

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 10, 2025 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.

Preparation for Worship

*Our soul waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.
Our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.*

Prelude

Paeon (9:30)

Eric Wall, organ

Peter Hurford

Adoration (11:00)

Alan Davis, organ

Florence Beatrice Price

Christian Welcome and Announcements

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

Tom Harris

Call to Worship

Psalm 33

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
sing for the Lord a new song.
You love righteousness and justice;
your steadfast love fills the whole earth.
By your word were the heavens made,
and by your breath all the hosts of heaven.
Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

*Hymn 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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*Confession and Pardon

For failing to love others as you have loved us...

God of grace, **forgive us**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding your love...

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet...

For fearing those who are strange to us

and ignoring those in need...

For losing heart and abandoning hope...

For all the ways we turn from you...

Believe this good news and give thanks:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**



Sunrise, ©1991 by Margret Hofheinz-Döring, 1910-1994

* Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit.

Words in bold are for everyone to say or sing.

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper by intinction. If you prefer pre-packaged elements, please pick these up in the narthex or Jane Bell Gathering Space prior to the service.

Just as Psalm 33 evokes heaven and earth, so does Hymn 32 by Isaac Watts, written originally for a collection of children's hymns. Together, psalm and hymn pull us into the immensity of God's creation and lovingkindness.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

As with other choruses from the ecumenical French community Taizé, this short song's concise text gains power with repeated singing.

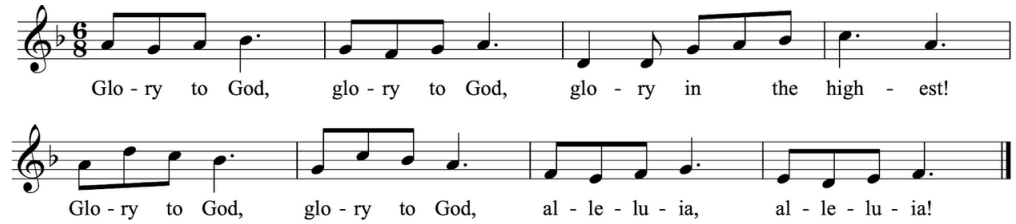
Hymn 656 is the chorus of a larger gospel song. Its confidence and trust echo the psalmist's words: "We place our hope in you."

*Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Response

Hymn 583 (Taizé)



WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A Time With Young Disciples

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

pew Bible p. 211

Psalm 33:12-22 and Hymn 656 We've Come This Far by Faith

THIS FAR BY FAITH

before reading, sung by choir

following reading, sung by all

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.
God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.
A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.
Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.
Our soul waits for you, O Lord,
our helper and our shield.
Our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

all singing: "We've come this far..."

Second Reading Luke 12:32-40

pew Bible p. 70

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hearts and Treasure

Christopher Edmonston

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Hymn 506** Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!
stanzas 1-2 – choir; stanzas 3-4 – congregation

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This stirring hymn of welcome casts a wide vision of the expansiveness of God's table. Its opening words—"Look who gathers!"—invite our wonder and delight.

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Bailey Morton

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**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.**

Breaking, Pouring & Serving

Prayer After Communion
all singing

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**Thank you, God, abundant Giver, for the feast that you prepare,
joining us with all your people in the bread and cup we share.
Make our life a word of welcome; make your church an open door;
in the risen life of Jesus, make us one forevermore.**

Today we receive communion by intinction. You are invited to come to stations at the front or the rear to receive the bread and then to dip it in the cup. All bread is gluten-free, and all cups contain grape juice. Pre-packaged elements are also available at the stations or in the Jane Bell Gathering space.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.
When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.
When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.
You are mine, O my child,
I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.

