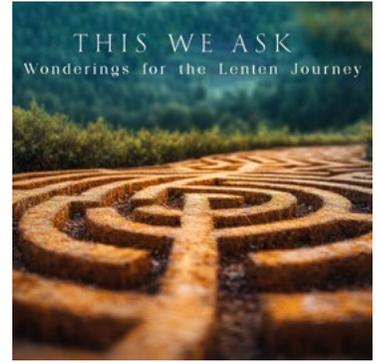


WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 8, 2026 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.



Preparation for Worship

Prayer of the Day, WMPC 2026 Lenten Contemplative Retreat

*Quiet us, O Lord.
Quiet us.
Help our minds slow and our bodies rest.
Calm our souls.
Center our hearts on your word.
May your love and compassion become our heartbeat.
Amen.*

* Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit.

Words in bold are for everyone to say or sing.

Prelude "...the peace may be exchanged..."

D. Locklair (9:30)

Peace Prayer No. 1

D. Lasky (11:00)

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper by intinction. If you prefer pre-packaged elements, please pick these up in the narthex or Jane Bell Gathering Space prior to the service.

*Call to Worship

Come, you who are thirsty.
Come, you who are thirsty.
Come, you who are weary.
Come, you who are weary.
Come, you who are longing.
Come, you who are longing.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Come and be filled by grace.
Come and be filled by grace.

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 and presence. 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.

*Hymn 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Confession and Pardon

Austin Vernon

God meets us not in our greatest strength,
but in our greatest need and our deepest thirst.

This hymn's bold tune carries a text of confidence in the presence and power of God. Every stanza returns us to steady words of worship: "to God all praise and glory."

choir

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

all:

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

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

Together, let us pray—
God is already waiting at the well.

Welcoming God, you meet us where we are and invite us to come and see what you're all about. You draw us to you with love and kindness, even as you see exactly who we are. You invite us to see one another with this love and kindness, but all too often all we can see is the worst in others. We glare at others with eyes of judgement, instead of really seeing one another through the lens of love. Transform us by the power of your love, like you did the woman at the well. May we be so filled with your love that we, like her, would go and tell everyone about our encounters with you. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Silent prayers

God remembers us,
and God's love is already poured into our hearts.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole.
Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 654 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

**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

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.
There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**
Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.'"

*Hymn 509 (11:00) All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

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

Sermon Come and See

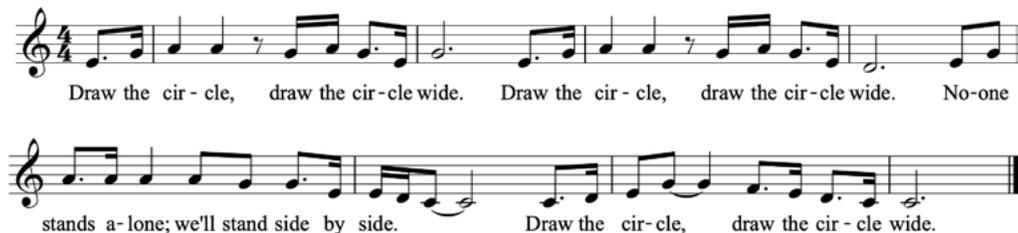
Cate Church Norman

*Affirmation of Faith

from PCUSA's *Declaration of Faith*
Christopher Edmonston

**Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement.
His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion.
His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand.
His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness.
Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.**

**Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.
The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history,
together with his people's response in faith.
It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church
towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all.
It is the story of the one God,
who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own.
It forms our memory and our hope.
It tells us who we are and what we are to do.
To retell it is to declare what we believe.**



Offering

Mark Miller, composer

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**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.**



Unknown Artist, Christ and the Samaritan Woman, Basilica di Sant' Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna, Italy. 6th century

This firm chorus comes from a larger anthem by Mark Miller. It invites our imaginations to expand: the "circle" might be prayer life, community, stories, hospitality, or faithful work in the world.

Today we receive communion by intinction. You are invited to come to stations at the front or the rear to receive the bread and then to dip it in the cup. All bread is gluten-free, and all cups contain grape juice.

This powerful anthem was composed by Craig Hella Johnson as a part of a choral work called *Considering Matthew Shepard*, written in 2015-16. In lament and hope, the work remembers and reflects on Matthew Shepard, a gay young man murdered by beatings and torture in 1998 at age 21. In the face of a deep sorrow story, anthem asks questions: "Where begin again? Who could meet us there?" Perhaps the woman at the well, or anyone who meets Jesus, asks these questions. The anthem offers this answer, which we claim each time we gather at the Lord's table: "...in the love...all of us."

