WHITE MEMORIAL — PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—

Service for the Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost November 16, 2025 $\,\mid\,$ 11 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.

Preparation for Worship

Govern everything by your wisdom, O Lord, so that my soul may always be serving you in the way you will and not as I choose. Let me die to myself so that I may serve you; let me live to you who are life itself. Amen.

Introit

David Ashley White, composer

Spirit, moving over chaos, bringing light where there was none, be to us a light revealing where the work is to be done. Praise to God, among us dwelling, praise the Spirit giving light.

Breath, instilling animation, giving life, informing soul, breathe into all our beings life that makes the Body whole. Praise to God, among us dwelling: praise the Spirit giving life.

Power, Life-force, Inspiration, blowing, breathing, brooding here, call, enliven, and empower for your work, both far and near. Praise to God, among us dwelling, praise the Spirit giving strength.

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 98)

Jim Ferry

Let us sing to the Lord a new song! For the Lord does marvelous things! The Lord remembers his steadfast love and faithfulness!
All the ends of the Earth have seen the glory of God!
So let us make a joyful noise to the Lord! All the Earth!
For the Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and all the people with equity.
In the name of our God of heaven and earth,

*Hymn 10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

let us worship, pray, praise today!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, today we confess both our sin and shortcomings. We know your commandments are righteous, yet we often ignore them. We know you are the God of our pasts, presents, and futures. And yet we are often trapped in either the accomplishments or regrets from days long past. By the wonder of the Spirit, help us to re-focus upon the hopeful futures only you can provide. By the grace of Jesus Christ, forgive us. In his name, renew us for lives of service and celebration. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

Silence for personal confession

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

GLORY TO GOD

Heavy Sea at Pourville, by Claude Monet (1840-1926) depicting Psalm 98

* Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit.

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

This mysterious, chant-based anthem evokes the unpredictable movement and animation that the Spirit shapes and empowers. It is followed by a hymn in which the words of Psalm 29 help us give voice to ways the Spirit and the Church are sounding throughout creation.

Confession stands near the heart of Christian worship. In worship, we bring our whole selves to God, good and bad. The assurance of pardon reminds us of the power of God and the inherent goodness of the gospel of Jesus 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.

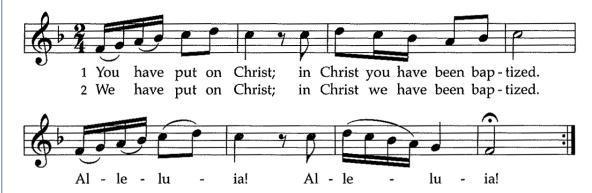
Sacrament of Baptism

Anne Galliher

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

Paxton Batchelor

Trevor Wall



Welcoming New Members

Believing and Belonging Class Joins

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 98

pew Bible p. 521

Second Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

pew Bible p. 654

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon God and the Future

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

we have two sacraments: two sacred acts of worship. One is the Lord's Supper. The other is Baptism. As you witness today's baptism, we invite you to remember your own Baptisms and thank God for the gift of the sacrament.

In the Presbyterian Church,

Psalm 98 is part of a series of Psalms which are about making joyful praise to God for all the good things God has done. It is the source text to the beloved hymn/ carol "Joy the World!"

Near the end of the Book of Isaiah, this text is about God's power to reverse "wrongs" and turn them into "rights." It is about the Kingdom of God arriving on Earth. One of the most beautiful and inspirational texts in the Bible, it reminds us to hope and to rely upon our God of the future in all things.

Offering and Dedication Sunday

anthem by M. Roger Holland II

After the offering plate passes through your pew, we invite you to come forward to place your pledge card in the baskets located in front of the chancel. Please exit from the outer aisles and return to your seat by the center aisle.

Spirit, moving over chaos, bringing light where there was none, be to us a light, revealing where the work is to be done.

My hands are your hands to pray and to serve, to do works of justice, to heal where there is hurt, to touch the untouchable as God did in the flesh. Greater works you said we'll do if in your name we'll ask.

I want to be used for the building up of the kingdom of God; keep my hand on the gospel plow, never gonna stop.

I want to be used for the building up of the kingdom of God.

I'm gonna build it up until I get home.

My feet are your feet to go where you please, clothed in your righteousness with the gospel of peace. I'll run and not get weary, walk and not faint, strengthened by your Spirit to run this Christian race.

My tongue is your tongue, to speak your holy word, spreading the gospel, to bless and not curse, to sing with the angels their song from above. I dedicate my life to you: an offering of love.