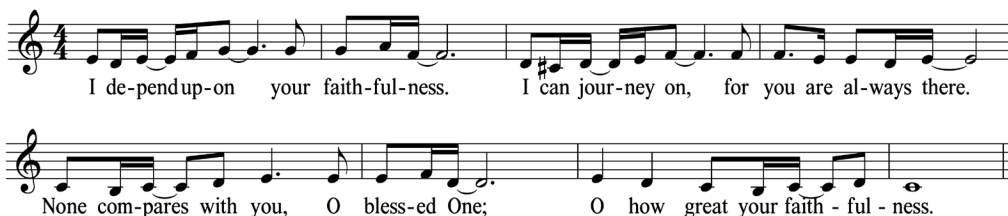
anthem by Philip Stopford

This poignant anthem offers the assurance of God's presence, and we respond in a short song of trust in God's faithfulness.

Emily Morris, soprano and
WMPC Adult Choir

***Hymn 831** I Depend upon Your Faithfulness

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**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** 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.
- **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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ERIC WALL, 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.

***Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he arose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn 643** Now Thank We All Our God

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***Charge & Benediction**

***Chiming of the Trinity**

Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

***Postlude** Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach, arr. V. Fox

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY | AUGUST 10

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

MONDAY | AUGUST 11

Psalms 11; Isaiah 2:1-4; Hebrews 11:1-7

Try Your Hand At Bridge

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | K100

Whether you are experienced, a beginner or want to learn how to play, we invite you to join us! We'll practice different bridge hands, talk about bidding and enjoy fun and fellowship. For more information contact Judy Bundy at judybundy7@gmail.com or Mary Grace White at marygrace623@yahoo.com.

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

TUESDAY | AUGUST 12

Psalms 11; Isaiah 24:1-13; Hebrews 11:17-28

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 13

Psalms 11; Isaiah 24:14-23; Luke 12:41-48

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

THURSDAY | AUGUST 14

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19; Isaiah 2:5-11; Hebrews 10:26-31

FRIDAY | AUGUST 15

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19; Isaiah 3:1-17; Hebrews 10:32-39

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

SATURDAY | AUGUST 16

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19; Isaiah 3:18-4:6; Matthew 24:15-27

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

Through- August 12 | The Hub

Have you signed the Habitat for Humanity door located in The Hub? If not, please take a moment to sign a message of gratitude, welcome and warmth. The doors will be used for decorative pieces for all 40th anniversary celebrations.

Combined Worship Services Welcoming Our New Music Director Eric Wall

Sunday | August 17 | 9:30 + 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

We invite you to join us next Sunday, August 17, for an uplifting combined worship service at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, where we will warmly welcome our new Music Director, Eric Wall. This special occasion gives us a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, celebrating our vibrant music ministry under one roof. We hope to see you there.

Blessing of the Backpacks + Kona Ice

Sunday | August 17 | 4:00 p.m. | Carol Copeland Courtyard

All ages are welcome to this free event! Playgrounds will be open for fellowship and time with friends as we gear up for the new school year. We hope to see you there!

Sunday School Leaders' Orientation

Sunday | August 24 | 3:00 p.m. | The Hub

Children's Choir, Youth Choir, and Youth Worship Band Registrations Open

whitememorial.org/register

Confirmation Registration Open

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High School Beach Retreat Registration Open

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Interested in ushering?

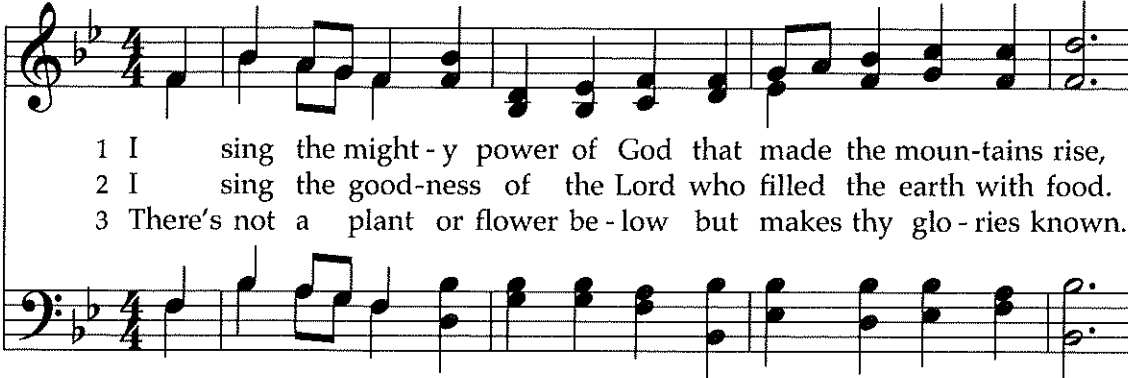
We are in need of ushers at all Sunday services, particularly the 11:00 a.m. service. If you are able and willing to serve as an usher from time to time, please contact Mabel Pace at mgpace58@gmail.com.

