

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 19, 2025 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.

Preparation for Worship

God who is our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we gather in your presence today mindful of the great cloud of witnesses who have come before us seeking to reform your church. As we remember all that has changed, fix our eyes on that which does not change, the enduring power of your word and the love of Christ. Breathe new life into our worship and give us the courage to be your church in changing times and circumstances, always trusting in you to guide us. Amen.

Prelude Salvation is Created

Chesnokov

*Call to Worship

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;
the Lord watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The Lord will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

**The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

*Hymn 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*stanzas 1 and 2 – all
stanzas 3 and 4 – choir
stanzas 5 and 6 – all*

*Confession and Pardon

Anne Galliher

Gracious and loving God, we confess that through the things we have done and that which we have left undone we have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. We have spoken harsh words and contributed to discord rather than lifting our hearts and voices in prayer. We have chosen what is easy over what is faithful. Forgive us, God, and create in us clean hearts. Renew our commitment to follow in the way of Christ and to live as your new creation.

Silence for personal confession

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

GLORY TO GOD



Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

* Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit.

Words in bold are for everyone to say or sing.

The WMPC Brass Choir, led by Renee Todd, begins our worship with an arrangement of a stirring Russian choral work. Its expansive phrases are both centering and reaching. Its title, “Salvation Is Created,” is a kind of pre-answer to the question that begins Psalm 121: “From where is my help to come?”

This beloved hymn, a version of Psalm 90, is shared today by congregation, choir, and instruments in an arrangement by John Ferguson.

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

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.

David William Clodfelter Jr., son of Mary Catherine and David Clodfelter (9:30)

Marlowe Ann Fawcett, daughter of Charlotte and Curtis Fawcett (11:00)

Stephanie Joy Daniel, daughter of Grace and McMillen Daniel (11:00)



WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Jeremiah 31:27-34

pew Bible p. 691

Hymn 845 To the Hills I Lift My Eyes (Psalm 121)

NA-UI DO-UM

Second Reading Luke 18:1-8

pew Bible p. 76

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

Sermon Not Losing Heart

Christopher Edmonston

Today's lectionary psalm, 121, is sung here to a haunting, plaintive tune; the reading we hear comes from Eugene Peterson's translation, *The Message*.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Officer Ordination and Installation (11:00)

ELDERS: Bill Baker, Lily Dobson, Claire Sauls Glover, Carolyn McGowan, John Pace, Diane Payne, Emily Peters, George Ramsay, Ann Brooke Raynal, Stephen Riddick, Caitlin Roach, Gregg Sandreuter, David Sloop, Tim Tinnesz, Owen Treadway, Rick White, Kristi Wilson, Peter Williams

DEACONS: Chester Allen, Anna Baird, Kristye Brackett, Nancy Brawley, Penn Clarke, Anderson Davis, Meg Ellis, Meg Groves, Hunter Hobson, Toni Hutto, Cameron Leonard, Gina Minton, Brian Mock, Vanessa Rectanus, Wally Silverman, Chris Wilson

Prayer of Installation & Lord's Prayer

Cate Church Norman

**Someone's praying, Lord—come by here!
Someone's praying, Lord—come by here!
Someone's praying, Lord—come by here!
O Lord, kum ba yah—kum ba yah!**

**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.**

Minute for Generosity

Claire Cox-Woodlief (9:30)
Dan Daniel (11:00)

Offering

J. Bell/G. Maule

Don't tell me of a faith that fears to face the world around;
don't dull my mind with fickle thoughts of grace without a ground.

*I need to know that God is real,
I need to know that Christ can feel
the need to touch and love and heal the world,
including me.*

Don't speak of piety and prayers divorced from human need;
don't talk of spirit without flesh like harvest without seed.

Don't sate my mind with common sense distilled from ages past,
inept for those who fear the world's about to breathe its last.

Don't set the cross before my eyes unless you tell the truth
of how the Lord who finds the lost was often found uncouth.

So let the gospel come alive in actions plain to see,
in imitation of the one whose love extends to me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We may know "Kum ba Yah" so familiarly as a "campfire song" that we overlook its origin as an African-American spiritual. Perhaps we have sung it for many years not knowing that the phrase *kum ba yah* is itself a prayer: *come by here*.

This short, muscular song comes to us from Scotland's Iona Community and songwriters John L. Bell and Graham Maule. It is a demand for an active, healing, present faith.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

This hymn finds sung strength in repetition, both of words and music. Author Mary Louise Bringle casts a magnificent vision of light, love, and hope, aided by a magnificent tune by William Rowan known as TEMPLE OF PEACE.

*Hymn 79 Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

*Charge & Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

*Postlude Canzon (Sonata No. 2)

Gabrieli

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 26 following the 11:00 a.m. worship in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon a report from the Associate Pastor for Outreach and Community Engagement Nominating Committee.

The flowers in the chancel are given today in honor of **Nancy Thompson** on her 94th birthday by her children Sanford Thompson, Nancy Heathcote and Elizabeth Robertson

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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
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

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.

GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY WITH CHRISTOPHER EDMONSTON

Monday | October 20

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. Beginning Monday, October 20,
Christopher Edmonston will lead a four-week
study exploring its meaning for us today.
Join us in Main Hall from 7:00-8:00 p.m. each
week.

