

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 17, 2025 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.

Preparation for Worship

Gracious Lord, like Nicodemus, we come to the word with many questions. Like the Pharisees, we can be captivated by “correctness,” intent on “right” answers. As we turn to your word, Spirit of God, do not let our desire for information dominate our need for transformation. Let us hear the word this day and be moved to greater faith and obedience. Amen.

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King

OnPoint Band

arr. by Jeff Siker

Call to Worship

Lee Hunter

Sing praise to God who reigns above – **to God all praise and glory!**
the God of power, the God of love – **to God all praise and glory!**
As with a mother’s tender hand – **to God all praise and glory!**
God gently leads the chosen band – **to God all praise and glory!**
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart – **to God all praise and glory!**
both soul and body, take your part – **to God all praise and glory!**

*Hymn 10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Confession and Pardon

Grier Booker Richards, Jim Ferry, Bailey Morton

May God be among us throughout this day. **Amen.**

May Christ be beside us throughout this day. **Amen.**

May the Spirit be within us throughout this day. **Amen.**

God of life, you are the source of all love
and the satisfaction of all our desires.

Our understanding of you is small:
increase it.

Our desire to do your will is weak:
enliven it.

The seed you have planted has yet to bear fruit:
ripen it.

But first, create in us clean hearts,
as, in your sight,
we unburden ourselves...

silent prayers

May we live as forgiven people,
visibly different, gloriously free, for Jesus’ sake. **Amen.**

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.



Red Vineyards near Arles, ©1888 by
Vincent van Gogh 1853-1890

* 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.

This liturgy comes to us from the
Iona Community’s *Wee Worship Book*.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

Christian Welcome and Announcements

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

A Time With Young Disciples

Anne Galliher, Bailey Morton, Paige Hokunson

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

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

pew Bible p. 596

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

pew Bible p. 510

Psalm 80 is a prayer for restoration and light. The sung refrain takes its text from the psalm, using a fragment of the tune of Hymn 800, which we sing in worship today.



refrain

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. *refrain*

You brought a vine out of Egypt and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;
it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.
Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it. *refrain*

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted.
Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you; give us life,
and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine,
that we may be saved. *refrain*

Second Reading Hebrews 11:29-12:2

pew Bible p. 212

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

Psalm readers: members
of music ministry and
youth ministry: Emily
King and Wally Silverman

*Hymn 800 Sometimes a Light Surprises
stanzas 1-2, ensembles; stanzas 3-4, all

SALLEY GARDENS

A lovely folk tune carries this poem of assurance, in which singing and light are images of God's continuing presence and healing.

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Cate Church Norman

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve God in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Set me as a seal upon your heart
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.

anthem by Rene Clausen

Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can the floods drown it.

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

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.**

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.

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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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.

Breaking, Pouring & Serving

Communion of the People

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

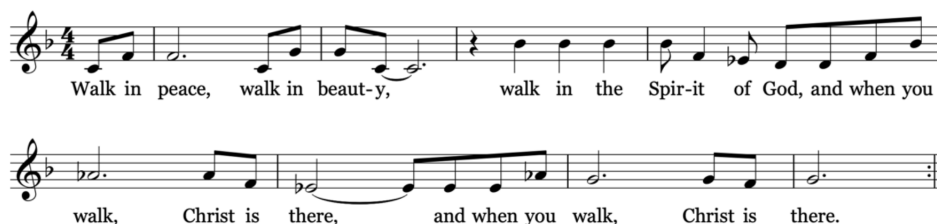
**Hymn 538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
all singing*

Prayer After Communion

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Song Walk in Peace

ensembles begin; all joining when invited



*Charge & Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

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

*Postlude Concerto in F

G. F. Handel

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JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Ann Vallentyne Walker - August 7, 2025

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS

Duncan Jennings and family

on the death of his mother, Mary Bradley Snead, July 30, Washington, NC

Shepherd Fountain, Tracey Hall and Leslye Plummer

on the death of their father, Vinton Earl Fountain, Jr., July 31

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY | AUGUST 17

Isaiah 5:1-7; Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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!

