

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
February 22, 2026 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.

Preparation for Worship

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy and always ready to forgive. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ that, in every way, we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

arr. Healey Willan

*Call to Worship

We begin this journey together—

We begin this journey together—

It is a journey into the wilderness.

It is a journey into the wilderness.

It is a journey of questions and quiet.

It is a journey of questions and quiet.

It is a journey of courage and trust.

It is a journey of courage and trust.

*Hymn 166 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

*Confession and Pardon

Judy Yates Siker

Even in the wilderness, God is not absent.

In the empty spaces, God meets us with grace.

choir

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

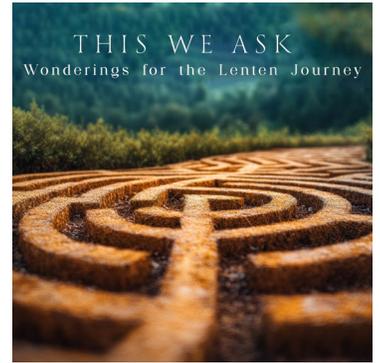
all:

what won-drous love is this, O my soul.

Let us offer what is heavy
and trust in the One who carries us.

Gracious God, as we enter this season of Lent, we confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. Too often, we are enamored by the allure of power and prestige. Too often, we prioritize our own comfort at the expense of loving those who are suffering on the margins. Forgive us, Lord, when we choose fleeting temptations over abundant life with you. Create in us new hearts, O God, hearts that reflect your radical love and grace in this world. In Jesus' name we pray. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Silent prayers



* Asterisks invite us
to rise in body or spirit.

Words in bold are for
everyone to say or sing.

During this Lent, our liturgies for Gathering are taken from a resource called Child of Blessing—a project of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) that invites children and youth into worship leadership in word, gesture, and presence.

This stately hymn comes to us each year as Lent begins. It charts the forty-day journey of the season and the life of Jesus, from temptation in the wilderness to death to new life at Easter.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

God's love is wider than the wilderness,
and Christ walks with us in every lonely place.
We are not alone.
In Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 654 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
choir, then all:

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

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

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism (9:30)

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.

Hagan Mae Eiler, child of Carter and Lee Eiler



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

Old Testament Reading Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

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Psalm 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you

in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”
Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

New Testament Reading Matthew 4:1-11

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

Sermon Wilderness Wonderings

Austin Vernon

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn 831 I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness
We sing three times: English, Spanish, English

TU FIDELIDAD

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Jim Ferry

Almighty Father, incline thine ear.
Bless us and all those who have gathered here.
Thine angel send us, who shall defend us all,
and fill with grace all who dwell in this place. Amen.

L. Bernstein/S. Schwartz

**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.**

This chorus is part of Leonard Bernstein’s MASS, written in 1971 for the opening of the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. Called “Prayer for the Congregation,” it asks a blessing for all gathered. ... perhaps invoking the same angels who aided Jesus in the wilderness.

Offering

I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my trials... When I’m in trouble...

Negro spiritual

Akanamandla! Hallelujah!
He has no power! Hallelujah!
Akanamandla! Usathane!
He has no power! Satan’s had it!

South African freedom song

These are two songs for wilderness journeys. The spiritual is a weighty plea for Jesus to go alongside us; the second is a freedom song, renouncing the power of evil. Lent has begun, and this song still sings “Hallelujah” – perhaps remind us of these burial liturgy words: even at the grave, we make our song *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

Charles Wesley's text is perhaps a pinnacle of hymnody: a heartsong of Love that will not be absent and that will carry us home.

A beloved hymn reminds us that, until gathering again, we are one in God's abiding presence.

*Hymn 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*Benediction

J. E. Rankin/W. Tomer

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

*Chiming of the Trinity

During this Lent, our liturgies for Gathering are taken from a resource called Child of Blessing—a project of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) for which White Memorial is a test congregation. It is a project that offers liturgical resources and practices for congregations of all sizes, inviting consistent and creative ways for children and youth to be nurtured and formed as worship leaders. WMPC's participation will help to bless other congregations—in the words of the Child of Blessing introduction, it is a way "...[to] share a common commitment to being a place of welcome and refuge for people of every age."

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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 Lindsay Dew at
ext. 270 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

William "Bill" Lenox Baker and family on the death of his father, Robert Flowers Baker,
February 10, 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.

BEYOND SUNDAY: LENTEN PODCAST SERIES

As we enter Lent, we invite you to journey
with us. The second episode of our seven-
episode Lenten podcast, "*This We Ask:
Wonderings for the Journey*," comes out
Monday morning. Listen as Christopher
Edmonston and Tom Harris sit with
Nicodemus's wondering and ask: Are we
willing to be changed in ways we cannot
fully control or explain? You can find the
Lenten podcast series on our website,
Spotify or Apple.

