

# WHITE MEMORIAL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 28, 2025 | 9:30 A.M.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

\* Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit. **Words in bold** are for everyone to say or sing.

**Prelude** Love Has Come

arr. Chip Davis

**Welcome**

Jeb Jeutter

### Opening Sentences

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in the heights.**

Praise God, all you angels.

**Praise God, sun, moon and shining stars.**

Let us praise God who comes to us in Jesus, the Christ.

**Praise the Lord!**

\***Hymn 113** Angels We Have Heard on High

### \*Prayer for Christmastide

Gracious God, in this holy season of worship and wonder, we rejoice that you sent your love incarnate into the world! We praise you for your Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Draw us close to Jesus who became like us so we might share in his humanity. Help us, like Jesus, to enflesh your love in the world. Amen.

### \*Psalm 148



**Reading** John 1:1-16

Cate Church Norman

**Meditation** "What You Get"

**Hymn Verse** (to the tune of Still, Still, Still)

Peace, peace, peace. God grant you peace, my friends.

The Christ child comes, so sweet and tender.

Greet him with your trust and wonder.

Peace, peace, peace, God be with you, my friends.

**Reading** Matthew 5:14-16

**Meditation** "What You Give"

**Hymn Verse**

**Love, love, love, love light your way, my friends.  
Here at the manger humbly kneeling;  
Gladly, going, serving, healing.  
Love, love, love light your way, my friends.**

**Prayers of the People and The Celtic Lord's Prayer**

by John Philip Newell

*Each petition will be followed by the congregation saying "Joy to the world."  
Prayers will conclude with the Celtic Lord's Prayer.*

Holy One beyond all names  
Eternal Wellspring  
May love rise again in us today  
With food for every table  
Shelter for every family  
And reverence for every life.  
Forgive us our failings in love  
And free us from all falseness  
That the light of our souls may shine  
And the strength of our spirits endure  
For Earth and all its people  
This day, tonight, and forever.  
Amen

**Announcements**

**Offering** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. John Ferguson

**\*Affirmation**

from the Iona Community

With the whole church  
**we affirm that we are made in God's image,  
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**  
With people everywhere  
**we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**  
With all creation  
**we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,  
the unfolding purposes of God,  
forever at work in ourselves and world.**

**\*Hymn 110** Love Has Come

**\*Prayer for the New Year**

God of all time,  
we stand at the threshold of a new year.  
What we have done is done; what we have not done will remain undone.  
We let it go and give all of it to you.  
Bless the seeds we have planted in love.  
Bring them to harvest in your time.  
Forgive our failings and free us to begin again.  
With gratitude and joy, we will receive the gift of this new year.  
Guide us by your Spirit to live in the fullness  
of what you have created us to be. Amen.

**\*Blessing**

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me,  
Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort me and restore me, Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me, Christ in the hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.

May we walk in the ways of Jesus Christ, our brother  
this day and in the days to come. Amen.

**Postlude Joy to the World**

arr. David Willcocks

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation on January 11, following the 11 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear a report from the Four Pillars building team and to take action on a proposed leasing agreement with StepUp Ministry as required by the Presbytery of New Hope and Book of Order (PCUSA).

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### The Cornerstone: Generosity 2026

As of Monday, December 22 we have received 565 pledges representing \$3.24 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](http://whitememorial.org/give). Thank you for your generosity.



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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.

### **IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT**

**Susan Greenbacker Oller – December 21, 2025**

WMPC family member: husband, Dale Oller