A/V Volunteers Needed

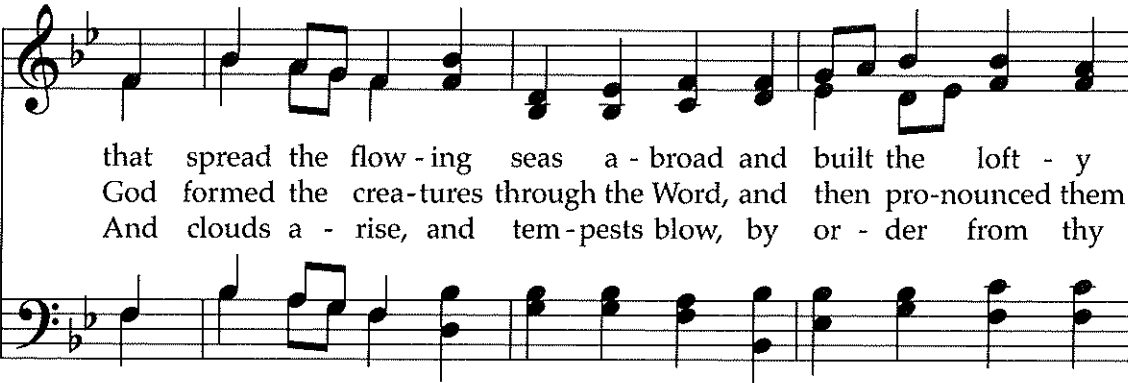
Whether you're a youth or a retiree, we need A/V volunteers to help with cameras, sound, and/or visual presentations to make worship come alive. We'll provide all the training you need. If you want to make a real difference in how our church connects with people, this is for you. To learn more and sign-up for training, contact Gabe Spivey at gspivey@whitememorial.org

Visit whitememorial.org/events for a full listing of upcoming events.

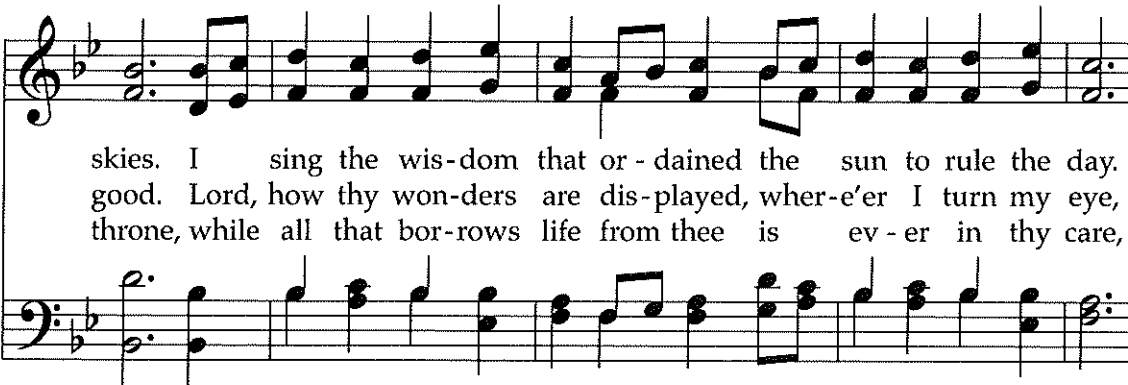
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



