

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 28, 2025 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.

Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 411 God Is Here Today/Dios está aquí

DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ

cantor in Spanish, then all in English

*Call to Worship

Anne Galliher

We are here to worship and pray: **to sing and rejoice.**
We are here to grow in faith: **may grace and word shape us.**
Sustain us when we are weak: **God be our strength.**
At the gate: **open our eyes.**
At the crossroads: **open our hearts.**
At the doorway: **open our lips so we would proclaim your praise.**
Through the Spirit of the living God: **let us offer our gifts of worship today.**

*Hymn 410 God Is Calling Through the Whisper

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*Confession and Pardon

Why do we confess our sin?
Because all people fall short of the kingdom of God.
Why do we confess together?
**Because we are a covenant people,
bound together by the grace which makes us whole.**
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have left too many righteous acts undone.
We have given ourselves away
in temptation and fear and greed too often.
Through your sacred words, teach us repeatedly
the wonder of the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Forgive us and lead us anew today and every day.
Hear this our prayer of confession,
in name of the Savior. Amen.

*Hymn 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



Artwork by Charlotte McCoy 3rd grader,
as her interpretation of Psalm 91:1-6,
14-16

* Asterisks invite us
to rise in body or spirit.

Words in bold are for
everyone to say or sing.

A gentle morning hymn begins
our worship: a song of trust in the
God who is “as certain as the air I
breathe.”

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

***Peace**

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

Christian Welcome and Announcements

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

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Welcoming New Members (11:00)

Believing and Belonging Class Joins

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Young children are invited to come forward for the baptism. Following time together, children will return to the pews for the remainder of the service.

Kenley Elizabeth Duncan, daughter of Madison and Tyler Duncan

1 You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been bap-tized.
2 We have put on Christ; in Christ we have been bap-tized.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

pew Bible p. 518

cantor, then all:

In you, O God, is our shel-ter and de-liv-'rance.

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust." *refrain*

For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and defense.
You will not fear the terror of the night
or the arrow that flies by day
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness
or the destruction that wastes at noonday. *refrain*

Second Reading Luke 16:19-31

pew Bible p. 75

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

*Hymn 773 Heaven Shall Not Wait

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Grier Booker Richards

**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.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering Light of a Clear, Blue Morning

Parton/Johnson

It's been a long, dark night,
and I've been waiting for the morning.
It's been a long, hard fight, but I see a brand new day a-dawning.
I've been looking for the sunshine
'cause I ain't seen it in so long.
Everything's gonna work out fine.
Everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be okay.

I can see the light of a clear blue morning.
I can see the light of brand new day.
I can see the light of a clear blue morning.
Everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be okay.

I can see the light.
Brand new day – clear blue morning – morning blue.

This hymn comes to us from the Iona Community's Wild Goose Resource Group. Its magnificent tune pairs with a powerful text contrasts our distractions and idolatries with heaven's urgencies of justice and service. At the center of each stanza, the highest notes of the tune carry an affirmation: "Jesus is Lord."

Dolly Parton's poignant song of hope comes to us here in a choral arrangement by Craig Hella Johnson. Like scripture and songs today, it invites us to see closely around us and across divine distance.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Affirmation

from *A Declaration of Faith*, PC(USA)

**Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.
The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history.
It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church
towards the kingdom of God - the just and loving rule over all.
It is the story of the one God,
who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own.
It forms our memory and our hope.
It tells us who we are and what we are to do.
To retell it is to declare what we believe.
Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement.
His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion.
His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand.
His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness.
Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

Set to an ancient chant tune that we know as a Christmas hymn, this translation of an anonymous Chinese text captures the workings of God in darkness and light, in chaos and calm, in the person of Jesus, and in the witness of saints towards the lovefeast where all are fed.

*Hymn 850 In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*Charge & Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

*Postlude God Is Here Today/In a Deep Unbounded Darkness

arr. John Cook

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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.



WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

We're so glad you are
worshipping with us today.

Visiting?

Deacons are in the Narthex
to offer a friendly greeting,
answer questions, and provide
directions.

Looking to Become a Member?

New members are received
after attending the *Believing &
Belonging @WMPC* class.
Visit whitememorial.org/join or
contact Elizabeth Viohl at
ext. 206 for class dates,
registration, and details.

Things to Know Restrooms

Hallway to Jane Bell Gathering
Space (Pulpit side) and first floor
of the Luther Building.

