

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday | April 12 | 2026
9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.



Christ Appearing to the Apostles, ca. 1460-1470, Anonymous

Preacher

Christopher Edmonston

Liturgists

Grier Booker Richards | Austin Vernon

Musicians

Eric Wall, Eric Nanz, OnPoint Band, Adult Choir
Kelly Gold, Children's Choirs (11:00)

Additional Leaders

Cate Church Norman | Judy Yates Siker | Genevieve Brooks

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Gathering

** Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit.*

Words in bold are for everyone to say or sing.

The sounds of bells summon us to gather for worship.

PRELUDE

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth, composer

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my portion and my cup.

adapted from Psalm 16

God holds me close.

The boundary lines have fallen in good places for me.

God holds me close.

I bless the Lord, who leads me.

God holds me close.

I will keep God close, day and night.

God holds me close.

You, hold me close, O God. I will rejoice and be glad.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

chorus: Celtic Alleluia (Hymn 587)



The Easter proclamation, "Christ is risen!", rings through this hymn's text in images of the whole creation; HYMN TO JOY releases its exuberance.

*HYMN 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

*CONFESSION
AND ASSURANCE OF
GOD'S GRACE

Holy One, you have revealed to us that you are a God who takes what is old and makes it new. You can bring new life from what is dead. You show us, in your son Jesus Christ, what resurrection looks like, and you empower us to live new lives. Yet all too often we revert back to our old selves. We inhabit those old, tired places you call us to leave. We settle for patterns that are worn out, when you offer to make us new. Forgive us when we cling to old, unhealthy habits. By the power of your Spirit, inspire our minds and transform our hearts. Help us follow you with new feet. Help us see our neighbors with new eyes, and help us reach out to one another with new hands. We pray in the name of our resurrected Lord Jesus.

silent prayers

This beloved spiritual offers deep consolation: the wounded can still find wholeness and healing. Even Jesus, appearing in resurrection to the disciples, still bears the mark of wounds.

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

The image shows two staves of music in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody and accompaniment for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody and accompaniment for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*THE PEACE

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

* RESPONSE

The Porter's Gate

Lord, make me an in-stru-ment of peace, an in-stru-ment of peace.

The image shows a single staff of music in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes.

We Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION

READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

ANTHEM

G. R. Woodward/S. E. Murray/Dutch tune (Hymns 244 and 249)

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

*The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!
O sing this Easter day, for Jesus Christ has risen.*

Because you live, O Christ, the garden of the world has come to flower;
the darkness of the tomb is flooded with your resurrection power.

Because you live, O Christ, the rainbow of your peace will span creation;
the colors of your love will draw all humankind to adoration.

READING

John 20:19-31

SERMON

Reconsidering

Christopher Edmonston

*HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO.1

TIME WITH YOUNG
DISCIPLES

OFFERINGS



Scan to Give

OFFERING ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

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.

BREAKING, POURING,
SERVING

Hymn 498 – Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken
Hymn 769 – For Everyone Born (stanzas 1 and 5)

PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION

**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 Go In God's Name

*AFFIRMATION
OF FAITH

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he arose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed



Scan to make a
Prayer Request

*HYMN 250

This Hymn of Promise is taught every year to children's choir members. They carry it with them, just as we do when we sing it.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

*stanza 1 – choir
stanzas 2 and 3 – all*

PROMISE

BENEDICTION

The banner hanging in the chancel of Main Hall is hung every year during Eastertide and was commissioned in 1998 by Presbyterian Women in memory of Peter Cameron Carruthers, 1947 - 1996. Pete was Associate Pastor at WMPC 1987 - 1996.

May the word of Christ dwell richly in you as you teach one another with wisdom and love, giving thanks to God in all that you do, in the psalms of praise, in the hymns of faith, and the songs of the Spirit, too.
For you are the people chosen by God to live a life of compassion and kindness to all, working together, helping each other, living God's love.

