

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 1, 2026

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.

Preparation for Worship

O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome

Christopher Edmonston

Call to Worship

What does the Holy One require of us?
To be just, kind, and humble before God.
Give thanks to God with your whole heart.
Great are the works of the Lord.

Anthem God Welcomes All

Children's Choir

Confession and Pardon

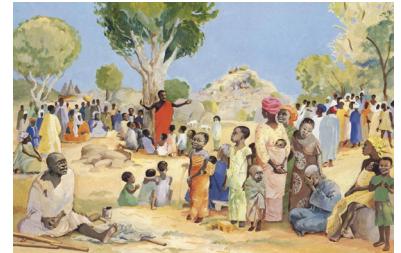
Cate Church Norman

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Blinded by our expectations, we easily miss how your son, Jesus, fulfilled your law and offered your grace to all people. Help us to open our hearts that we would be open to your love and seek it above all other things. Your love – flowing to us and through us – is the divine currency of heaven and earth. By your Spirit, transform our lives and renew us for service and celebration. Blessed are we indeed to have knowledge of the love and Spirit of God! All this we pray in the name of Jesus.

Silent prayers

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.



Sermon on the Mount, Jesus Mafa, Cameroon ©1973

Words in bold are for everyone to say or sing.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading Micah 6:1-8

Austin Vernon
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New Testament Reading Matthew 5:1-12

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

Sermon Major in the Majors

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Anthem This Little Light

Children's Choir

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.**

Hymn 822 When We Are Living/Pues si vivimos

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

Charge & Benediction

Anthem We Will Walk with God

Children's Choir

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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.



Joys & CONCERNS

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Margaret Herring and family on the death of her mother, Eva Margaret Townsend Herring, January 11, Dunn, NC

Sheldon Fox and family on the death of his mother, Esther Fox, January 24, Louisville, KY

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.

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEW OFFICERS

The Churchwide Nominating Committee starts meeting in mid-January to consider nominations for church Elders and Deacons, class of 2029. Nominations are now being accepted. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination for these critical leadership roles. The nomination form can be found online. **All recommendations must be received by February 10, 2026.**

LUTHER ELEVATOR

TEMPORARILY OUT OF SERVICE

The Luther elevator is currently undergoing repairs and will be unavailable for the next couple of weeks. We are diligently working to get the elevator operational and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday February 18 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Join together with friends along Oberlin Road for our annual Ash Wednesday service. The service will be February 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper and have the imposition of ashes. This is a great time of worship and shared faith. Childcare will be available for ages three and younger.

LENTEN CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT

Becoming Ourselves: The Psalms as Honest Prayer

Thursday February 19 | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | WMPC campus | [Register](#)

Shorter virtual option: Wednesday February 25 | 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | [Register](#)

Join Associate Pastor Cate Church Norman, Pastoral Resident Lee Hunter and Guest Leader and Director of Peterson House, John Rogers, as we prepare for the season of Lent with an all-day contemplative retreat on our church campus. We'll dive deep into the Psalms and focus on the life and writings of pastor/theologian Eugene Peterson. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with friends (old and new) and to get spiritually centered through scripture, prayer and spiritual practices. The cost to attend is \$35 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available. Registration open.

We will also offer a shorter virtual option on Wednesday, February 25. The cost to attend is \$10.00. Please choose between the in-person or virtual retreat.

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Sunday, February 1

Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12

- Virtual Worship Service
- WMPC Campus Closed

Monday, February 2

Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-16

- 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, February 3

Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16

- 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
1:00 p.m. | The Hub
- Cancer Companions
6:00 p.m. | Virtual

Wednesday, February 4

Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22

- Chair Yoga
10:00 a.m. | C200
- Shepherd's Table
10:00 a.m. | Offsite
- 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

WOMEN'S MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Monday February 9 | 12:00 p.m. | Main Hall

Please plan to join us in Main Hall for a lovely program with Earl L. Ijames, Curator of the North Carolina Museum of History: "Naval Stores & The Real Tar Heels: History to Restoration of the Long Leaf Pine Forest" [Register for lunch by noon, Tuesday, February 3](#). Livestream of the presentation will be available.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

An Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women is conferred upon an individual for recognition of faithful service in some area of the church's work. Look around you...who do you see as one who gives honor and glory to God while serving Him actively and faithfully in our church and community? Who should be recognized in a special way? Whether this person works behind the scenes or in front, we want your nominations for this person now. Please submit your nominations, along with your nominee's history of service and your statement of why you are nominating this person on the form found on the website and in select places around campus. Return form to June Ann Ward at jaly257@nc.rr.com. **Deadline for receipt of this nomination is February 11, 2026.**

SCOTLAND PILGRIMAGE

October 15-25, 2026

Journey with Pastors Cate Church Norman and Tom Harris to the sacred landscapes of Scotland as we explore Celtic spirituality, Celtic saints, and our Reformed roots. We will travel to Edinburgh, the birthplace of our Presbyterian heritage; to the fishing village of Oban; to the island of Iona, the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland; and to other remarkable sites along the way. This pilgrimage is more than a trip. We will learn, worship, and grow together, deepening faith and building friendships as we walk holy ground together. Our July pilgrimage is already full, and October is filling quickly. [Click here for full details and cost](#). Questions? Contact Caroline Parker at cparker@whitememorial.org.

Save the Date

SOUNDS ON OBERLIN CONCERT

Sunday February 22 | 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

The New Day Singers are a vocal ensemble bringing music alive, from choral classics to modern hits. Based in Greensboro, NC, this versatile a cappella ensemble has been performing since 2022. For Sounds on Oberlin, they will present a program encapsulating songs of comfort, joy, and the turning of time. The concert is free but donations are gladly accepted.