Childcare

Available for children
up to 4 years old.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. for all ages.

Refreshments & Coffee

The Connector and Main Hall.

Hearing Assistance

Loop system and FM system
available in the Sanctuary.

AED/Narcan Locations

WMPC campus has five AED/
Narcan locations around
campus: Narthex- Sanctuary,
Main Hall-Edinburgh,
Lobby-Ross, Lobby-Calvin,
3rd floor-Luther

Live Streaming

Services available at
whitememorial.org.
Facebook & YouTube

Bulletins

Recycled after services as part
of our care for God's creation.



Jays & CONCERNS

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS

Rory Daniel on the death of his brother,
John Coleman Daniel, September 18,
Greensboro, NC

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Elizabeth Beauregard Nastasi, September
10, child of Kelsey and Austin Nastasi,
grandchild of Kim and Wayne Rogers

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church,
email Lisa Crumpler at lcrumpler@whitememorial.org

If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized,
call the Pastoral Care line 919-834-3425, ext. 210 or email Caroline Parker
at cparker@whitememorial.org so our pastoral staff can reach out.

If you have a pastoral care need outside of regular business hours,
call our after-hours pastor on call at 919-605-4593.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Laura Taylor and **Lou Case** on the marriage
of their son, Robert Grey Case and Grace
Anne Bennett, September 6, Long Beach, MS

...**READY FOR IT?**
NEW PODCAST SERIES DROPS
9.29.25 | 6:00 a.m.

BEYOND SUNDAY @WMPC

This season, our Beyond Sunday at WMPC
podcast is launching a new series called
...Ready For It? where conversations about
faith and Presbyterian theology meet
their match in Taylor Swift's songbook...
(because who hasn't thought to combine
the brilliance and relevancy of Taylor Swift
with the beauty and witness of the gospel?)

First episode drops Monday, September 29.
Look for it on our website, Spotify or Apple
Podcasts.

DON'T FORGET YOUR FLU SHOT

Wednesday | October 1
4:00-6:00 p.m. | K200

Don't let flu season catch you off guard!
All members are invited to come get their
flu shot. You must be at least 7 years old
to receive a flu shot at White Memorial
Presbyterian Church. Please bring your
insurance card.

FILM SCREENING

FROM PBS'S AMERICAN EXPERIENCE SERIES



SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 28
4:30 - 6:30 P.M. | GENEVA HALL

Join the MORE Ministry Team on
Sunday, September 28, at 4:30
p.m. in Geneva Hall for a screening
of *American Coup: Wilmington
1898*, part of PBS's American
Experience. The film explores the
violent overthrow of Wilmington's
multiracial government and its
lasting impact, with music by
Rhiannon Giddens and narration by
Emmy Award-winner Keith David. A
Reflection Guide will be provided to
enrich your viewing.

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Sunday, September 28

Psalm 91:1-6; 14-16; Luke 16:19-31

- **Film Screening & Discussion**
American Coup: Wilmington 1898
4:30 p.m. | Geneva Hall

Monday, September 29

Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:16-35

- **Bridge With Friends**
1:00 p.m. | The Hub
- **Pickleball**
2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **Tai Chi**
5:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Tuesday, September 30

Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:36-44

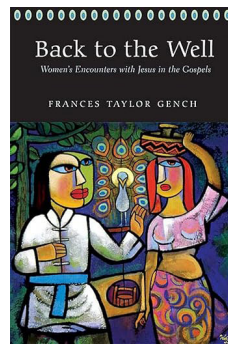
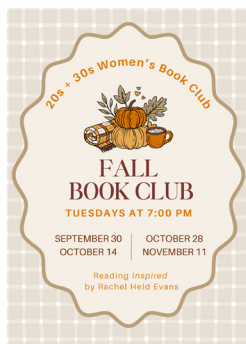
- **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study**
7:00 a.m. | Geneva Hall
- **Women's Breakfast/Circle M**
7:00 a.m. | The Connector
- **Gentle Yoga**
8:30 a.m. | C200
- **20s + 30s Women's Book Club**
7:00 p.m. | Offsite

Wednesday, October 1

Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 33:1-13

- **Shepherd's Table (Volunteer)**
10:00 a.m. | Offsite
- **Chair Yoga**
10:00 a.m. | C200
- **Lectio Divino**
11:00 a.m. | Virtual
- **Yin Yoga**
11:15 a.m. | C200
- **Centering Prayer**
11:30 a.m. | Virtual
- **Note in the Pocket**
1:30 p.m. | Offsite
- **Pickleball**
2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **Flu Shot Clinic**
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | K200
- **Wednesday Together Dinner**
5:00-6:30 p.m. | Main Hall

Engagement and Faith Fellowship



20s + 30s WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Are you in your 20s + 30s? Consider joining the Women's Book Club which meets offsite on Tuesday September 30, October 14 & 28 and November 11 at 7:00 p.m. At our first gathering we begin reading *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans. Questions? Contact Anne Galliher at agalliher@whitememorial.org.