MIDWEEK LUNCH & WORSHIP

Thursdays | February 26 - March 26
Lunch 12:00 | Worship 12:30 p.m. |
Main Hall

We hope you'll join us for our midweek
Lunch & Worship. Lunch at 12:00 p.m
followed by a short worship service at 12:30
p.m. Lunch is \$8 per person; no registration
required.

LENTEN CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT

**Becoming Ourselves: The Psalms as
Honest Prayer**

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 a virtual contemplative
retreat. 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 \$10.00.

EASTER BASKETS FOR STEPUP, LOAVES & FISHES, MAYVIEW AND IGLESIA SANTUARIO

We will be donating Easter baskets for
the children of StepUp, Loaves & Fishes,
Mayview and Iglesia Santuario. Please
come to the Ross building to pick up an
empty basket. Each basket will have a tag
as to the gender and age of the child it will
go to. Please fill the basket with goodies
and return to the Ross Lobby by March 20.

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC Sunday, February 22

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

- **Believing & Belonging**
12:15 p.m. | Geneva Hall
- **Sounds on Oberlin**
3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Monday, February 23

Psalms 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8

- **Bridge with Friends**
1:00 p.m. | The Hub
- **Blood Drive**
1:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **Tai Chi**
5:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **All Are Welcome**
7:00 p.m. | Chapel

Tuesday, February 24

Psalms 32; Genesis 4:1-16

- **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
- **Deprescribing Luncheon**
11:30 a.m. | Geneva Hall
- **Cancer Companions**
6:00 p.m. | Virtual

Wednesday, February 25

Psalms 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28

- **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 p.m. | Main Hall
- **Allocations Agency Panel**
6:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall
- **David Magee Webinar**
6:30 p.m. | K200

2026 WOMEN'S RETREAT RESCHEDULED

May 1-2, 2026 | Same speaker and theme! | WMPC Campus

It might not be Wrightsville Beach, but we're going to have a great time of fellowship and learning right here on our campus. We're delighted that Rev. Gracie Payne, Associate Pastor for Engagement at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis can join us. She will lead us in exploring our theme: *Beloved on the Earth: Being, Belonging, Becoming*. Registration details are coming soon! And if you weren't able to register before, this is your opportunity to join us for what promises to be a rich and encouraging weekend. We can't wait to gather together!

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.

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

All women are invited to join us for *Together in Faith: An Evening for Women* with Kate Bowler. Bowler is a Duke University professor, award-winning podcast host, and four-time New York Times bestselling author. *Together in Faith* is hosted by four congregations in the Raleigh area: Christ Episcopal Church, Hayes Barton United Methodist Church, St. Michael's Episcopal Church and White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Tickets are \$70.00 and scholarships are available. [Click here to register](#).

2ND ANNUAL LADIES' CHARITY BASKETBALL GAME

Sunday March 15 | 4:00 p.m. | St. David's School

We invite you to join us for 2nd-annual Charity Basketball Game on March 15 at 4:00 p.m. at St. David's varsity gym. The WMPC Ladies' Basketball Team will play against Christ Church and Hayes Barton Methodist. [Tickets on sale now!](#) Be sure to get yours early – this event sold out last year! Proceeds for the event will go to Raleigh Rescue Mission.

PICK UP A LITTLE PIECE OF HISTORY!

We are cleaning out the attic of the Luther building and will be holding a “free will rummage sale” for you to be able to pick up some treasures! Come to **S102 on March 2 - 6th from 8:45 am - 9:30 am or 12:00 - 1pm** to browse what is available. Items are available first come, first serve and in “as is” condition. Please consider donating to the Life and Safety updates to the Luther building if you wish. We will not hold items for any reason.

Congregational Care + Health



“Dear William” Churchwide Book Study +
Zoom Conversation with the Author

Author
Webinar
(via Zoom)

Wednesday, February 25
6:30 p.m. | K200
[Registration required](#)

Read. Reflect. Connect.

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday February 23 | 1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Be the lifeline patients need. Make an appointment by registering at whitememorial.org/register and join us in making a difference. Be sure to read the latest blog from our Health Ministry team, sharing why donating blood is such a meaningful way to give the gift of life. You can find more on our website.

DEPRESCRIBING TO OPTIMIZE MEDICATION USE

Tuesday February 24 (new date) | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

To learn more about deprescribing, WMPC Health Ministry and Mental Health and Wellness invite you to join them for a Lunch and Learn event with Dr. DeLon Canterbury on Tuesday, February 24 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Geneva Hall. If you would like to order a box lunch, the cost is \$16 (scholarship available). Questions, please contact Health Ministry Coordinator, Martha Grove Hipskind at mghipskind@whitememorial.org. [Click here to register.](#)

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Thursday, February 26

Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3

- **Keenagers**
10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall
- **Midweek Lunch + Worship**
12:00 p.m. | Main Hall
- **Note in the Pocket**
1:30 p.m. | Offsite
- **Together in Faith: An Evening for Women**
6:00 p.m. | Offsite

Friday, February 27

Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20

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

Saturday, February 28

Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8

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
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 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. as our agency partners from A Place at the Table, Meals on Wheels, Oak City Cares and Wake Relief discuss food insecurity. We hope you'll join us for dinner before the discussion. Register for Wednesday Together Dinner at whitememorial.org/register.

