

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 12, 2025 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.

Preparation for Worship

"In the universe, there are things that are known, and things that are unknown, and in between them, there are doors."

William Blake

Introit

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis,
sed nomine tuo da gloria.

*Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,
but unto your name be glory.*

William Byrd, composer

Call to Worship

We gather here in your presence, God,
in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,
and you know by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;
we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because you invite us to come,
and you have promised never to turn us away.

Iona Abbey Worship Book

*Hymn 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*Confession and Pardon

Jim Ferry

**Gracious and Holy One,
as we confess aloud to you and one another
that which is broken within us,
that which we know keeps us from fully receiving your love and grace,
we count on your inexhaustible love to meet us where we are.
Some days we find ourselves in foreign territory
even in the places that have long been home,
creating unexpected and unfamiliar anxiety.
Be with us in these betwixt and between times and spaces.
Forgive our hesitation; forgive our resignation;
forgive our lack of trust that You are with us,
always with us, in these spaces.**

Silence for personal confession

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

GLORY TO GOD



Priest reaching out to help a man with leprosy, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library

* Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit.

Words in bold are for everyone to say or sing.

An ascription of praise from Psalm 115 begins our worship—that God alone receives glory. As if to deepen the claim, this musical setting utters the psalmist's words as a round: a melody sung alongside itself—a single sentence as a layered prayer.

Each week the Prayer of Confession plays an important role early in our worship service. As we gather to worship and hear the Word we are aware of our fragile natures and brokenness. By taking the time to recognize aloud to God and one another these aspects of our lives we prepare our hearts and minds to enter into the sacred space of worship, and we are reminded of the amazing grace of God.

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 (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.

Henry MacBain, son of Taylor and Lauren MacBain

Burrus Smith, son of Gil and Caroline Smith



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!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

pew Bible p. 687

Psalms 106:1-12, 43-48



Let all say, let all say, let
all the peo - ple say, "A - men."

Our biblical text is a living text and as we gather to hear God's Word proclaimed we are called to hear it as if for the first time, to invite the words to speak a truth to us today just as they have for believers across the centuries. It is our responsibility to apply them to the lives we are living and carry a good word into the world.

Second Reading Luke 17:11-19

pew Bible p. 75

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

Sermon Betwixt and Between

Judy Yates Siker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 7 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

NORWICH

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Lee Hunter

**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.**

Offering

Pues si vivimos, para El vivimos,
y si morimos, para El morimos;
sea que vivamos o que muramos
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

Each day allows us to decide for good,
loving and serving as we know we should;
in thankful giving, in hopeful living,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Sometimes we sorrow, other times embrace;
sometimes we question everything we face;
yet in our yearning is deeper learning:
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Till earth is over may we always know
love never fails us: God has made it so.
Hard times will prove us, never remove us;
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Non nobis Domine, non nobis,
sed nomine tuo da gloria.

*Affirmation

from *the Confession of 1967*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of humankind's mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving sinful humans.
The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.
God has created the world of space and time
to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind.
In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder,
the world reflects to the eye of faith
the majesty and mystery of its Creator.**

This hymn's modern text is based upon writings of medieval mystic and anchoress Julian of Norwich. The strong and loving nurture of the Trinity is evoked in a poem in which one syllable words carry great beauty and power, supported by a tune reaching higher with each phrase.

This anonymous song from Mexico is found in our hymnal at 822, but this English translation comes from the Iona Community. The first stanza affirms what Paul writes to the Romans: in life and and in death, we belong to God. (Translation © 2002 WGRG/GIA Publications, Inc.)

As we respond to God's Word and prepare to take it into the world, we say together each week what we believe in an affirmation of faith. As we draw from creeds and confessions from our shared history, let us listen carefully to the words we speak and invite them to guide our actions in the coming days.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

This hymn from the Democratic Republic of Congo comes to us from a worship book of Scotland's Iona Community. It offers an exuberant confidence in the sureness of God's kingdom and our future.