Breaking, Pouring, Serving

Anthem: All of Us (9:30)

Craig Hella Johnson, composer

What could be the song? Where begin again?
Who could meet us there? Where might we begin?
From the shadows climb, rise to sing again;
Where could be the joy? How do we begin?
Never our despair, never the least of us, never turn away,
Never hide our face; ordinary boy, only all of us,
Free us from our fear, only all of us. Only in the Love, love that lifts us up;
clear from out the heart from the mountain's side,
Come creation come, strong as any stream;
How can we let go? How can we forgive? How can we be dream?
Out of heaven, rain, rain to wash us free; Rivers flowing on, ever to the sea;
Bind up every wound, every cause to grieve; Always to forgive, only to believe.
Most noble Light, Creation's face, how should we live but joined in you;
remain within your saving grace through all we say and do;
and know we are the Love that moves the sun and all the stars?
O Love that dwells, O Love that burns in every human heart.
This evergreen, this heart, this soul, now moves us to remake our world,
reminds us how we are to be your people born to dream;
How old this joy, how strong this call, to sing your radiant care
with every voice, in cloudless hope of our belonging here.
Only all of us; only ever in the love; heaven, wash me!
All of us. All.

Prayer After Communion

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*Benediction

J. E. Rankin/W. Tomer

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around 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

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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
worshipping 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.



Jays & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Madge Dhus, February 26, 2026

WMPC family member: husband, Earle Dhus

Lloyd E. Mielenz, March 2, 2026

Suzanna Kilpatrick Beamish, March 4, 2026

WMPC family members: husband, Mark Beamish; children Aidan and Lainey

MARRIAGES

Elizabeth Macon Bell and Harrison Thaddeus Lee, February 28,
daughter of Kathryn and Charles Bell

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

In this season of Lent, we invite you to
journey with us. The fourth episode of our
seven-episode Lenten podcast, "*This We
Ask: Wonderings for the Journey*," comes out
Monday morning. In this episode, Director
of Children's and Youth Music Kelly Gold,
Director of Music Eric Wall, and Associate
Pastor for Faith Formation and Worship
Ministries Grier Booker Richards discuss
the Child of Blessing initiative and the
question that shimmers across the sky after
the storm: Can we trust God's promises—
again and again—even when the world
feels fragile and uncertain? You can find
the Lenten podcast series on our website,
Spotify or Apple.

MIDWEEK LUNCH & WORSHIP

Thursdays | Through 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have our Annual Congregational
Meeting on **Sunday, March 22, 2026,**
after the 11:00 a.m. worship service in
the Sanctuary. The purposes of the meeting
are the election of new church officers, the
approval of pastors' terms of call, and the
presentation of the 2025 Annual Report.
Zoom registration will be available.

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

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

COMBINED WORSHIP SCHEDULE

A Technicolor Promise - Children's Choirs
Sunday March 15 | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. |
Main Hall
No 10:45 a.m. service | No Children's
Sunday School

On Sunday, March 15, we will have
combined worship at 9:30 and 11:00 in
the Main Hall. As part of worship, our
children's choirs will present a short
musical *A Technicolor Promise*. It's a service
you won't want to miss!

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC Sunday, March 8

Psalm 95; John 4:1-42

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

Monday, March 9

Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27

- **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, March 10

Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14

- **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
- **Cancer Companions**
6:00 p.m. | Virtual

Wednesday, March 11

Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13

- **Chair Yoga**
10:00 a.m. | C200
- **Lectio Divina**
11:00 a.m. | Virtual
- **Yin Yoga**
11:15 a.m. | C200
- **Caregiver's Coffee**
1:00 p.m. | The Hub
- **Note in the Pocket**
1:30 p.m. | Offsite
- **Wednesday Together Dinner**
5:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS

Attention White Memorial high school seniors and returning college students! If you would like to apply for one of the college scholarships offered by White Memorial Presbyterian Church Foundation, please complete the College Scholarship Application Form. The online applications must be completed by Friday, April 25, 2026. If you have questions, please email Lindsay at Scholarships@whitememorial.org.

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, Senior Pastor of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis can join us. She will lead us in exploring our theme: *Beloved on the Earth: Being, Belonging, Becoming*. Registration is now open! 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!

SOUNDS ON OBERLIN CONCERT

**"Invocations and Epiphanies" with Eric Wall and Karl Zinsmeister
Sunday March 8 | 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary**

"Invocations and Epiphanies" offers organ music by a range of composers based on psalms, liturgical movements, Biblical scenes, and imaginative moods. Karl Zinsmeister and Eric Wall are, respectively, past and current Directors of Music at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. A reception will follow in the Jane Bell Gathering Space. Admission is free, with donations to support future concerts warmly welcomed.

ART AS A MEDITATIVE PRACTICE

Thursdays | March 12 & 19 | 1:10 - 2:30 p.m. | K200

Join us this Lenten season for these workshops and discover how art can deepen your faith. These sessions focus on the meditative process—not the finished product—so no artistic skills are needed. It's a relaxed, judgment-free space.