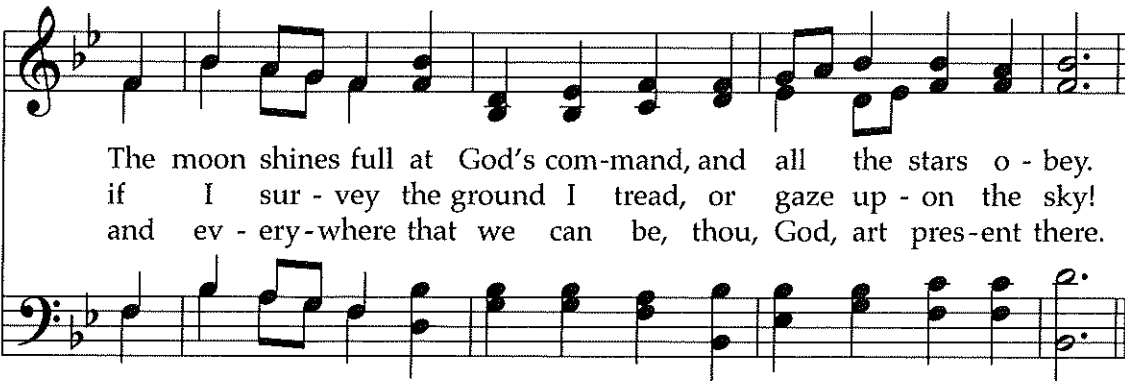
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

We've Come This Far by Faith 656

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord,

trust-ing in the ho - ly Word; God's nev-er failed us yet.

O, can't turn a - round, we've come this

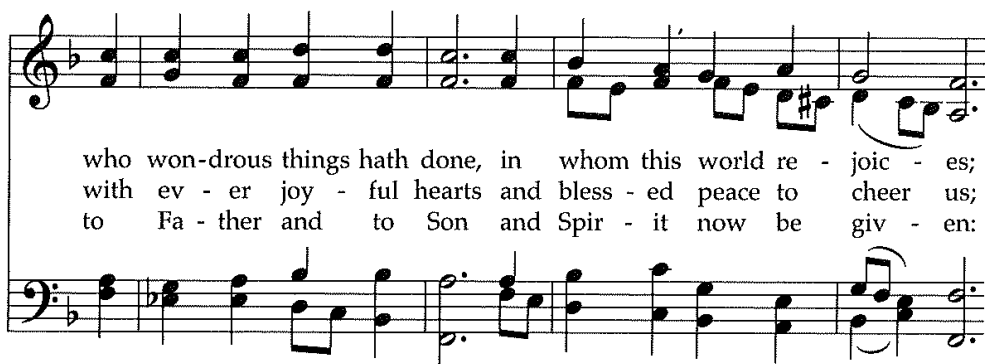
far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

This refrain from a longer hymn could well be understood as a black gospel reflection on several biblical passages: 2 Corinthians 5:7, 1 Samuel 7:12, and 1 Chronicles 17:16. All these texts bear witness to God's faithfulness toward all who are engaged in the pilgrimage of faith.

643 Now Thank We All Our God



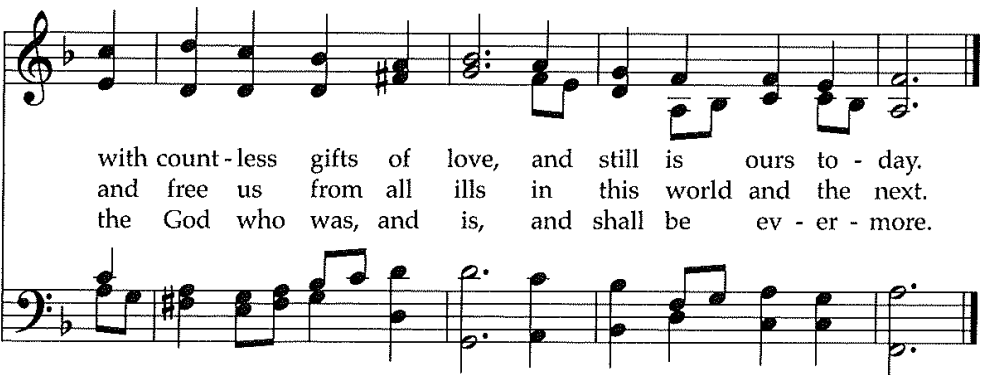
1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.