@landers.me

Sort clothes at

Note in the Pocket THURSDAY, MARCH 21

4730 Hargrove Rd.

I - 4 p.m.

Register at bit.ly/wmpc-note-in-the-pocket
Ruth Landers | ruth@landers.me



Volunteer anytime

Greet families and visitors at

SAFEchild Advocacy Center

2841 Kidd Road

Apply: safechildnc.org/volunteer-reg-form Contact: Holly Cook | HCook@safechildnc.org 919-232-5697

Pack meals, mentor, and assist at events at

Raleigh Rescue Mission

Apply: https://www.raleighrescue.org/ways-to-give/volunteer/
Contact: Julie Nau | julienau | 948@gmail.com

Greet, organize, and prepare groceries at

Urban Ministries

Apply: https://urbanmin.org/get-involved/volunteer/ Contact Julie Nau | julienau | 948@gmail.com

Package food bags at

Wake Relief

616 Tucker Street
Info: wakerelief.org.
Contact: Laura Rogers | brcactus@aol.com | 919-605-3125



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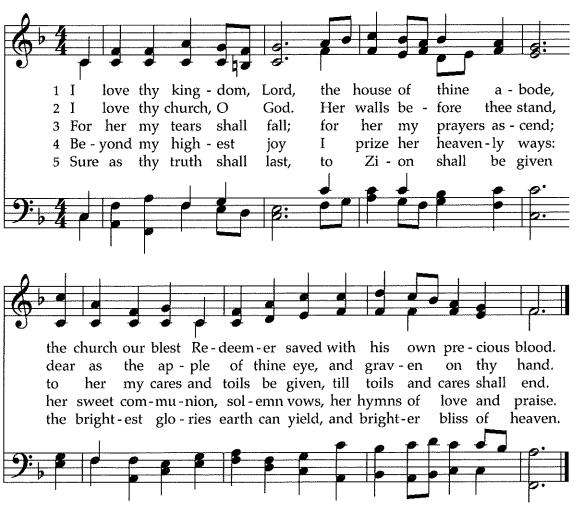
whitememorial.org/get-involved

for more information on outreach opportunities!

March Collections: Easter baskets

Return Easter baskets to the Ross lobby by March 3. Presbyterian Women will wrap the baskets following the women's luncheon on March 11.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310



One of the oldest American hymn texts in continuous use, this paraphrase of Psalm 137 was created by a president of Yale University while compiling a popular revision of Watts's *Psalms of David*. The arranger of the tune was the clerk of a Presbyterian church in London.

TEXT: Timothy Dwight, 1800 MUSIC: The Universal Psalmodist, 1763; adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770 ST. THOMAS



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.