JESUS ENCOUNTERS BOOK CLUB

Join Pastoral Resident Lee Hunter and the "Jesus Encounters Book Club" as they read *Back to the Well* by Frances Taylor Gench. This group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. in R400. Our first meeting will be October 16. Come join us either in person or by Zoom. If you'd like to know more, contact Lee at lhunter@whitememorial.org.

CATALYST FOR CHANGE WITH DAVID LAMOTTE

Saturday | October 11 | Main Hall

Workshop 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. (\$50.00) | Concert 7:00 p.m. (\$20.00)

Combo Ticket (\$65.00)

Join singer-songwriter, author, and peace leader David LaMotte for an inspiring workshop and concert presented by the NC Institute for Spiritual Direction and Formation. Through music and reflection, LaMotte invites us to cultivate peace and become catalysts for community and harmony. A Rotary World Peace Fellow, TEDx speaker, and veteran of 3,500 concerts worldwide, he brings a powerful blend of story, song, and vision for change. Register: ncisdf.org/catalyst-for-change-registration



GREENSBORO AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY PILGRIMAGE

Saturday | October 18

Registration: \$20 (plus lunch cost)

Join us for a powerful pilgrimage to the International Civil Rights Center & Museum in Greensboro, NC—the historic site of the

1960 Greensboro sit-ins.

We'll gather in the Carol Copeland Courtyard at 8:15 a.m., then travel together for a 90-minute guided tour beginning at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch and time for reflection. This experience is more than a museum visit. As we walk through the story of the courageous young men and women who stood against injustice with faith and dignity, we'll also reflect on our own calling to seek justice, walk in solidarity, and love our neighbors.

Please note: This is a walking pilgrimage, so dress comfortably. Participation is limited to the first 30 registrants—sign up today! Register: whitememorial.org/register

Let's worship God together and give thanks for our companion animals through song and prayer. A brief meditation will be offered, our pets and companion animals will receive a special blessing, and we will have a time to honor those companion animals who are no longer with us.



Sunday, October 5 🐾 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Carol Copeland Courtyard

Sponsored by Companion Animal Ministry.
Bring your leashed pet or photo of pet. Supplies like food, litter, toys, etc. will be collected for the SPCA of Wake County.

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Thursday, October 2

Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:1-11

- **Keenagers**
10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall
- **Note in the Pocket**
1:30 p.m. | Offsite

Friday, October 3

Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:12-30

Saturday, October 4

Lamentations 3:19-26; Matthew 20:29-34

For more information about any of these events, please visit our website whitememorial.org or call the church office 919-834-3424.

Christopher Edmonston, Pastor
Cynthia Baggett, Director of Weekday School
Genevieve Brooks, Director of Family Ministry
Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Claire Cox-Woodlief, Executive Director
Brock Downward, Director of Music Emeritus
Jennifer Eastman, Director of Young Children's Ministry
Jim Ferry, Parish Associate
Anne Galliher, Associate Pastor for Congregational Engagement
Kelly Gold, Director of Children's and Youth Music
Tom Harris, Parish Associate
Martha Grove Hipkind, Health Ministry Coordinator
Kathy Howell, Communications Director
Lee Hunter, Pastoral Resident
Bailey Morton, Director of Youth Ministry
Eric Nanz, Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts
Linda Nunnallee, Director of Community Engagement
Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation and Worship Ministries
Art Ross, Pastor Emeritus
Judy Yates Siker, Parish Associate
Lynn Springfield, Director of Elementary Ministry
Colisha C. Stanford, StepUp Director
Martha Stevenson, Educator Emerita
Eric Wall, Director of Music

Congregational Care + Health

CAREGIVER'S COFFEE

Tuesday | October 14 | 10:30 a.m. - noon | The Hub

Are you a family caregiver or would you like to fellowship with family caregivers? Are you interested in learning more about the many community resources available to you? If so, please come for coffee, conversation, and connection at our next Caregiver's Coffee on Tuesday, October 14 from 10:30 a.m. - noon in the Hub. All are welcome; please feel free to invite a friend or neighbor to join you. For questions contact Martha Grove Hipkind at mghipkind@whitememorial.org.

