

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

March 10, 2024
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

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.*

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

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 – Song of Peace

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Jim Ferry

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

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 107

One: Give thanks for the Lord's goodness; God's love is steadfast and forever.

**All: God has gathered us from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south, and has rescued us from trouble.**

One: When we wandered as if in the desert, hungry and thirsty for God,

All: God heard our cries, revived our fainting souls, and led us home.

One: Give thanks for God's steadfast love, for the wonderful things God has done and is doing!

**All: God's grace satisfies the hunger in our hearts
and fills us with compassion, hope, and peace. Let us worship and praise God.**

*Hymn 286 – Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of love, forgive us for the ways we don't always get theology right; and in the name of religion, sometimes do more harm than good. Help us to expand our ideas about what might be possible, in and through you, and to not get stuck thinking that we need to have all of the answers all of the time. Remind us, as often as we need to hear it, that it was you who created us; that it was you who loved first; and that it was you who came to be with and for us, that we might understand how to be with and for others. Rescue us from unproductive overthinking; and instead, rekindle a tenderness in our uncertain hearts that they might beat in steady time with you. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

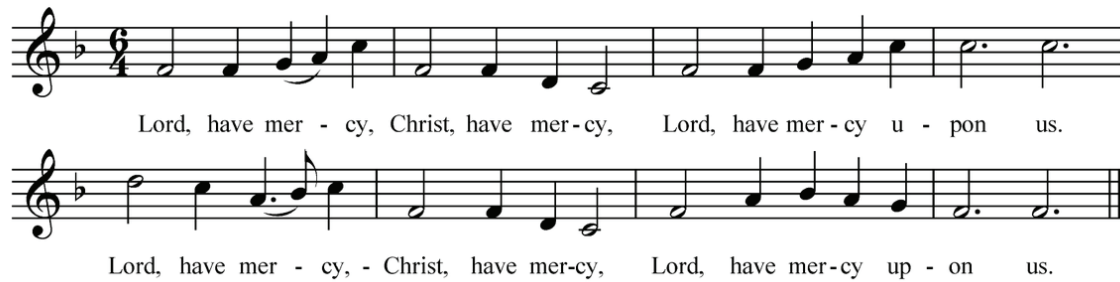
***Passing of the Peace**

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

All: And also with you.

***Response Hymn 551 – Lord, Have Mercy**

LAND OF REST



WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

First Lesson – John 3:1-13, pew Bible p. 88

(11:00) A Time With Young Disciples

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

Second Lesson – John 3:14-21, pew Bible p. 88

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon – “Endarkenment”

Grier Booker Richards

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.

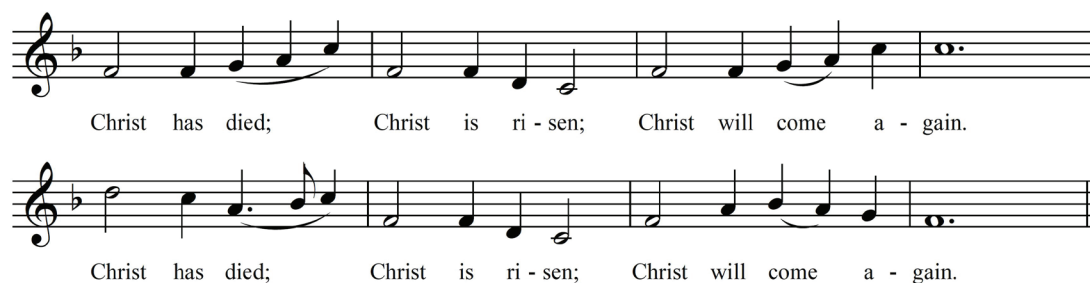
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: ... Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:



One: Great is the mystery of faith.



