WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—

Service for the Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost October 26, 2025 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.

Congregational Meeting

Please welcome members of the OnPoint service who will be joining us near the end of the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the Congregational Meeting immediately following. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and act on a report from the Associate Pastor for Outreach and Community Engagement Nominating Committee

Members who are worshiping online can participate in the meeting via Zoom by clicking the link in the live stream toolbar or on the home page.

Preparation for Worship

God who is our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we gather in your presence today Almighty God, you have chosen us as your own and you give us new life in Christ. Fill us with his spirit of compassion and love, and may his peace always reign in our hearts. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

Prelude Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Hymn 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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*Call to Worship

Jim Ferry

We see the light of grace in worship when we pray, sing, and praise.

In the name of God who creates life,

In the name of the Savior who loves life,

In the name of the Holy Spirit who is the fire of life:

Let us praise the Lord, the light of life today!

*Hymn 702 Christ Be Beside Me

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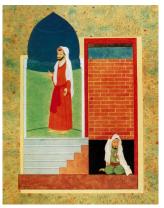
*Confession and Pardon

Most merciful God - we confess that we have sinned against you and others in thought, word, and deed. We often fail your law. We often reduce the power of your grace. Help us to love you and our neighbors as ourselves. You ask us for our whole selves; but we usually give the minimum. Forgive our sin and call us repeatedly back to you; in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Silence for personal confession

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

GLORY TO GOD



The Publican and the Pharisee by Frank Wesley, 1923-2002

* Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit.

Words in **bold** are for everyone to say or sing.

*Peace

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

Time with Young Disciples (11:00)

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 Psalm 65

pew Bible p. 499

Psalm 84:1-7, 10-12

refrain: CELTIC ALLELUIA (Glory to God 587)



Second Reading Luke 18:9-14

pew Bible p. 76

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon The True Wealth of Humility

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Lee Hunter anthem: Oremus Urmas Sisask, composer

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.

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Christian Welcome and Announcements

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

Minute for Generosity

Mike Condrey (9:30) Laura Clark (11:00)

of God as a home, better than any other, of rest and strength. The sung refrain, by Fintan O'Carroll, is a "Celtic Alleluia", with a buoyance fitting for this joyful psalm.

This psalm casts a vision of and desire for the house

This anthem has no text. Its wordless slow movement and its title—Latin for "we pray"—might well express Paul's words in Romans: "We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words."

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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.

*Hymn 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Meeting of the Congregation (11:00)

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

- *Charge & Benediction
- *Chiming of the Trinity
- *Postlude Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll



The prayer in this beloved hymn has been sung for several centuries, calling the Spirit into "every troubled heart" and placing trust in God's "new creation." Music in today's service presented with permission under Podcast/Streaming License with OneLicense number #714069



We invite you to contribute to the Pastor's Special Assistance Fund which provides support to our members in need for bills, healthcare, food and other essentials.



Scan or click here to submit a prayer request.

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 worshiping 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.





PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Flo Denny Durway on the death of her brother, Stephen Joel Denny, October 20, Roanoke, VA

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.

NEW HOSPITALITY TEAM OPEN

Sunday | October 26 | After each worship service | Jane Bell Gathering Space

WMPC is forming a new Hospitality Team that is tasked with fostering an atmosphere of welcome on Sunday mornings by serving as greeters for worship. Come to our Open House after any worship service on October 26 to enjoy some refreshments and learn more. Questions? Contact Anne Galliher at agalliher@whitememorial.org

GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY WITH CHRISTOPHER EDMONSTON

Monday | October 27 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Main Hall

The Epistle to the Galatians speaks boldly about grace, freedom, and life in the Spirit. But it is also the feistiest letter in the New Testament. Its teaching and truth have been revered by followers of Jesus for the last 2,000 years. We will study four essential passages and work our way through the major theology and themes of this fascinating epistle. The second meeting will be Monday, October 27, in Main Hall from 7:00–8:00 p.m..

ALL ARE WELCOME

Monday | October 27 | 7:00 p.m. | Chapel

All Are Welcome is a faith-based small group that offers worship, fellowship and emotional and spiritual support for LGBTQ+ adults. You're invited to participate in the group as we create a safe space of welcome and engagement. We'll meet on the 4th Monday of every month. For more information, contact Kathy Hart hartmusic1@gmail.com or Lee Hunter lhunter@whitememorial.org



THE CAMPAIGN FOR RESTORATION & RENEWAL



FOUR PILLARS OF PROMISE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN + GENEROSITY 2026: THE CORNERSTONE

Generosity is more than support – it's the foundation beneath every promise we make and every ministry we share. While the Four Pillars of Promise Capital Campaign focuses on spaces, the Cornerstone Generosity Campaign represents the hearts that give, year after year to sustain our shared worship, programs, mission, and outreach.