Through neurographic art meditation, we'll practice slowing down, releasing perfectionism, easing anxiety, and renewing our minds in light of Scripture. All materials are provided. These free workshops are sponsored by the Liturgical Arts Guild—come to one or all!

Workshop #2 March 12: You will make your own finger labyrinth to take with you or give away.

Workshop #3 March 19: You will draw free flowing organic shapes using your breath to guide you.

[Registration is required.](#)

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.

CHANCEL GLORIFICATION GUILD - EASTER MEMORIALS

Contributions to support flowers and chancel displays in memory or honor of loved ones, friends, or church members are welcome year-round. We are currently seeking donations for Lent and Easter flowers and greenery. Any additional funds will support seasonal flowers and decorations in the Sanctuary, Main Hall, and overflow spaces throughout the year. Gifts of any amount are appreciated (suggested minimum: \$35). Those memorialized or honored will be listed in the Easter bulletin insert on April 5.

Please submit the form found online and around campus with the name(s) being recognized and the donor's name. To be included in the bulletin, forms must be received by noon on Friday, March 27. Mail contributions to the church office (Attn: Lisa Crumpler), call 919-834-3425 ext. 225 with questions or complete the form online.

Congregational Care + Health

PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | C300

A newly formed pet loss support group has begun meeting on the WMPC campus. The Triangle Pet Loss Support Group meets **each Thursday at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in C300**. Anyone who has lost a companion animal is welcome to come to the group. Any questions about the group can be directed to its facilitator, Rev. Jonathan Sherrod at cjonathansherrod@yahoo.com.

CAREGIVER'S COFFEE

Wednesday March 11 | 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. | The Hub

Our special guest will be Elaine Whitford, Executive Director of The Center for Volunteer Caregiving. Using trained volunteers from the community, The Center supports older adults and adults with disabilities with non-medical services provided at no charge. Their services are designed to bring practical help and meaningful connection to those who need it most—and to offer relief to the family members who care for them.

Services include:

- Respite breaks for caregivers
- Friendly visits
- Escorted roundtrip rides to medical appointments and the grocery store

If you are caring for a loved one—or know someone who is—this is a wonderful opportunity to learn about local resources that can provide support, encouragement, and a much-needed break.

Join us for coffee, conversation, and connection. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Martha Grove Hipkind, mghipkind@whitememorial.org.

HEALING THROUGH GRIEF

Sundays March 29 - May 3 | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | R400

Grief touches us all at some point in our lives. No one ever has to feel alone during this difficult time. Whether you have suffered the recent loss of a loved one or are struggling with a loss in the past, you are invited to come together for a series of five sessions to help you along your journey of grief.

Each session explores different aspects of grief: from acceptance of your loss and working through its pain, to adjusting to a new way of being while honoring a very significant relationship in your life. Each session builds upon the other, so attendance is encouraged at each session.

This class is led by Associate Pastor Cate Church Norman and Pastoral Resident Lee Hunter. Healing through Grief will meet on Sundays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. from March 29 – May 3 in R400. [Click to register!](#)

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Thursday, March 12

Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21

- **Keenagers**
10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall
- **Midweek Lunch + Worship**
12:00 p.m. | Main Hall
- **Liturgical Arts Guild Workshop**
1:10 p.m. | K200
- **Note in the Pocket**
1:30 p.m. | Offsite
- **Pet Loss Support Group**
7:00 p.m. | C300

Friday, March 13

Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31

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

Saturday, March 14

Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34

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
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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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - WALL BUILD

Saturday March 21 | 8:15 - 11:00 a.m. | Offsite

White Memorial will partner with Habitat for Humanity of Wake for a Wall Build on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 8:15 a.m. to about 10:30/11:00 a.m. at the construction warehouse on Jones Sausage Road. Using templates, we'll build all the exterior and interior walls of a home—no experience needed! Hammers and nails are provided, and it's great fellowship for all ages (16+; high school service hours available).

We're partnering with St. Ambrose Episcopal Church of Raleigh, with space for 30 participants. [Click here to register.](#)

We hope to see you at the wall build! Contact Eric Miller at esm@ncsu.edu and 919.523.7735 for more information.

COMMUNITY AGENCY CHILDREN AND YOUTH PANEL DISCUSSION

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

Loaves & Fishes • Note in the Pocket • SAFEchild • Wake Monarch

This gathering is open to the entire congregation and offers 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 dinner before the discussions begin. Register for Wednesday Together Dinner at whitememorial.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).

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.

IT IS WELL WHEN WE INVEST IN OUR YOUTH!

The youth staff isn't hosting a dinner this year. No tickets, no tables, just a simple invitation. If you believe in investing in the faith of the next generation, [would you consider making a gift?](#) Thank you.

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be



heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "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." The score includes various musical notations such as chords, eighth notes, and a triplet of eighth notes in the second system.

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.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1986

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986

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IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

Irregular

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.