

# WHITE MEMORIAL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE EIGHTH  
SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 3, 2025  
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

*For centuries, bells have been used to summon people to gather for worship. They center our focus toward the act of corporate reading, prayer, and song. The bells ringing today are a call to open our hearts and minds to the movement of the Holy Spirit.*

#### Preparation for Worship

*Almighty God, you have taught us through Christ that love fulfills the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength, and may we love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

#### Prelude – Great is Thy Faithfulness

Alan Davis, organ

arr. Dan Miller (b. 1954)

#### Christian Welcome and Announcements

Lee Hunter

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

#### Call to Worship

*One: We gather under words that instruct us:*

**All: Love the Lord, your God. Honor no other gods but this one.**

**Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.**

*One: We gather under words that challenge us:*

**All: Welcome the stranger. Love your enemy.**

**Pray for those who persecute you.**

*One: We gather under words that encourage us:*

**All: Peace, be still. Do not be afraid. I will give you rest.**

*One: We gather now to listen, sing, and respond.*

**All: We gather here to be transformed.**

#### \*Hymn – Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REPTON

*(See insert for words and melody)*

#### \*Call to Confession

##### \*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we lose our way so often. Lost in ourselves, we lose sight of what is enough, what satisfies, and what is to be shared. Lost in our days, we remain future-focused—moving relentlessly from one task to the next—neglecting the fruits of the Spirit. Lost in our fear, we build walls to guard our hearts from pain, prohibiting love and healing from breaking through. Lost in our overwhelm, we direct our frustration and impatience at others, making matters worse—instead of sharing our burdens together. Merciful God, we are lost. Find us now, we pray.**

*(Take a moment for silent confession) Amen.*

##### \*Assurance of Pardon

##### \*Passing of the Peace

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

**All: And also with you.**

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

*in the manner of Christ*

**\*Response Hymn 583 - Glory to God**

GLORIA



**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Old Testament Reading** – Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23, pew Bible p. 580

**(9:30) A Time With Young Disciples**

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

**(11:00) Reading** – Psalm 49:1-12, pew Bible p. 491

**\*Hymn 716 – God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

BEACH SPRING

**New Testament Reading** – Luke 12:13-21, pew Bible p. 70

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** – *Me, Myself, and I*

Grier Booker Richards

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Dane Radigan

**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**

**9:30 Offertory** – *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Traditional spiritual  
arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Rhonda Bond, soprano; Alan Davis, piano

*He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got all the power in His hands. He's got you and me, brother, in His hands. He's got you and me, sister, in His hands. He's got the little bitty baby in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got father and mother in His hands. He's got the stars and the moon right in His hands. He's got everybody in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.*

**11:00 Offertory** – *Who At My Door is Standing*

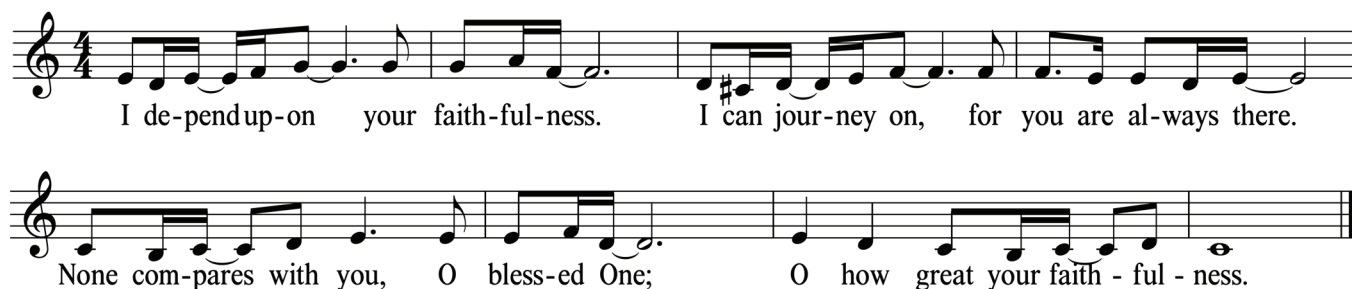
arr. K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Adult Choir; Alan Davis, piano

*Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near, Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear? Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me! If Thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee." Within, the rooms are darkened, all filled with dust and sin; How shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in. Yet, the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee." Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide. Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide. Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!" Lord God, I hear thee calling, come now, abide with me. Dear Lord, abide with me!*

**\*Offertory Response Hymn 831 – I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness**

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**Affirmation of Faith**

From the *Confession of Belhar*

**We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;**

*Luke 6:20-26*

**that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;**

*Micah 6:8*

**that the church, as the possession of God, must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;**

*Psalm 82:1-5*

**And that in following Christ, the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.**

*Leviticus 19:15*

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn 719 – Come, Labor On**

ORA LABORA

**\*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 – Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals**

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Alan Davis, organ

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**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO:**

**Kathy Gurganious** and family on the death of her mother, Anne McChesney, July 26, Cary, NC

**Susan Bowers** and family on the death of her mother, Sue Murray, July 27



[Scan or click here to submit a prayer request.](#)

## WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

We are glad you are worshipping 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](http://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** will resume September 7, 2025.
- **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](http://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.