MONDAY | AUGUST 18

Psalms 74; Isaiah 5:8-23; 1 John 4:1-6

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

TUESDAY | AUGUST 19

Psalms 74; Isaiah 5:24-30; Acts 7:44-53

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 20

Psalms 74; Isaiah 27:1-13; Luke 19:45-48

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

THURSDAY | AUGUST 21

Psalms 71:1-6; Jeremiah 6:1-19; Hebrews 12:3-17

FRIDAY | AUGUST 22

Psalms 71:1-6; Jeremiah 6:20-30; Acts 17:1-9

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

SATURDAY | AUGUST 23

Psalms 71:1-6; Jeremiah 1:1-3, 11-19; Luke 6:1-5

Sunday School Leaders' Orientation

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

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

whitememorial.org/register

Confirmation Registration Open

whitememorial.org/register

High School Beach Retreat Registration Open

whitememorial.org/register

Interested in ushering?

We are in need of ushers at all Sunday services, particularly the 11:00 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 volunteers who are curious, committed, and ready to learn. You'll help with cameras, sound, and/or visual presentations to make worship come alive. We'll provide all the training you need, and you'll gain valuable skills and confidence along the way. The time commitment is up to you. If you want to make a real difference in how our church connects with people, this is for you. Join a team that's creative, essential, and deeply rewarding. To learn more and sign up for training, contact Gabe Spivey at gspivey@whitememorial.org

Boy Scouts and 4th-Grade Webelos Program

White Memorial is the chartered organization for Pack 395 and Troop 395. The Pack consists of 4th- and 5th- grade Webelos, a preparatory program that enables boys to immediately excel when transitioning to Boy Scouts (the Troop). Our Scouting program is one of the largest and most active in the district. We have places for starting 4th graders in Webelos or 6th graders in Troop 395. Church members and siblings of current Scouts are given priority for the spaces we have available in Webelos. If you are interested please contact Steve Vinson at svinson@magnoliadevco.com.

Gifting appreciated stock or IRA distributions

Gifting appreciated stock or IRA distributions are great ways to make your contributions to the church. Please contact Jody Grayson at jgrayson@whitememorial.org with your gifting details, or for more information.

Combined Holiday Worship

Sunday | August 31

9:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Main Hall

Church Facilities Closed for Labor Day

Monday | September 1

Church facilities will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day.

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

Unison

1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*

broad. En - throned a - bove the
 light. The wil - der - ness can -
 y. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A se - cret wrapped in
 cease: Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

Harmony

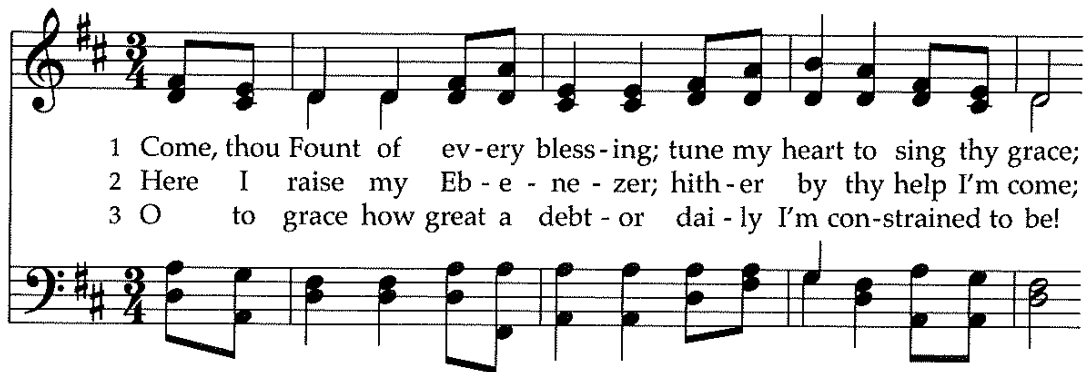
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

Unison

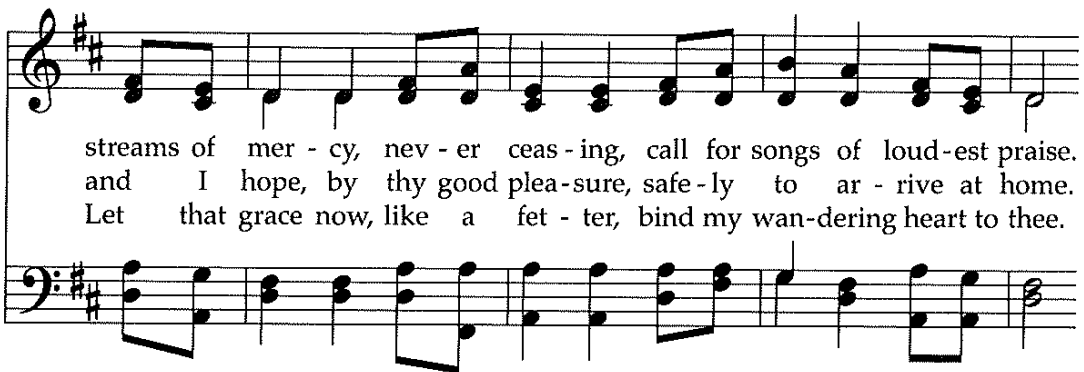
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