*Hymn Malembe ("We Know This")

Joseph Kabemba Mwenze, composer

As long as we live, there is a future for creation,
a future for the universe.
As long as we live, there is a future for creation,
a future for the universe.

We know this, we know this,
we know God's kingdom it will come.
We know this, we know this,
we know God's kingdom it will come.

As long as we sing...

As long as we pray...

As long as we move...

*Charge & Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

*Postlude "...the people respond, Amen!"

Dan Locklair, composer

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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
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.



Jays & CONCERNS

MARRIAGES

Molly McKay Baird and Philip Mark McClam, September 13,
daughter of Nancy and Frank Baird

CONGRATULATIONS

Karen Adams Fox, on the birth of great granddaughter Cecilia Rose Noyes-Fox,
August 29, child of Rebecca Noyes-Fox and Matthew Noyes, Wanstead, London, England.

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.

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.



A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Sunday, October 12

Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:35-51

- **Sounds on Oberlin Concert**
3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Monday, October 13

Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:8-23

- **PW Luncheon**
12:00 p.m. | Main Hall
- **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, October 14

Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:24-32

- **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
- **Caregiver's Coffee**
10:30 a.m. | The Hub
- **Mahjong**
1:00 p.m. | The Hub
- **20s + 30s Women's Book Club**
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | Offsite

Wednesday, October 15

Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 25:15-32

- **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
- **Spirituality & Health Series**
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | K200

Engagement and Faith Fellowship

LET'S PLAY MAHJONG!

Tuesday | October 14 | 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. | The Hub

We're starting a new mahjong group at WMPC and would love for you to be part of it! Come to the Hub on Tuesday, October 14, from 1-2:30 p.m. 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. [Click here to register.](#)



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

BEER & HYMNS

Friday | October 17 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Raleigh Brewing Company

Join our White Memorial family of faith for an evening of fun, fellowship and music-making together, where the goal isn't performance or perfection but hearty participation and joy! Musicians from our WMPC community will lead us in singing old favorites from the hymnal, spirituals from the past and newer songs you've likely heard in worship. Invite your neighbors, friends, and family, and let's all raise a glass to being community together! All ages are welcome at Beer & Hymns but anyone consuming alcohol at this event must be 21+. [Please register here](#) to help us with a headcount.

50/60 SOMETHINGS HAPPY HOUR

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

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 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.

NEW Hospitality Team Open House

WELCOME

Sunday, October 26
in Jane Bell Gathering Space

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 all
worship services | Jane Bell
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

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 third episode "To Live for the Hope of It All" with Christopher Edmonston and executive director of StepUp Ministry Colisha Stanford drops Monday, October 13. Look for it on our website, Spotify or Apple Podcasts.

BEYOND
SUNDAY
at WMPC

...READY FOR IT?

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

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. Questions, please contact Health Ministry Coordinator Martha Grove Hipskind at mghipskind@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 during his March program.

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 Martha Grove Hipskind at mghipskind@whitememorial.org.

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Thursday, October 16

Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:1-15

- **Keenagers**
10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall
- **Note in the Pocket**
1:30 p.m. | Offsite
- **Jesus Encounters**
2:30 p.m. | R400

Friday, October 17

Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:16-24

- **Pickleball**
2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **Beer & Hymns**
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Raleigh Brewing

Saturday, October 18

Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 31:15-26

- **Greensboro Pilgrimage**
All day | Greensboro
- **Habitat for Humanity Site Build**
8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Offsite

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
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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
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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, 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.

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.



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.

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.



2026 WOMEN'S RETREAT
JANUARY 23-25
WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

Beloved on the Earth:

Being, Belonging, Becoming

Registration now open!
whitememorial.org/register



O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

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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.

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth 7



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - turing one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - ery
 me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 grow un - til I flower, un - til I know.

As the tune name hints, this text is derived from images in the writings of the English medieval mystic, Julian of Norwich. In 1393 she wrote down an account of her sixteen remarkable visions experienced twenty years earlier; they formed the basis of her theology of God's love.