### 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.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY | AUGUST 3

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Luke 12:13-21*

### MONDAY | AUGUST 4

*Psalms 60; Hosea 11:12-12:14; Colossians 3:18-4:1*

#### Pickleball at WMPC!

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

### TUESDAY | AUGUST 5

*Psalms 60; Hosea 13:1-16; Colossians 4:2-6*

#### Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Breakfast | 7:00 a.m. | Geneva 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.

### WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 6

*Psalms 60; Hosea 14:1-9; Luke 12:22-31*

#### Pickleball at WMPC!

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

#### Summer Meals To Go Pickup

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | Kitchen

### THURSDAY | AUGUST 7

*Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 9:8-17; Romans 9:1-9*

#### Summer Meals To Go Pickup

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | Kitchen

### FRIDAY | AUGUST 8

*Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 9:18-10:4; Acts 7:1-8*

#### Pickleball at WMPC!

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

### SATURDAY | AUGUST 9

*Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 1:2-9, 21-23; Matthew 6:19-24*

#### Habitat for Humanity: Sign a Door in Honor of President Jimmy Carter

July 29 - August 12 | The Hub

Habitat for Humanity delivered a door to our campus on July 29. Help us celebrate President Jimmy Carter's legacy by decorating this door with messages of inspiration and gratitude.

#### Baptism & Belonging

Sunday | August 3 | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. | R400

Baptism and Belonging is a workshop for parents of children under three who would like to present their children for Baptism. Register: [whitememorial.org/register](http://whitememorial.org/register)



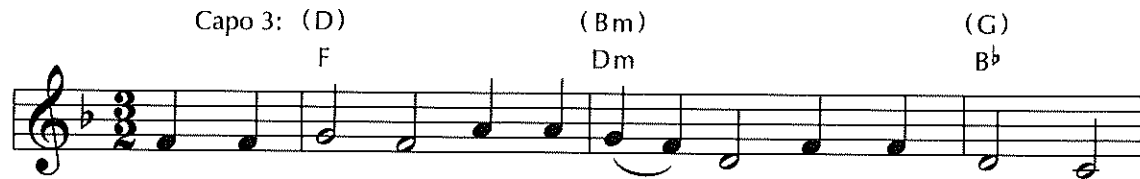
In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love,  
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace,  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm,  
O still, small voice of calm!

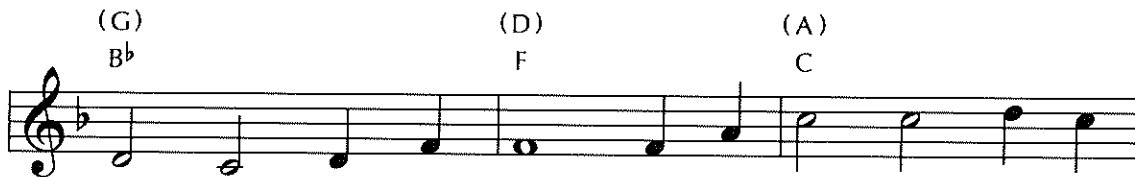
# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



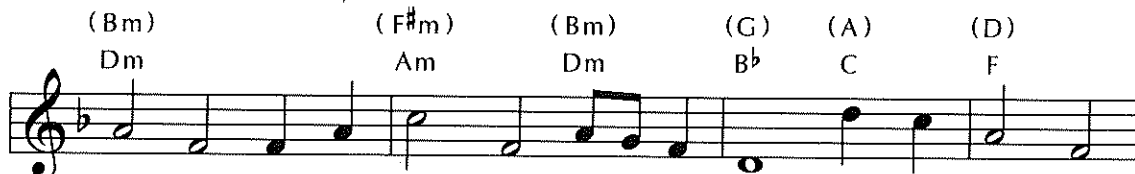
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

## 719

## Come, Labor On

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)  
 A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Fm D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

- 1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain  
 2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;  
 3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!  
 4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)  
 Fm C7 Fm C Fm D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each  
 to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the  
 No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble  
 till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)  
 A<sup>b</sup> Fm D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>

ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."  
 time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.  
 a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.  
 sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Using Jesus' harvest imagery in John 4:35-38 and Matthew 9:37-38/Luke 10:2, this urgent text sounds a compelling call to Christian service. The words gain energy from the strong unison tune in the English cathedral style, whose name echoes the Benedictine motto "Prayer is work."