*Hymn 748 Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

*Affirmation of Faith

adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1983

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 765 May the God of Hope Go With Us

ARGENTINA

- *Charge & Benediction
- *Chiming of the Trinity
- *Postlude May the God of Hope Go With Us

This vibrant gospel anthem is a song of dedication. Its exuberance of music partners to the prayer in the words: for God's animating of our whole selves to do the callings of justice, love, healing, and peacemaking. It is followed by a hymn whose more recent text of commitment joins a centuries-old beloved tune.

This lively hymn is a sending song, asking for God's accompanying walk with us. It reminds us to pray, sing, and work.

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The Cornerstone: Generosity 2026

As of Wednesday, November 12 we have received 209 pledges representing \$1,744,393.00 million towards our goal of \$5.4 million/1,000 pledging households. If you would like to make a pledge please visit whitememorial.org/give. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Pastor's Special Assistance Fund & Community Service Fund

As we move through this season of gratitude and giving, please consider a gift to the Pastor's Special Assistance Fund. This fund provides help for members of our church family in times of need—whether that's for bills, healthcare, food, or other essentials. We also invite you to contribute to the Community Service Fund benefiting others in our community who have particular needs. Thank you for helping care for one another in such a tangible way. To make a contribution to this fund visit whitememorial.org/give.



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.





CONGRATULATIONS TO

Libby and Jeff Barber on the birth of their grandchild, Elizabeth Campion Barber, October 31, child of Krissy and Andrew Barber, Richmond, VA

Sydnor and Lacy Presnell on the birth of their grandchild, Lloyd Martin Presnell, November 3, child of Rebecca and Tyson Presnell, Durham, NC

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.

UNCLAIMED STOCK GIFTS

Will the generous donors of the following stocks please email or call Jody Grayson at 834-3425 ext. 204 to identify your gift so that we can give you proper credit? Public Service Enterprise, Allspring, Costco Wholesale Corp, American Express, Avidxchanage Holdings, Norfolk Southern Corp, Apple Inc.

PASTOR'S SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND & COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

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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

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Sunday, November 16

Psalm 98; Isaiah 65:17-25

- Sounds on Oberlin Concert
 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
- Children's Movie Night
 5:00 p.m. | C200
- Club 4/5 Movie Night
 5:00 p.m. | C100
- Elementary and Middle School Parent Gathering
 5:00 p.m. | C301

Monday, November 17 Psalm 76; Isaiah 60:17-22

- 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, November 18 Psalm 76: Isaiah 66:1-13

- 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
- Let's Play Mahjong at WMPC
 1:00 p.m. | The Hub

Wednesday, November 19

Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:14-24

- 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
- Four Pillars Informational Meeting 6:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall



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.

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.

CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday | November 16 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | C200

Children 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. Preregistration required at whitememorial.org/register.

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS GATHERING

Sunday | November 16 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | C301

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.

FOUR PILLARS OF PROMISE INFORMATIONAL GATHERING

Wednesday | November 19 | 6:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

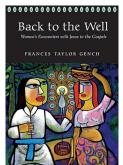
By now, you have received and read the literature on the Four Pillars of Promise, maybe you've already made a pledge, too, but there's still a couple of things you are curious about. Now is your opportunity to meet with committee chairs and others in the know to ask questions and learn more. Why not stay for dinner, too? Make a dinner reservation here.

LET'S PLAY MAHJONG AT WMPC!

Tuesday | November 18 | 1:00 p.m. | The Hub

We'd love for you to be part of this newly formed group playing Mahjong on the first and third Tuesday of each month. 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.





JESUS ENCOUNTERS BOOK CLUB

Thursday | November 20 | 2:30 p.m. | R400 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. Come join us either in person or by Zoom. If you'd like to know more, contact Lee at lhunter@ whitememorial.org.

Congregational Care + Health

CAREGIVER'S COFFEE

Tuesday | November 18 | 10:30 - 12:00 p.m. | 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 November 18 in the Hub. All are welcome; please feel free to invite a friend or neighbor to join you.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS LUNCHEON

Sunday | November 23 | 12:15 p.m. | Geneva Hall

WMPC's Mental Health and Wellness Ministry invites you to a Survivors of Suicide Loss Luncheon on Sunday, November 23, at 12:15 p.m. in Geneva Hall. This gathering offers a caring space to connect with others in our community who have walked through a similar loss. Together, we will watch a short documentary film and share reflections through guided table conversations. Pastoral staff will be present for support. Box lunches will be provided, and childcare will be available. The event is free, but registration is encouraged to help us prepare. For questions, please contact Martha Grove Hipskind.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Monday | November 24 | 6:00 p.m. | Davidson 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 at hartmusic1@gmail.com or Lee Hunter at lhunter@whitememorial.org.