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 to get more
info! Jesmaynard@gmail.com



FOUR PILLARS OF PROMISE

THE CAMPAIGN FOR RESTORATION & RENEWAL



+ THE CORNERSTONE: GENEROSITY

THE SPIRIT THAT SHAPES OUR CHURCH

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](https://onrealm.org/whitememorial/-/form/pledge/capitalcampaign)

Generosity 2026: The Cornerstone

[https://onrealm.org/whitememorial/-/form/
pledge/pledges2026](https://onrealm.org/whitememorial/-/form/pledge/pledges2026)

Informational Meeting on Four Pillars

On Sunday, October 19 we invite you to
stop by Geneva Hall between 10:00-11:00
a.m. to ask questions and learn more.

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Sunday, October 19

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

Monday, October 20

Psalms 129; Jeremiah 38:14-28

- **Bridge With Friends**
1:00 p.m. | The Hub
- **Pickleball**
2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **Tai Chi**
5:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **Congregation-Wide Bible Study**
7:00 p.m. | Main Hall

Tuesday, October 21

Psalms 129; Jeremiah 39:1-18

- **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
- **Stitch and Sip**
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Offsite

Wednesday, October 22

Psalms 129; Jeremiah 50:1-7, 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
- **Wednesday Together Dinner**
5:00-6:30 p.m. | Main Hall

Engagement and Faith Fellowship

2026 WOMEN'S RETREAT
JANUARY 23-25
WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

Beloved on the Earth:

Being, Belonging, Becoming

with Rev. Gracie Payne
Associate Pastor for Engagement
Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Registration now open!
whitememorial.org/register



STITCH AND SIP

Tuesday | October 21 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Giorgios Epicurean Market

Bring your needlepoint, crochet, knitting, or another craft project and join us for an evening of stitching, enjoying refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Anne Galliher at agalliher@whitememorial.org.



50/60 SOMETHINGS HAPPY HOUR

Thursday | October 23 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

With kids who are launched and/or launching, aging parents, and the demands of work and family, the “middle” season of life is full and the need for community is deep. Join us at the home of Cliff and Diane Britt for a time of fellowship and conversation about how this peer group might engage in our church community. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Anne Galliher at agalliher@whitememorial.org.

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.

LET'S PLAY MAHJONG AT WMPC!

Tuesday | October 21 | 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. | The Hub

It's official! We now have a group playing Mahjong on the first and third Tuesdays of 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.

NEW Hospitality Team Open House

WELCOME

Sunday, October 26
in Jane Bell Gathering Space

any worship service on October 26 to enjoy some refreshments and learn more. Serving on the Hospitality Team is an easy, low commitment level way for people of all ages to serve our church family and meet new people. Questions? Contact Anne Galliher at agalliher@whitememorial.org

NEW HOSPITALITY TEAM OPEN HOUSE

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

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 fourth episode "Bad Blood" with Christopher Edmonston and Cate Church Norman, will be released October 20. Look for it on our website, Spotify or Apple Podcasts.

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Thursday, October 23

Psalm 65; Joel 1:1-20

- **Keenagers**
10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall
- **Note in the Pocket**
1:30 p.m. | Offsite
- **50/60 Somethings Happy Hour**
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Offsite

Friday, October 24

Psalm 65; Joel 2:1-11

- **Pickleball**
2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Saturday, October 25

Psalm 65; Joel 2:12-22

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

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. [Registration is required](#). Questions, please contact Martha Grove Hipskind at mghipskind@whitememorial.org.

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.

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 Hipskind, 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



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.

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.

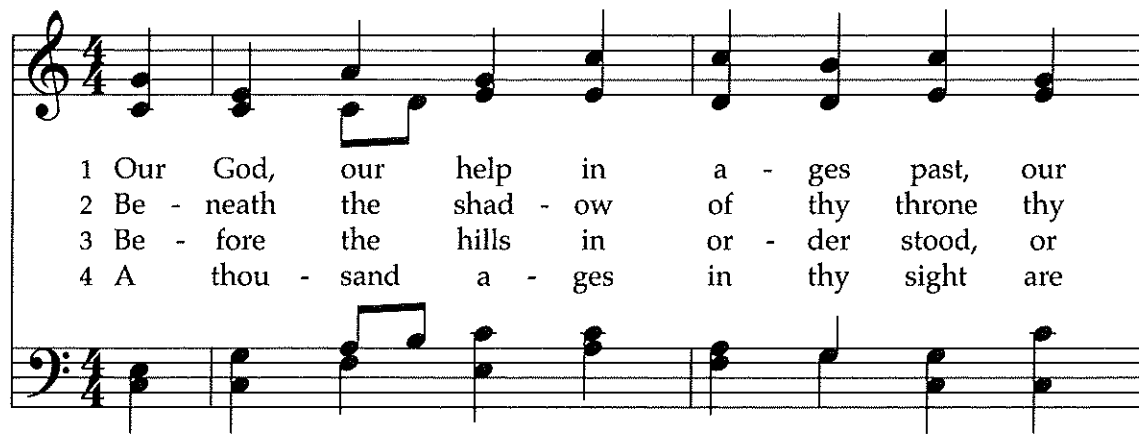


WHERE DO YOU SEE THE FACE OF GOD?

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.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

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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 $\sharp$) (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.

79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.