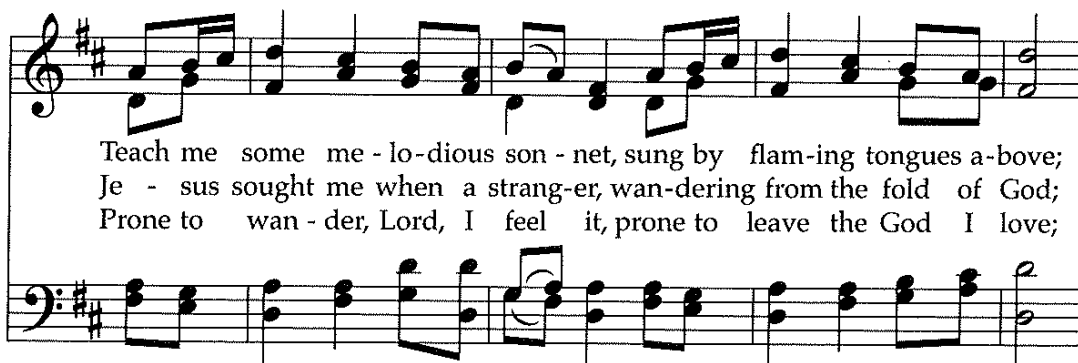
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



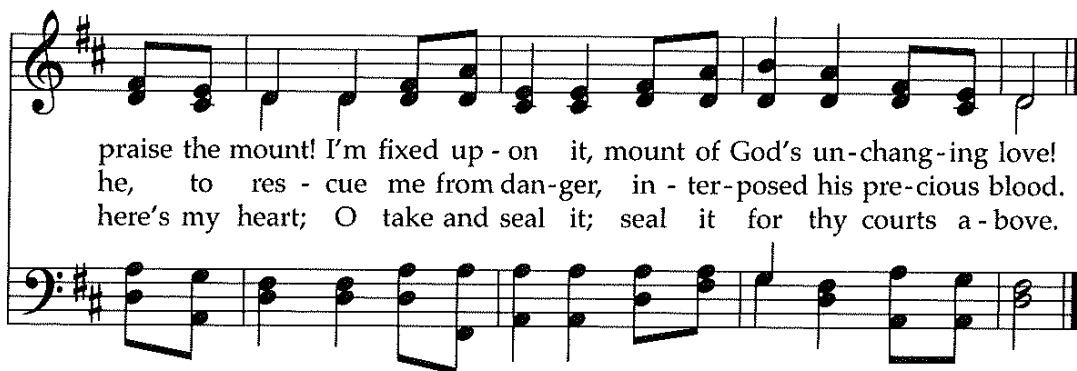
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

800 Sometimes a Light Surprises



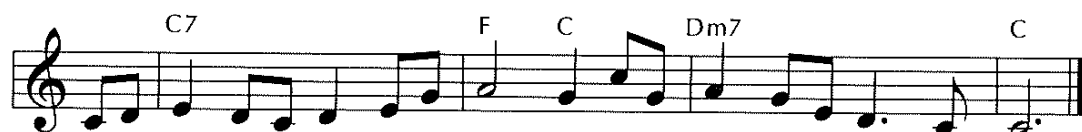
1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;
 2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
 3 It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;
 4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed - for fruit should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;
 the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;
 who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too;
 though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
 set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
 be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;
 yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.
 "Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."
 and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.
 for while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

This is one of the few hymns rooted in what can happen during worship, and that experience—gaining a spiritual insight while singing—is no less possible now than when this text was written in the 18th century. It is set here to a folk song variously labeled Irish or English.

538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

*Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona**Refrain, sung twice each time*

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es; all our
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prais - es; all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *Fine*

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain
I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hun-ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos-pel.

Originally created in the Sotho language, this ecstatic South African hymn reached English by way of a Swedish translation and is now found in numerous hymnals. It can serve as a powerful sending hymn for connecting what happens at the Lord's Table with our mission in the world.