SPIRITUALITY & HEALTH

Wednesday | October 15 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | K200

Wednesday | October 29 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | K200

WMPC's Health Ministry and Mental Health and Wellness invite you to join them for Spirituality and Health, a two-part series designed to extend the themes of connecting and belonging developed by Dr. Warren Kinghorn in March.

We will meet from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in K200 on Wednesday, October 15 and October 29. Plan now to join us for practical hands-on ways to improve our physical and mental well-being. [Registration is required](#). Questions, please contact Health Ministry Coordinator Martha Grove Hipkind at mghipkind@whitememorial.org.



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Outreach

STEPUP MINISTRY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Costumes for Harvest Festival

StepUp Ministry is collecting new and gently used Halloween costumes, sizes: 12 months through 5T, and Size 6 through child XL Any gender! **Items Due October 7, 2025.**

Co-Partner Info Session

Two hours a week. A lifetime of impact! Learn more about becoming a StepUp Co-Partner by joining us on **Tuesday, October 28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Main Hall.**

Coats for the Coat Drive

StepUp Ministry is seeking coats for 75 children/teens in various sizes, starting at 18 months through adult XL. **Items Due December 10, 2025.** For more information contact Dayna Jameson, djameson@stepupministry.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SITE CONSTRUCTION FALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

White Memorial is excited to join faith communities in building homes with Habitat for Humanity. While volunteers are welcome most Saturdays, these are the days when WMPC will serve together:

Saturday, October 18 – Old Poole Place, Raleigh

Saturday, December 13 – A New Neighborhood, Garner

Arrive at 8:15 a.m., take water breaks as needed, enjoy lunch together, and work until about 3:00 p.m.—or as long as you are able. Questions? Contact Eric Miller at eric_miller@ncsu.edu. Register here: whitememorial.org/event.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Churchwide Collection

Each week when school is in session, our church provides food-insecure children at Oberlin Middle and Lynn Road Elementary Schools with healthy meals and snacks. Contact Jan Stewart, thestewarts2614@gmail.com. Amazon link on website.

NOTE IN THE POCKET

Wednesday, October 1 | 1:30 p.m. (offsite)

Thursday, October 2 | 1:30 p.m. (offsite)

Join fellow WMPC friends for a fun time sorting clothes to share with neighbors in need across Western North Carolina. Questions? Contact Sheri Miller at millerauktwo@gmail.com.

Children & Youth

BAPTISM AND BELONGING: YOUR BABY'S FAITH JOURNEY AT WMPC

Sunday | October 5 | 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. In this workshop, parents learn about the significance of the Sacrament of Baptism, go over logistical details, connect with fellow parents, and get an overview of a child's faith journey at WMPC. Expectant parents are also invited to attend. Register: whitememorial.org/register.

Join Us
for

ANDREW SORDS, VIOLIN & ERIKO IZUMIDA, PIANO ROMANCE OF THE VIOLIN

WORKS OF BEETHOVEN, RACHMANINOFF, CHOPIN, AND SARASATE

**Sunday | October 12 | 2025
Sanctuary | 3:00 pm**



Violinist Andrew Sords and pianist Eriko Izumida will present Romance of the Violin on Sunday, October 12, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, featuring works by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Chopin, and Sarasate. A reception will follow in the Jane Bell Gathering Space. Admission is free, with donations to support future concerts warmly welcomed.



TRUNKERS NEEDED!

CANDY NEEDED!

**TRUNK
or TReAT**



It's almost time for WMPC's annual Trunk or Treat Event! It's a wonderful time for fellowship, costumes and lots of candy! Speaking of candy, we welcome all donations. Drop off bags of candy in the Ross Lobby.

**Wednesday, October 29 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Chapel Parking Lots & McDonald Lane**

Register your trunk at www.whitememorial.org/register

PLEASE NOTE:

McDonald Lane will be closed for through traffic between 4 - 8 p.m. to make this a safe, fun event for everyone. We encourage parking on Oberlin Road or the Dover Parking Lot.