Words of Institution

Serving of Bread and Cup

(11:00) **Music During Distribution** – *Ave Verum Corpus*

William Byrd (1543-1623)

WMPC Adult Choir

Sung in Latin; English translation:

*Hail true body, born of the virgin Mary, who truly suffered and was sacrificed on the cross for humankind,
from whose pierced side water flowed, and blood. Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death:
O sweet! O merciful! O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.*

Prayers After Communion and the Lord's Prayer

Lee Hunter

**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

(9:30) *O Lamb of God*

F. Melius Christiansen, arr. G. Winston Cassler

(11:00) *My Soul Thirsteth for God*

Max Janowski (1912-1991)

WMPC Adult Choir; Kelly Gold and Rob Jeffers, soloists

*My soul thirsteth for the living God; When shall I come up and appear before God?
My tears have been my meat day and night while they continually say to me
Where is thy God? When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me
Why art thou cast down my soul and why disquieted in me?
Hope in God, for I shall yet praise him who is the health of my countenance and my God.*

**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:

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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 Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn 215 – What Wondrous Love is This**

WONDROUS LOVE

***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 – O Lamb of God, from Leipzig Chorales

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Elizabeth Dodge and family, on the death of her mother,
Mary Frances Carrington, February 21

Russell Babb and family, on the death of his mother,
Phyllis Loadholt Babb, February 29

David Sloop and family, on the death of his father,
Robert Felts Sloop, March 3, Wilson, NC

MARRIAGES

Taylor Tharrington Newcomb and Andrew Blayne Easterling,
March 2, daughter of Carol and Robbo Newcomb

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Alden Edward Wall, February 27, child of Katie and Josh Wall,
grandchild of Cathy and Bert Wall

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY | MARCH 10

John 3:1-21

MONDAY | MARCH 11

Psalms 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27; Hebrews 3:1-6

Women's Monthly Fellowship Luncheon

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

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

TUESDAY | MARCH 12

Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

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.

Oncology Yoga

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

Cancer Companions

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

For more information, contact Parish Associate [Jim Ferry](#) or [Amanda Kidd](#).

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 13

Isaiah 60:15-22; John 8:12-20

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 dinner of chicken carbonara bowties!

[Register by 11:00 p.m. Sunday, March 10.](#)

Children's Lenten Musical: Five Loaves & Two Fishes

6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary + Livestream

THURSDAY | MARCH 14

Psalms 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18; Hebrews 4:1-13

Keenagers

10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall

This week, Natalie Tennant will discuss Meals on Wheels.

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 15

Exodus 30:1-10; Hebrews 4:14-5:4

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

SATURDAY | MARCH 16

Habakkuk 3:2-13; John 12:1-11

Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

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.

SAVE THE DATES

Easter Memorial Flowers

Form due by Friday, March 15

Contributions to support flowers and chancel displays in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family member, friend, or member of the church are welcomed throughout the year. We are currently encouraging donations to help with the cost of Lent and Easter flowers and greenery. Contributions can be for any amount: suggested gift of \$35 or more. All those memorialized or honored will be listed in the bulletin insert on Palm Sunday, March 24 and Easter, March 31. Fill out the form on our website by Friday, March 15 to make a donation.

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

Pastor Anne Galliher and the WMPC Mental Health & Wellness Ministry lead 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](#).

Caregivers' Coffee

Thursday | March 21 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | The Hub

Caring for a loved one with physical, developmental, mental health or aging-related challenges can feel like a lonely experience. Come for coffee, conversation, and connection with other family caregivers.

ARE YOU WISHING YOU COULD SERVE THE WMPC COMMUNITY IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE EXTENSIVE TRAINING, CLASSES, OR WEEKLY TIME COMMITMENT?

You may be surprised that there are opportunities to do just that, and get an indescribable feeling of connection, contribution and appreciation for your service:

SUNDAY USHER'S GUILD

Three options to serve each Sunday. We have a 9:30 and an 11:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary and require four ushers for each service, as well as a 10:45 Worship Service in the Main Hall, requiring two ushers. An email is sent to all members of the Usher's Guild weekly for sign-up based on YOUR upcoming availability and desire to serve. You can even look ahead and sign up a couple of weeks in advance if you know your schedule. We would love to have you join the Guild.

____ Yes, please contact me about joining the **SUNDAY USHER'S GUILD**.

WTR USHER'S GUILD

Ushering during a Witness To The Resurrection is one of the most special ways to honor and serve the family and our WMPC community. We never know when we will be called to serve, and we pray that it is a seldom event here at WMPC, but we are honored to be here for our member families. As with the Sunday Usher's Guild, signing up to serve a WTR is done through an email request, as needed, to the members of the WTR Guild and again you would have the ability to serve if your schedule allows. This is typically a two-hour commitment.