Mark Patterson, composer

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Joys & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Cynthia Howard Canning (Cindy) – April 6, 2026
WMPC family members: husband, Tim Canning;
daughter, Julie Inman

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Louise McLarry and Family, on the death of her daughter,
Kristen Rush McLarry McGowan, April 4
Colleen Edmonston and family, on the death of her parents,
Judi Camaione, April 3; and David Camaione, April 5
Virginia Beach, VA
Becky Rickman, Lauren Leager and family, on the death of
their husband and father, Thomas "Tom" Reid Rickman, April 5.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Endsley Elizabeth Kidd, January 17, Raleigh, NC, child of
Hunley and Will Kidd, grandchild of Amanda and Henry Kidd
Thomas "Knox" Rufty, March 26, Raleigh, NC,
child of Anne and Drew Rufty

CONGRATULATIONS TO

George and Christine Howe, on the birth of their grandchild
Eleanor Caroline Ellis, March 17, child of Kasey
and Charlie Ellis, Raleigh, NC

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church,
email Lindsay Dew at ldew@whitememorial.org or 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.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ



Sunday, April 12

- Children's Movie Night
- Club 4/5
- Elementary/Middle School Parenting Group

Monday, April 13

- PW Women's Luncheon
- Bridge with Friends
- Pickleball
- Tai Chi

Tuesday, April 14

- Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
- Women's Breakfast/Circle
- Gentle Yoga
- * Caregiver's Coffee

Wednesday, April 15

- Chair Yoga
- Lectio Divina
- Yin Yoga
- Note in the Pocket
- Pickleball
- Wednesday Together Dinner

Thursday, April 16

- Keenagers
- Note in the Pocket
- Pet Loss Support Group

Friday, April 17

- Pickleball

Saturday, April 18

- God's Promise of Presence in Anxious Times
- * Hayes Barton Food Collection for Oberlin Road Churches Food Pantry

Looking at the week and beyond

You can find details on these and other events on our website and church calendar.
whitememorial.org/events | Register for events: whitememorial.org/register

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2026

May 1-2 | WMPC Campus

Join us for fellowship and learning with Rev. Gracie Payne (Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis). *Theme: Beloved on the Earth: Being, Belonging, Becoming.* Registration open through April 14.

GOD'S PROMISE OF PRESENCE IN ANXIOUS TIMES

Saturday, April 18

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

A free workshop integrating spiritual and psychological practices for stress and anxiety. Led by Rev. Dr. Judy Yates Siker and Dr. Elizabeth P. Sparrow. All are welcome. Registration required.

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE

Friday, April 24

7:00 p.m. | Main Hall

The OnPoint Band & Youth Choir support StepUp Ministry. Free admission; registration and donations encouraged.

PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

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

Support for those grieving a companion animal. All are welcome.

CAREGIVER'S COFFEE

Tuesday, April 14

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | The Hub

Coffee, conversation, and resources for caregivers.

HAYES BARTON FOOD COLLECTION

Saturday, April 18 | 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Wilson Temple

We need volunteers to help unload and sort food.

SERVANT SATURDAY

Saturday, April 25

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

All ages invited for service projects supporting local ministries.

BACKPACK BUDDIES + OBERLIN ROAD DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY Ongoing Collection

Help provide weekend meals and food for local families and students. Donate or volunteer via the church website.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Deadline: April 24, 2026

Applications open for WMPC high school seniors and college students.

CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, April 12

5:00-7:00 p.m. | C200

K-3rd grade. Movie: Trolls. Bring a blanket. Pizza \$6. Registration required.

CLUB 4/5

Sunday, April 12

5:00-7:00 p.m. | C100

4th-5th graders: "Spring into Something Awesome!" Dinner \$7.

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS' GATHERING

Sunday, April 12

5:00-7:00 p.m. | C301

Dinner, fellowship, and parenting workshop with Laura Brimberry; \$5/person; childcare available.

BAPTISM & BELONGING

Sunday, April 19 | 9:30 a.m. | R400

Workshop for parents of young children (and expectant parents) preparing for baptism.

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

Deacons can be found around Main Hall to offer a friendly greeting, answer questions and provide directions. New members are received after attending the *Believing & Belonging @WMPC* class. Visit whitememorial.org/join or contact Lindsay Dew at ldew@whitememorial.org.

Things to Know

Restrooms

are located outside of Main Hall

Nursery

Childcare is available for children up to four years old

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. for all ages

Refreshments

Coffee and water stations are located outside the Main Hall

Hearing Assistance

Loop system and FM system available in the Main Hall

AED/NARCAN

Available in Main Hall, Lobby in Ross, Lobby in Calvin and 3rd floor Luther

Live Streaming

Services available at whitememorial.org, Facebook and YouTube

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation

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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

Fine

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B *to Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.