To Make a Pledge:

Four Pillars of Promise Capital Campaign https://onrealm.org/whitememorial/-/form/pledge/capitalcampaign

Generosity 2026: The Cornerstone

https://onrealm.org/whitememorial/-/form/pledge/pledges2026

Informational Meeting on Four Pillars

On Sunday, October 26 we invite you to stop by the Hub/Courtyard between 10:15-11:00 a.m. to ask questions and learn more.

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Sunday, October 26

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Luke 18:1-8

• Meeting of the Congregation Following 11:00 a.m. service | Sanctuary

Monday, October 27

Psalm 87; Joel 3:1-8; 1

- Bridge With Friends 1:00 p.m. | The Hub
- Pickleball2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- Tai Chi
 5:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- Congregation-Wide Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. | Main Hall
- All Are Welcome
 7:00 p.m. | Chapel

Tuesday, October 28

Psalm 87; Joel 3:9-16; 1

- Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
 7:00 a.m. | Geneva Hall
- Women's Breakfast/Circle
 7:00 a.m. | The Connector
- Gentle Yoga 8:30 a.m. | C200
- Mahjong @ WMPC
 1:00 2:30 p.m. | The Hub
- 20s + 30s Women's Book Club 7:00 p.m. | Offsite

Wednesday, October 29

Psalm 87; Joel 3:17-20

- Chair Yoga
 10:00 a.m. | C200
- Lectio Divina
 11:00 a.m. | Virtual
- Yin Yoga
 11:15 a.m. | C200
- Note in the Pocket 1:30 p.m. | Offsite
- Pickleball 2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- Trunk or Treat 5:30-6:30 p.m. | McDonald Lane
- Spirituality & Health Series
 6:30 8:00 p.m. | K200

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 October 28 and November 11 at 7:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Anne Galliher at agalliher@whitememorial.org.

LETS PLAY MAHJONG AT WMPC!

Tuesday | October 28 | 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. | The Hub

It's official! We now have a group playing Mahjong a couple of times each month. We'd love for you to be part of this newly formed group. Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to the game, everyone is welcome! Don't forget your 2025 mahjong card if you have one. Registration isn't necessary but if you'd like to receive a prompt email, contact Beth Moore at bmoore@whitememorial.org to be included in the Realm group.



BEYOND SUNDAY @WMPC

Check out our new season of the Beyond Sunday at WMPC podcast called ...Ready For It?, where conversations about faith and Presbyterian theology meet their match in Taylor Swift's songbook. The fifth episode "Our Song" with Eric Wall, Grier Booker Richards and Eric Nanz, will drop October 27. Look for it on our website, Spotify or Apple Podcasts.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT ADVENT

Would you and your family or group like to participate in the tradition of Advent reading and lighting of the candles this year? We are looking for families and groups that would read a short passage and light the Advent calendar at one service during the Advent season. Contact Jesse Maynard (Jesmaynard@gmail.com) to get more info!

TRUNKERS NEEDED! TRUNK TRUNK



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.



Congregational Care + Health

SPIRITUALITY & HEALTH

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 the second Spirituality and Health program, What's Your Spiritual Type? Exploring New Paths to Spiritual Growth, led by Tom Harris. Come discover your spiritual type and specific practices that will feed your spiritual growth.

We will meet from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in K200 on October 29. Plan now to join us for an opportunity to understand and explore how you can more richly connect with yourself, others, and God. <u>Registration is required</u>. Questions, please contact Martha Grove Hipskind at <u>mghipskind@whitememorial.org</u>.

STEPHEN MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL GATHERING

Sunday | November 2 | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

If you're interested in becoming a Stephen Minister please join us for an informational gathering. Contact lauranraynor@gmail.com for more.

EVENSONG

Sunday | November 2 | 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Come to remember, give thanks, find comfort and discover hope. This is a meaningful worship service for anyone who has had a loved one die in the past year or in years past.

HEALING THROUGH GRIEF

Sunday | November 9 | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | R400

This class is led by Associate Pastor Cate Church Norman and Pastoral Resident Lee Hunter. Healing through Grief will meet on Sundays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. from November 9 – December 14 in R400. Registration required.