NOTE IN THE POCKET FOR STEPUP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuesday March 3 | 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Volunteers are invited to join us as White Memorial hosts a pop-up event with Note in the Pocket for StepUp families in Pickard Hall. We will begin by setting up and stocking clothing. Volunteers will be given a brief training before helping StepUp families "shop" the donated clothing. Volunteer: whitememorial.org/events.

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).



NEW! DRIVE THROUGH FOOD PANTRY FOR OUR COMMUNITY BEGINNING MARCH 7

First Saturday of Every Month | 10:00 a.m. - noon | St John's Baptist Church | 1615A Oberlin Road

After the closure of the food pantry at Wilson Temple UMC, the Outreach Committee at White Memorial has partnered with the Oberlin Road Churches (White Memorial, St. John's Baptist, Wilson Temple UMC, Fairmont UMC and Oberlin Baptist) to address food insecurity in our community. We are pleased to announce a new drive-thru food pantry that will open from 10:00 a.m -12:00 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month, starting on March 7th. We need your help, with donations of non-perishable food items and volunteers. Donations of proteins (such as peanut butter, canned tuna, beans) and healthy snacks (raisins, nutri-grain bars, fruit pouches) can be left in the red bins outside the outreach room.

Interested in volunteering? [Sign-up here](#).

If you have questions or would like to learn more about how to volunteer, contact Lee Hunter at lhunter@whitememorial.org or Austin Vernon at avernon@whitememorial.org.

Children + Youth

BREAKFAST AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 21

Breakfast: 9:00-9:45 a.m. | Main Hall

Cost is \$7.00 | [Register here](#)

Music & Story Time: 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. | Main Hall

Hunt: 10:00 a.m. | Tatton Hall

If you are coming to the Egg Hunt only, there is no need to register.

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

sav - ing love sing grate - ful songs al - ways.
 stead - fast love who dries your ev - ery tear.
 sets you free, who makes dry plac - es bloom.
 ho - ly joy; God's won - drous works pro - fess.

5 If you have felt your courage fail
 before a violent sea
 and cried to God, who stilled the storm,
 and made the wild wind flee,
 then in the congregation praise
 the One who heard your plea.

6 So praise the One whose love is great,
 whose kindness is well-known.
 Consider well the healing hand
 and help you have been shown,
 and tell the world what God has done.
 Praise God and God alone!

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -

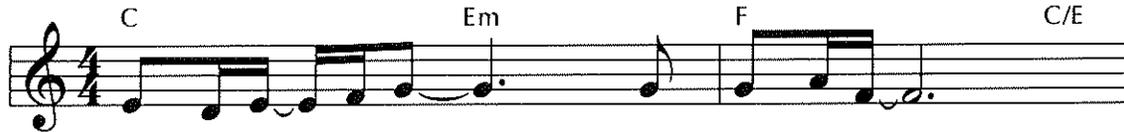
joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

This refrain from the ecumenical monastic community at Taizé, France, is meant for repeated singing. A wonderful quilt of psalm-like phrases, it would be appropriate at any time but the concluding emphasis on the nearness of the Lord makes it especially fitting for use in Advent.

I Depend upon Your Faithfulness 831

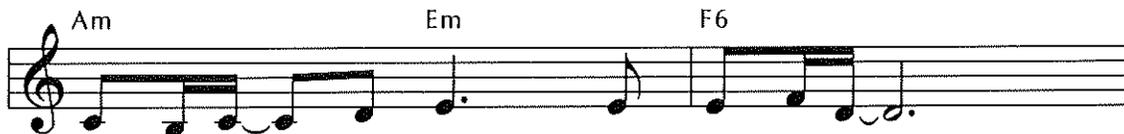
Tu fidelidad



I de - pend up - on your faith - ful - ness.
Tu fi - de - li - dad es gran - de,



I can jour - ney on, for you are al - ways there.
tu fi - de - li - dad in - com - pa - ra - ble es.



None com - pares with you, O bless - ed One;
Na - die co - mo tú, ben - di - to Dios.



O how great your faith - ful - ness.
Gran - de tu fi - de - li - dad.

This short song's derivation from Lamentations 3:23 is somewhat more obvious in the original Spanish text than in the English version, so it is desirable to sing both languages whenever feasible. Like chants from Taizé, this piece benefits from being sung more than once.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.