TOGETHER IN FAITH: AN EVENING FOR WOMEN WITH KATE BOWLER

Thursday February 26 | 6:00 p.m. | Christ Episcopal Church

Join us at Christ Church as we welcome Kate Bowler, a Duke University professor, award-winning podcast host, and four-time New York Times bestselling author. Together in Faith is hosted by four local congregations: Christ Episcopal Church, Hayes Barton United Methodist Church, St. Michael's Episcopal Church and White Memorial Presbyterian Church. The evening will include a reception, brief service of worship, and keynote presentation from Kate. Child-care is available by request. Tickets are \$70.00 and scholarships are available. [Contact Anne Galliher with questions](#).

[Register here.](#)

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP & SEARCHERS SUNDAY SCHOOL INVITE YOU TO A SPECIAL CLASS WITH DR. CARSON BRISSON

Sunday February 15 | 9:30 a.m. | C200

Dr. Carson Brisson, longtime professor at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, will be a guest speaker at White Memorial on Sunday, February 15, 2026 (a reschedule of the original 1/25/26 date). He will present a lecture on The Passion Narratives in the Four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, a subject he taught frequently during his years at the seminary.

The lecture will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the Calvin Building, Room C200, and is hosted by the Christian Fellowship and Searchers classes. The Christian Fellowship Class is beginning an 18-lesson study of the Passion Narratives on February 1, featuring video teachings by the late Dr. Mickey Efird.

Christopher recalls Dr. Brisson as one of his favorite professors at Union, noting that he is a dynamic and engaging lecturer. Please join us to hear Dr. Brisson for yourself. All are welcome!

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Thursday, February 5

Psalm 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14

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

Friday, February 6

Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12

- **WDS Valentine's dance**
5:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Saturday, February 7

Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-16

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

CANCER COMPANIONS

Tuesday February 3 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Zoom

White Memorial is offering a new class beginning February 3 at 6 p.m. to have a safe place to share and learn. We'll meet 9 times – every Tuesday in the months of February and March for about an hour. All of the meetings can be attended on Zoom. [Register here.](#)



**Deprescribing to
Optimize Medication Use**

**Lunch &
Learn**
with Dr. DeLon Canterbury

NEW DATE!
(Due to weather)
Tuesday | February 24
11:30 a.m. | Geneva Hall
Registration required by February 19
whitememorial.org/register

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

Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Community Engagement

Eric Wall, Director of Music



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Outreach

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICE POP-UP PROJECT

Sunday February 22 | 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. | Outside Main Hall
Join us in supporting National Hot Breakfast Month by assembling breakfast bags for Meals on Wheels.

COMMUNITY AGENCY PANEL DISCUSSION

Wednesday February 25 | 6:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

White Memorial will host two Wednesday evening panel discussions in partnership with several of our community service agencies. These gatherings are open to the entire congregation and offer an opportunity to learn more about the important work our partner agencies are doing in our community. There will be time for questions and conversation after the panel discussions. Please join us for the first one on Wednesday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. We hope you'll join us for dinner before the discussion. Register for Wednesday Together Dinner at white.memorial.org/ register.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Churchwide Collection

Each week when school is in session, our church provides food-insecure children at Oberlin Middle School and Lynn Road and Lacy Elementary Schools with healthy meals and snacks. Contact Jan Stewart, thestewarts2614@gmail.com. Amazon link is on website. If you'd prefer to shop you can pick up a shopping list on the Outreach room door (K100).

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

A Place at the Table is seeking compassionate volunteers to support their café team. Whether you enjoy welcoming guests, preparing meals, or lending a hand with dishes, there's a role for everyone. Volunteers help nourish more than just bodies—they help create a sense of love, dignity, and community. You can serve weekly, biweekly, or on a schedule that works best for you—flexibility is welcome and appreciated. Additional volunteers are urgently needed to help the café continue thriving. Come be part of something meaningful and make a difference with every shift. Learn more at tableraleigh.org.

Children + Youth

YOUTH SUNDAY

**Sunday February 8 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary
(No 10:45 a.m. service)**

BAPTISM AND BELONGING: YOUR BABY'S FAITH JOURNEY AT WMPC

Sunday February 22 | 9:30 -10:30 a.m. | Room C301

Baptism and Belonging is a workshop for parents of children under three who would like to present their children for Baptism. In this workshop, parents learn about the significance of the Sacrament of Baptism, go over logistical details, connect with fellow parents, and get an overview of a child's faith journey at WMPC. Expectant parents are also invited to attend. [Register here.](#)

PLAY PALS

Play Pals is an after-preschool play group designed to foster both gross motor skill development and social-emotional growth in children ages 3-5. Led by a licensed pediatric physical therapist and a child development specialist, the group provides structured, play-based activities that encourage gross motor skills, coordination, confidence, and cooperative peer interaction.

Threes:

Classes for children in a 3s class are offered on Thursdays from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

Session Two: March 12-May 7 (No class April 2)

Fours & K:

Classes for children in a 4s or K class are offered on Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Session Two: March 10-May 5 (No class March 31)

Registration can be found on our website

Cost: \$240/per session

When We Are Living 822

Pues si vivimos

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
 3 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos,* pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,
 2 *En es - ta vi - da* fru - tos hay que dar
 3 *En la tris - te - za* y en el do - lor,
 4 *En es - te mun - do* por do - quier ha - brá

and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em-brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.
en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,
gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.

Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,
Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,

we be-long to God; we be-long to God.
 so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

This hymn began as an orally transmitted stanza reflecting on Romans 14:7-8 and was expanded by a Spanish-language hymnal committee to offer additional examples of the many dimensions of life, thereby strengthening the recurring affirmation that we belong to God through them all.