____ Yes, please contact me about joining the **WTR USHER'S GUILD**.

SPECIAL EVENTS USHERS

WMPC Sunday Usher's Guild is not responsible for staffing seasonal Services on the Church calendar, such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Thanksgiving, Christmas and other times outside of the Sunday Worship schedule. Additionally, several times a year, WMPC is host to Sounds on Oberlin as well as other events. Creating a separate Ushers Guild is in the making for these events and will likely be handled in the same fashion via email sign-up requests based on your upcoming availability. This is a great way for individuals, couples and families to join in service to our WMPC Community. Help us to build this team.

____ Yes, please contact me about joining the **SEASONAL/SPECIAL EVENTS USHER'S GUILD**.

If you wish to be contacted, please return this form to an usher as you exit or place on the pew for us to collect.

Your Name: _____

Email: _____

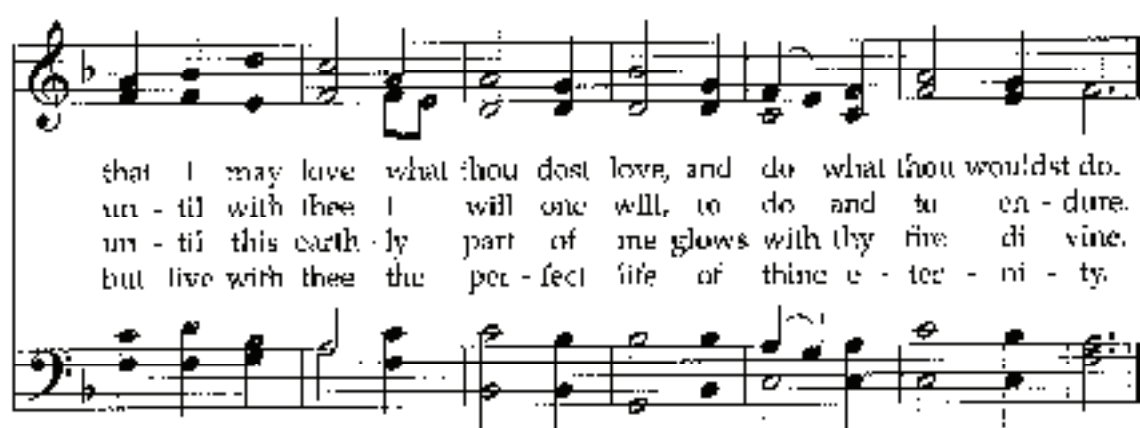
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Thank You,
White Memorial Worship Committee

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



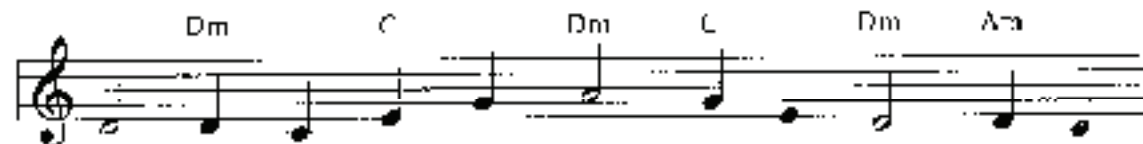
1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die.



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can actually well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

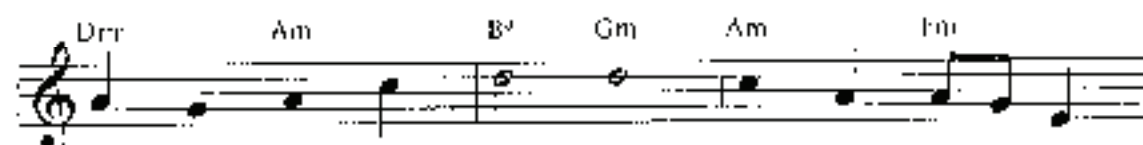
What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 crown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM. while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its lullaby-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central participative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."