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Thursday, October 30

Psalm 119:137-144; Jeremiah 33:14-26

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

Friday, October 31

Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 1:5-17

• Pickleball 2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Saturday, November 1

Psalm 119:137-144; John 8:39-47

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
Consulting Breaks, Director of Family Ministry

Genevieve Brooks, Director of Family Ministry

Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care Claire Cox-Woodlief, Executive Director

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Martha Stevenson, Educator Emerita

Eric Wall, Director of Music



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Outreach

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, 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.

STEPUP MINISTRY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

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.

CROP WALK

Join the White Memorial team as we walk to help end hunger on **Saturday, November 8, at 10:00 a.m.,** First Baptist Church. Registration can be found on our website.



WHERE DO YOU SEE THE FACE OF GOD?

WMPC is seeking examples of where you see the face of God. All congregants are invited to create an example via photography, collage, painting, drawing, watercolor, etc., or you can bring in an example you already own. If you would like a free canvas to use contact Eric Nanz at enanz@whitememorial. org. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, November 2nd.

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday | November 3 | 1:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall Be the lifeline patients need. To make an appointment go to: whitememorial.org/events

SERVANT SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER: RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Saturday | November 15 | 10:00 a.m. | Hayes Barton United Methodist Church

This is a great family project! Join us, along with Hayes Barton UMC as we package 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger on Saturday, November 15. Register: whitememorial.org/register.

SOUNDS ON OBERLIN CONCERT SERIES

Sunday | November 16 | 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Singer/songwriter Laurelyn Dossett will provide an afternoon of Original Roots, Folk & Bluegrass as she presents Songs of Light and Hope. She will be playing songs from *The Gathering: A Winter's Tale in Six Songs* and selections from *Beautiful Star: An Appalachian Nativity*. Concert is free but donations gladly accepted.

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS GATHERING

Sunday | November 16 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

While the kids have movie nights and youth group, parents are invited to gather for dinner, fellowship, and a parenting workshop called "Raising Resilient Kids: Building Emotional Strength and Coping Skills" led by Laura Brimberry. We'll order pizza and salad from Lily's pizza for dinner (\$10 per person). Registration is required. Childcare is available for children younger than kindergarten while the older children are in Movie Night, Club 4/5 and Youth Group. Laura is from Birch Therapy where she serves as the Parent Support Specialist.

CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday | November 16 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | C200 Children's. in kindergarten-3rd grade are invited to watch *Monsters, Inc.* on Sunday, November 16 from 5-7:00 p.m. in C200. Pizza is \$6.00 per person. Pre-registration required at whitememorial.org/register.

CLUB 4/5 MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday | November 16 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | C100 Fourth and Fifth graders are invited to watch *Night at the Museum* in C100. Pizza is \$6.00 per person. Pre-registration required at whitememorial.org/register.



Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.



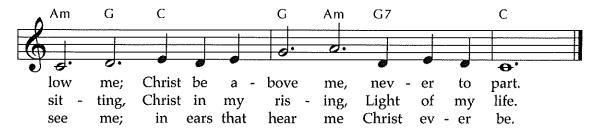
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- 1 Christ be be side me; Christ be be fore me; Christ be be -
- 2 Christ on hand, Christ on my right hand, Christ my left all a -3 Christ be in all hearts think-ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be - round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that

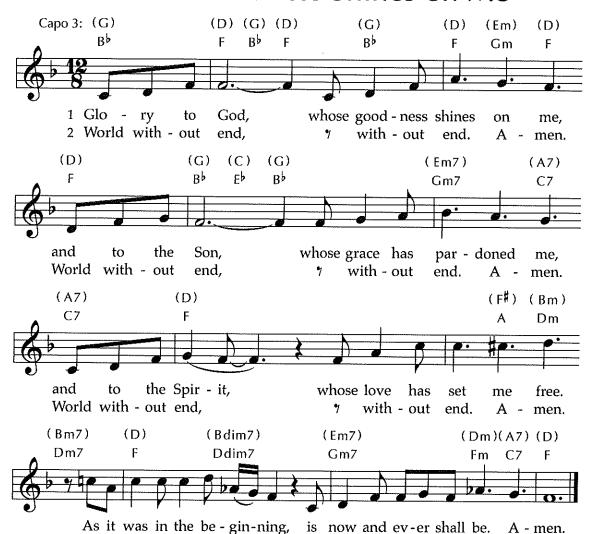


This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985 Music Arr. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources BUNESSAN 5,5,5,4.D

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



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