God Is Here Today

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Dios está aquí

Capo 2: (D) E (A7) B7 (Bm) C#m (D7) E7 (G) A

God is here to - day; as cer - tain
 Dios es - tá a - quí, tan cier - to co - mo el

(A7) B7 (D) E (D7) E7 (G) A

as the air I breathe, as cer - tain
 ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan cier - to co - mo

(A7) B7 (D) E (A/C#) B/D# (Bm) C#m (D/A) E/B

as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as
 la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan

(G) A (A7) B7 (D) E

cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.
 cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.

Though it is popular throughout Latin America, the conditions of this song's creation have remained obscure. It was once thought to have originated in a Mexican jail but is now known to have been written by an Argentinian who has also lived in the United States and Colombia.

410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

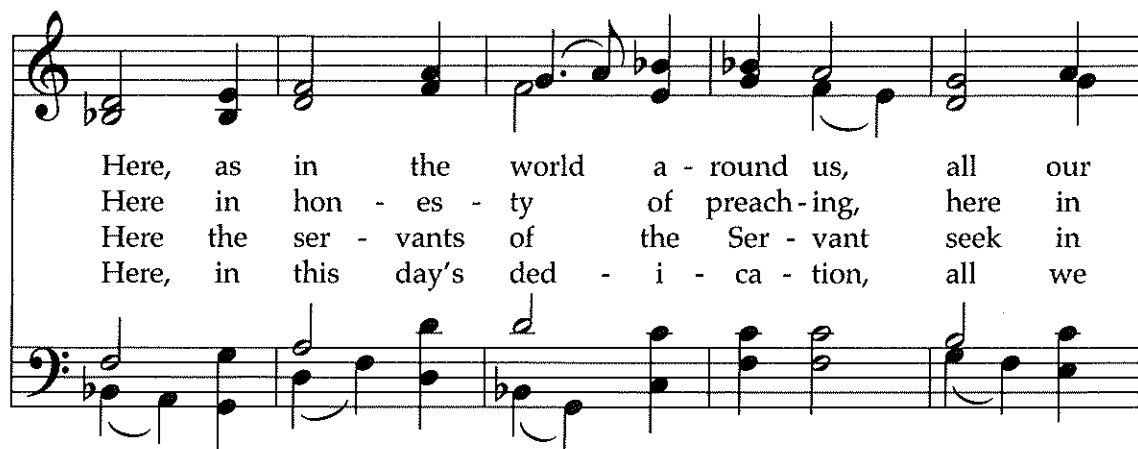
1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,

through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.

Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:

God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not




of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Heaven Shall Not Wait 773

Capo 1: (D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm7 Fm Bb




1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,
 2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,
 3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i-de-as,
 4 Heaven shall not wait for tri-um-phiant Hal-le-lu-jahs,

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Ab Bbsus Bb




the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a friend:
 the proud to fall, the e-lite to tend the least:
 thoughts of com-pas-sion di-vorced from cries of pain:
 when earth has passed and we reach an-oth-er shore:

(Bm7) (Em) (F#m) (Bm7) (D) (Em7) (A)
 Cm7 Fm Gm Cm7 Eb Fm7 Bb



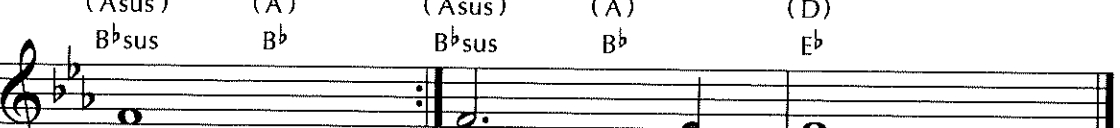
Je-sus is Lord; he has cham-pioned the un-want-ed;
 Je-sus is Lord; he has shown the mas-ter's priv-ilege:
 Je-sus is Lord; he has mar-ried word and ac-tion;
 Je-sus is Lord in our pres-ent im-per-fec-tion;

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm Fm



in him in-jus-tice con-fronts its time-ly
 to kneel and wash ser-vants' feet be-fore they
 his cross and com-pa-ny make his pur-pose
 his power and love are for now and then for

1-3 4
 (Asus) (A) (Asus) (A) (D)
 Bbsus Bb Bbsus Bb Eb



end.
 feast.
 plain.

ev - er - more.

This stirring, prophetic hymn is organized around two recurring four-syllable phrases, the first of which introduces an idealized scenario of what Dietrich Bonhoeffer would call "cheap grace," while the second announces the "costly grace" of God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ.