

WHITE MEMORIAL
— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

EVENSONG
NOVEMBER 2, 2025



In Life and Death
We Belong to God

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Evensong Service. We gather in this sacred space to worship God and to remember special people in our lives who have died. Remembering those we love, and those who loved us, is good for us. Remembering is part of how we heal and is an important part of our spiritual lives because in the love of others we are reminded of God's abundant love and provision for us.

In the *Message* version of scripture, 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 says:

Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit. We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled. . .

We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!

But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

Sometimes life, especially when we're grieving, can feel like we're squinting through fog or peering through a mist. Today, amid our grief, we remember that love never dies. God's love is still shining brightly, even if it's difficult to see. We will see it clearly again just as God sees us clearly now. God sees us where we are and loves us where we are. We need only to lean into faith, hope and love.

As you worship may you remember that even though grief can feel very lonely, you are not alone. You are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who have gone before you and by a congregation who loves and prays for you. Beloved, you are held by a God whose love never ends.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cate".

Cate Church Norman

In Loving Memory of Those Members Who Died November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025

We memorialize the loved ones of the White Memorial Presbyterian Church family to the glory of God. May this service cause us to remember with deep gratitude the goodness, beauty, and truth which passed from these lives into the life of our community.

Name	Date of Death
George Sadler Edwards	November 15, 2024
James Marion Parrott, Jr.	January 11, 2025
Virginia Teske Smith	February 9, 2025
Jeanette Wallace Hyde	February 10, 2025
Dwight Marshall Mims	February 13, 2025
Elizabeth Walker Thomas	February 15, 2025
Thomas Elton Mould	February 16, 2025
Virginia Mims Alexander Neustadt	February 19, 2025
Janet Lea Viaropulos	February 27, 2025
Marilyn Liles Jones	February 28, 2025
Carolyn Brauch Jackson	March 2, 2025
Edward Tomlinson Elam	March 8, 2025
Susan Bennett Fairlee	March 11, 2025
Barbara Hatcher McDonald	March 15, 2025
Egbert Lawrence Davis, III	March 17, 2025
Anne Hayes Tate	March 18, 2025
Fredrika Vleck Cox	March 21, 2025
William Eagles Moss	March 21, 2025
Robert Lonnie Jones	March 24, 2025
Betty Asbill Anderson	March 31, 2025
Harvey Craig Price	April 17, 2025
Wentworth Lawrence Durgin	April 23, 2025
James Marshall Mauney	June 9, 2025
Donnell Earle Johnson	July 2, 2025
Aderemi Akintunde Adebimpe	July 4, 2025
Ann Vallentyne Walker	August 7, 2025
Deborah Davis Hawkins	August 16, 2025
Bruce Elliott Mullin	August 24, 2025
Doris Elizabeth Stanley	September 3, 2025
Charles Ives Bryan	October 28, 2025

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

- Psalm 116:15

Memorial Evensong

November 2, 2025 | 3:00 pm

Prelude Deep River

African-American spiritual, arr. A. Hailstork

Anthem

American folk-hymn, arr. A. Parker

Hark! I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore
as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb;
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.*

And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.

Souls have crossed before me saintly to that land of perfect rest,
and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

Greeting

Jim Ferry

***Call to Worship**

A voice says, "Cry out!

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades;

but the word of our God will stand forever.

Our God will feed his flock like a shepherd;

the Lord will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead the mother sheep.

***Hymn 326** For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

***Prayer for the Day**

Tom Harris

Anthem

Christopher D. Hogan, composer

God is in my voice when I am singing;
God is in my voice, right here in my song.
God is here with me—alleluia!

God is in my mind when I am praying;
God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.
God is here with me—alleluia!

God is in my heart when I am sleeping,
God is in my heart, right here in my sleep.
God is here with me—alleluia!

Reading Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

***Hymn 803** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

Reading 1 Corinthians 13:8-12

Lee Hunter

Reflection “Community Wisdom”

Anthem

Mark Miller, composer

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Judy Yates-Siker

Reading of the Names

Christopher Edmonston
and Cate Church Norman

Hymn For All the Saints

O WALY WALY
text by John L. Bell

For all the saints who've shown your love
in how they live and where they move,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Savior's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,
and showed the kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude In Pardisum

Gabriel Fauré (from *Requiem*)

*May the angels receive you into Paradise.
May the martyrs receive you at your arrival
and lead you into the holy city Jerusalem.
May choirs of angels receive you
and, with Lazarus, once a poor one, eternally may you have rest.*

Leaders in Worship

*Christopher Edmonston, Pastor
Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Jim Ferry, Parish Associate
Judy Yates Siker, Parish Associate
Tom Harris, Parish Associate
Lee Hunter, Pastoral Resident
Eric Wall, Director of Music
Kelly Gold, Director of Children's and Youth Music
WMPC Adult Choir
WMPC Joyful Noise Choir
WMPC Youth Choir*

Additional Resources

In addition to Evensong, several White Memorial ministries are particularly helpful for addressing life's griefs.

- Pastors are available for pastoral care.
- White Memorial's Stephen Ministers are trained Christian caregivers whose listening is invaluable during all kinds of transitions.
- Our relationship with TPC Integrative Psychotherapy & Pastoral Counseling means we have access to excellent counseling services, including an on-site counselor; scholarships are available.
- We offer a five session workshop called *Healing Through Grief*.

Healing Through Grief: A Workshop

Grief touches us all at some point in our lives. No one ever has to feel alone during this difficult time. Whether you have suffered the recent loss of a loved one or are struggling with a loss in the past, you are invited to come together in November for a series of five sessions to help you along your journey of grief.

Each session explores different aspects of grief: from acceptance of your loss and working through its pain, to adjusting to a new way of being while honoring a very significant relationship in your life. Each session builds upon the other, so attendance is encouraged at each session.

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 is required: whitememorial.org/register.

In Gratitude For Those Who Made Bequests or Established Charitable Trusts

Bequests by the following people have been made to or received by White Memorial Presbyterian Church from November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025:

Virgina Mims Neustadt
Dorothy Crochrane Crocker
Theodore Esterbrook Haigler, Jr.

Supporting the White Memorial Presbyterian Church (WMPC) Endowment Fund is a tangible affirmation of faith and trust that God will use our gifts that have been prayerfully and faithfully given. Gifts to the WMPC Endowment Fund are a way to leave a lasting legacy, express our love for Christ's church and make a statement about the values we most treasure.

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The lists of persons memorialized should be
accurate as of the last Evensong,
November 1, 2024 through October 30, 2025.

If there are errors or omissions of bequests,
memorials or persons memorialized,
please notify the church office.
The Evensong Service next year will be
Sunday, November 1, 2026.

Any member of the congregation desiring to have a relative
or friend memorialized in the 2026 Evensong bulletin
is asked to contact the Director of Finance in the church office
prior to October 24, 2026.

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People to be Remembered

*Dalton Ausley
Martha Daywalt Roser Baker
Margaret Jewell Rhinehart Beall
John Blake Brady
Darryl Branch
Charles Iceman Bridger
Jack Elson Brinson
Bruce MacDonald Brown
John Wakeman Carlo
Peter Cameron Carruthers
Matti Elizabeth Carter
John Cash
William Sublett Christian
Jean Kirby Condrey
Richard Merle Condrey
Daniel Lynn Cook
John Coleman Daniel
Stephen Joel Denny
John Craig Dorsey
Mary Cooke (Polly) Downward
Rebecca Fracisco Duke
Richard Early
Steven Lowell Easter
William Charles Everett
Gilbert Douglas Ferrell
Martha Flynn
Vernon Earl Fountain, Jr.
Charles Ladd Freeman
Betty Kilgore Moss Gibbs
Larry Gragg
Patricia Upton Graham
Charles Linwood Hall, Jr.
Eunice Rebecca Howard
Mary Griffin Hutchison
Samuel Atkins Johnson
Jo Ann Norman Keeling
Jo Ann Kelleher
Thomas Earl Land
Lorie Steinhagen Lindsley
Teresa Ann Lown
Raymond Otis Massey*

*Ann McChesney
Janie Pendleton McDarris
Parker McLendon
Caroline Murray McMahon
Nancy Millen
Ruth England Mock
Sue Murray
Bobby Merrell Nelson
Lynell Small
Delores Cash Sloop
Ruth Tillotson Smith
Mary Bradley Snead
Stephen Morris Sutton
Dorothy Zevnik Swintosky
Robert Tate
Mary Elaine Bissett Thomas
Jerry Thompson
Hilda Peachey Tollison
Margaret Trumbo
Janice Whitaker Turnage
Joyce Ann Padgett Weisenborn
Charles Harden (Skipper) West, Jr.
Michael Camden White
Richard Peyton Woodson, III
Martha Avison Woodson, III*

White Memorial Presbyterian Restricted and Designated Funds

ROBERT G. AMES YOUTH MINISTRY FUND was established in 1996 by the estate of Bob Ames, a director of Youth Ministry, to benefit youth ministry of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. The fund provides a) honorariums and travel expenses for program speakers and b) financial assistance to youth active in the church's youth ministry for mission trips, conferences, retreats, and other church sponsored events.

The fund is managed by the White Memorial Presbyterian Foundation. Income from this fund is disbursed through the Education and Nurture Committee, but confidential allocations may be made by Education and Nurture and Youth Ministry staff.

DREW BETTS FUND FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE was established in 2013 to further support White Memorial's commitment to be a Primary Ministry Partner with StepUp Ministry, with annual funding priority given to direct legal assistance for StepUp participants, programs related to legal issues of participants and finally general operating funds. Should StepUp cease to exist or change its mission substantially, this fund may be used to support other outreach ministries in Wake County.

SARA R. AND GLENN F. BITLER FUND was established in 1994 to support the media ministry of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. The fund was begun by their children, Paul and Barbara Coughlin, and other family members. Gifts to the Bitler Fund are managed by the White Memorial Presbyterian Foundation. Income is used annually in support of media ministry expenses.

JUDY BRIGHT FUND was established in 2020 by a bequest from Judy Bright to support the community outreach ministry of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. The fund is managed by the White Memorial Presbyterian Foundation. Income is annually disbursed through the Outreach Committee.

THE PETER C. CARRUTHERS FUND was established following the death in 1996 of Pete Carruthers, an Associate Pastor. Income from the fund is transferred annually to the Pastor's Fund for Special Assistance and is administered by the pastoral staff of the church. The fund is invested by the White Memorial Presbyterian Foundation.

DISCRETIONARY FUND was created in 1994 to reimburse pastoral and program staff for work related expenses ordinarily not covered in the regular budget. The fund receives honorariums given to the staff, donations from staff, and restricted gifts from church members and friends. Disbursements from the fund are approved by one of the pastors and reviewed annually by church officers and auditors.

JAMES K. DORSETT, JR. & ANNA LEE DORSETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND was established in 2003. In 2024, a request was made by the Dorsett heirs to rename the Fund THE JAMES K. DORSETT, JR. & ANNA LEE DORSETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND (originally "The James K. Dorsett, Jr. Scholarship Fund"). One scholarship, in the amount of five percent of the current value of the Fund will be awarded each year to a student who will attend a four-year college or university with priority given to a student attending an institution in the state of North Carolina or one related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Fund is administered by the Session through the Scholarship Committee.

FLOWER FUND receives gifts from members and friends in memory and in honor of persons. Gifts to the fund help provide for Easter and Christmas sanctuary and chapel decorations as well as flowers for worship when needed.

JULIAN AND BERTA FORE MUSIC FUND was created in their memory to support the church's Music Ministry. The fund is administered by the Session through the Worship Committee.

B.T. HENDERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND was established in 2008 to provide one scholarship each year to a member attending a four-year college or university as an undergraduate student.

NANCY JUDE FUND was established in 2021 to support the community outreach programs of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. The Fund is managed by the White Memorial Presbyterian Foundation. Income is annually disbursed through the Outreach Committee.

JIM AND MARY NEELY KING FUND was established in 2015 to be given to White Memorial staff annually for education, enrichment, need or to recognize outstanding accomplishment. The fund is administered by the Personnel Committee.

LIBRARY MEMORIAL FUND was created to support the church's library. Gifts are received in memory and in honor of persons. Gifts are used to purchase and maintain books, references, periodicals, and other materials on biblical, theological, Christian education and worship subjects. The Education and Nurture Committee through the Library Sub-Committee determines disbursements from the fund.

KELLY LYNN SCHOLARSHIP FUND was established in 1988 as a memorial by the family and friends of Kelly Lynn, a young person who was a member of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. Income from the Fund may be used annually to assist any member of White Memorial Presbyterian Church to attend any accredited university, college or trade school located in the state of North Carolina. The Fund is administered by the Session through the Scholarship Committee.

MAINTENANCE ENDOWMENT FUND was established in 1998 by the Session. The Maintenance Endowment Fund is funded by restricted gifts which are invested by the White Memorial Presbyterian Foundation. Income is used to underwrite the maintenance costs for the church facility.

LLOYD CURTIS McCASKILL, JR. MEMORIAL SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND was established in 2007 in his memory with gifts from his family and friends. The fund is managed by the White Memorial Presbyterian Foundation. Income from the fund is transferred annually to the Pastor's Fund for Special Assistance and is administered by the pastoral staff of the church.

MEMORIAL FUND receives gifts in memory or in honor of individuals or groups in the church. Gifts may be used for a) projects and/or equipment that strengthen the church programs, b) additions to White Memorial Presbyterian Church that add to its beauty and/or usefulness, and c) the establishment of new Presbyterian churches in Wake County or other special mission projects. The Finance and Stewardship Committee, through the Memorial and Restricted Gifts Sub-Committee, manages the funds, counsels with families about special uses of these gifts, and makes recommendations to the Session for approval.

MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND was established in 1996 to defray the cost of construction of the garden and to provide maintenance of the garden.

MUSIC FUND was created to receive gifts in memory and in honor of persons and to be used in special ways that enhance the music ministry of the congregation. The Worship Committee, through the Music Sub-Committee, determines disbursements from the fund.

NUNNALLY FAMILY THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE FUND was established in 2003 by Sally Nunnally and Paul Nunnally and family to underwrite the cost of the Theologian in Residence program.

PASTORS' FUND FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE was created in 1995 in order to aid families in the congregation, individuals of the community, and recognized non-profit organizations in the community which assist the poor. Income for the fund comes through restricted contributions and designated memorials. Ordinarily, use of the fund is limited to emergencies related to health, housing, food and transportation. Procedures are used to protect confidentiality. Expenditures are reviewed by the Clerk of Session, the chair of the Personnel Committee, and the auditors.

NANCY THOMPSON PETRO MEMORIAL FUND was established in 2007 by her parents, family and friends to assist those needing pastoral counseling or similar spiritual and pastoral support. A secondary purpose is to provide support for the Pastors' Fund for Special Assistance.

JOY W. POPE MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND was established in 2014 to support the care and maintenance of the H. Edwin Pickard Memorial Garden.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MEMORIAL FUND was established to support their program, including speakers for Presbyterian Women's retreats and events, retreat scholarships, and other Presbyterian Women projects.

OUTREACH ENDOWMENT FUND was established by the Session to support and enlarge the Outreach Ministry of White Memorial Presbyterian Church now and in perpetuity. Restricted gifts and bequests are received by the church or White Memorial Foundation. The fund is managed by the WMPC Foundation. Income is used annually to support the outreach ministry.

REECE EDUCATIONAL FUND was established in 2005 for the acquisition of scholarly material and to expand the resources of the White Memorial Library.

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE FUND was established by the Session in 1996 in order to escrow funds for on-going major property repairs and replacements. Gifts to the fund along with church budget funds are disbursed by the Administration Committee through the Property Care Sub-Committee. Disbursements from this fund are limited to special projects and repairs such as painting, heat and air conditioning, carpet, kitchen equipment, musical instruments, roofs, and church vans.

WMPC SCHOLARSHIP FUND was created to assist youth of the congregation who have demonstrated need for financial assistance in achieving an undergraduate education and are active in the youth ministry of the church. Gifts to the fund may be applied to funds available for scholarship grants or to the principal of invested funds. Earnings from invested funds along with other designated gifts are used to provide scholarship aid for undergraduate studies. The Finance and Stewardship Committee through the Scholarship Funds Sub-Committee determines scholarship disbursements.

STEPUP/OUTREACH ENDOWMENT FUND was originally established in 2002 as the Martha Durfee StepUp Fund to benefit the children of families enrolled in the StepUp program, and was expanded in 2007 to support White Memorial's commitment to be a Primary Ministry Partner with StepUp Ministry. Income is used annually to support StepUp Ministry, or should StepUp cease to exist or change its mission substantially, the income may be used to support other outreach ministries in Wake County.

MARTHA STEVENSON ENDOWMENT FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND NURTURE was established in 2004 to honor Martha for her 23 years of service as Educator, Pastor, and friend to the White Memorial congregation, and will be used to underwrite special programs of educational significance for children, youth, or adults that encourage Christian thought and action. Publicity for such programs will make reference to Martha Stevenson and her service to the White Memorial Presbyterian Church congregation.

MARY STEWART TOWLER MEMORIAL SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND was established in 1995 to aid families in the congregation having financial difficulty and agencies of the community which assist the poor. Gifts to the Towler Fund become a part of the principal and investments of the fund are managed by the White Memorial Presbyterian Foundation. Income is transferred annually to the Pastors' Fund for Special Assistance and administered by the pastoral staff of the church.

VISUAL AND CREATIVE ARTS FUND was established in 2006 by Marjorie Pipkin through a gift administered by the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation. The purpose of this fund is to encourage and celebrate the visual arts as part of the life and ministry of White Memorial. Ordinarily, use of the fund is approved by the Worship Committee.

WHITE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND was established in 2007 by the Session to support and enlarge the ministry of White Memorial Presbyterian Church now and in perpetuity. Through the Endowment Fund, the Church will seek to preserve and maximize the value of each donor's gift, to generate earnings from principal to fund the Church's outreach ministries, capital improvements and special needs, and to enhance the financial viability of White Memorial and its mission now and in the future. Distributions shall be determined by the Session.

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