A Snapshot of What's **Happening This Week at WMPC**

Thursday, November 20

Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 21:1-14

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

Friday, November 21

Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:1-17

 Pickleball 2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Saturday, November 22

Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:18-30

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

Christopher Edmonston, Pastor

Cynthia Baggett, Director of Weekday School

Genevieve Brooks, Director of Family Ministry

Cate Church Norman. Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Claire Cox-Woodlief, Executive Director

Brock Downward, Director of Music Emeritus

Jennifer Eastman, Director of Young Children's Ministry Jim Ferry, Parish Associate

Anne Galliher, Associate Pastor for

Congregational Engagement

Kelly Gold, Director of Children's and Youth Music

Tom Harris, Parish Associate

Martha Grove 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, the next time when WMPC will serve together is:

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.

STEUP MINISTRY 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.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

A Place at the Table is in search of dedicated volunteers to join their café team. Volunteers will be responsible for various tasks, including greeting guests, preparing food, and even assisting with dishwashing. There is something for everyone! The primary volunteer focus is to help foster a sense of love and support. Volunteers can commit to working once a week, every other week, or any other schedule that suits their availability. Flexibility is crucial in ensuring that the café can meet its operational needs effectively. Currently, they are in urgent need of additional hands to help them thrive.



HOLIDAY PIE PICK UP

Don't forget! If you ordered a pie(s) you can pick up in the kitchen between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, Friday, November 21 and Monday November 24.



CHRISTMAS SHARE

Christmas Share, an alternative giving program, has made significant contributions to our community and international partners totaling more than one million dollars since its inception. Established over three decades ago by Presbyterian Women, it remains an important Christmas outreach initiative.

During Advent a table will be set up on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the connector for you to make donations and to select your cards.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

We have a long-standing tradition of collecting contributions in memory of a loved one or in honor of family, friends, or members of the church family during Advent. Your gifts may be for any amount of \$25 or more, and the money raised enables us to provide the florals and greenery used in our Worship Spaces during Advent and Christmas, as well as throughout the year. Those honored or memorialized will be listed in the bulletin inserts on December 14 (deadline for print is December 10) and on Christmas Eve (deadline for print is December 18). Contact Lisa Crumpler at lcrumpler@whitememorial.org for more information.



ADVENT CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT

Thursday December 4 | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | WMPC Join Associate Pastor Cate Church Norman and Pastoral Resident Lee Hunter as we prepare for the season of Advent with an all-day contemplative retreat. We'll spend time on our church campus engaging in scripture, prayer, spiritual practices, and fellowship. Scholarships are available. Register: whitememorial.org/register.

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

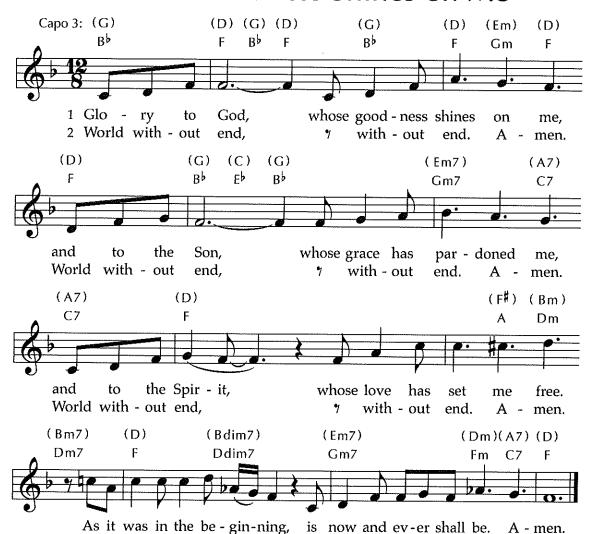


This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.



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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me





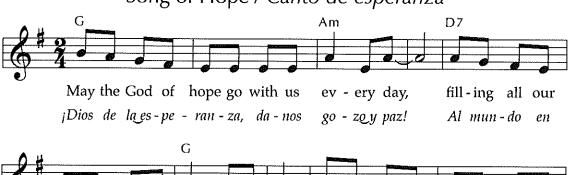
*May be sung as a canon.

This very accessible sung prayer was created by the director of children's ministry at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, for use by their children's choir, but it is suitable for people of all ages. The familiar tune makes it easy to learn and to memorize.

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May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza





lives with love and joy and peace. cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.

May the God of jus-tice speed us Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring-ing light and hope to ev-ery land and race. nos tu luz, luz es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing-ing, share our joy with all; O - re la paz, mospor can - te mosde tu a-mor.



work-ing for a world that's new, faith-ful when we hear Christ's call. Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984 MUSIC: Argentine folk melody

ARGENTINA 11.11.11.11 with refrain