

Third Sunday After Easter
Sunday | April 19 | 2026
9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.



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Eastertide Lessons and Carols

Liturgists

Tom Harris | Grier Booker Richards

Musicians

Eric Wall, Eric Nanz, OnPoint Band, Adult Choir

Additional Leaders

Lee Hunter

Readers

Celia Condrey | Paula Corkey | John Crumpler | Johnny McNeill
Stephanie Wakeford | Mary Wall | Rick White

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* 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

The Sun Will Rise

OPENING SENTENCES

*HYMN

Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Spring has now unwrapped the flowers, day is fast reviving;
life in all her growing powers toward the light is striving.
All the world with beauty fills, gold the green enhancing,
flowers make glee among the hills and set the meadows dancing.

Through each wonder of fair days, God the Lord expresses;
beauty follows all God's ways, as the world God blesses.
So as God renews the Earth, artist without rival,
in this grace of glad new birth, we must seek revival.

Praise the Maker all ye saints, who with glory girt you.
God, who skies and meadows paints, fashioned all your virtue.
Praise and thanks creation sings, heralding perfection;
All sing praise, for Jesus brings all to resurrection!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

From before the world began
and after the end of eternity,

you are God.

From the sea bursting its womb
to the wind ceasing from its chase,

you are God.

In the vastness of the universe
and in the forgotten corners of our hearts,

you are God.

Because the world is beautiful,
and beauty is a tender thing,
and we are caretakers of creation,

we need you, God.

Wee Worship Book

Because you came among us
and sat beside us,
healed our pain, let us wound you,
loved us to the end,
and triumphed over all our hatred,
we need you, God.

Because you, not we, are God,
we need you, God.

And so this day,
**we will walk by your light, follow your Son,
and live by your Spirit.
This is the day you have made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF
BAPTISM

Brinson Joseph DeFreitas, child of Dorian and Erin DeFreitas (9:30)

Charlie Cason DeFreitas, child of Dorian and Erin DeFreitas (9:30)

Milo Banks Koren, child of Ben and Kristi Koren (11:00)



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!

POEM	Equinox	Susan DeFreitas
READING	Luke 24:1-12	
MUSIC	Beautiful Things	Gungor
POEM	Two Tramps in Mud Time	Robert Frost

READING

Luke 24:13-27

Hymn 775

all singing:

I want Je - sus to walk with me. I want Je - sus
to walk with me. All a - long my pil - grim
jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

ROMANS 8

CHORUS

Nothing in Height or in Depth

John L. Bell

Noth - ing in height or in depth which be - friends or be - falls us,
Noth - ing in life or in death which for - bids or fore - stalls us,
noth - ing can li - mit the love of our Sa - vior, Je - sus.

READING

Luke 24:13, 15, 28-35; Acts 8:26-39

ANTHEM

All of Us

Craig Hella Johnson

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?

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 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.

Only all of us; only ever in the love; heaven, wash me!
All of us. All.

*AFFIRMATION

Truth pressed to the earth text by Shirley Erena Murray

will rise again,
though mocked and twisted, crushed by code and creed;

Justice trampled down
will rise again,
and mercy raise her voice to intercede;

Love nailed to a Cross
will rise again,
as on the third day Christ has risen indeed;

**and through these resurrections we have hope:
a hope to face the pain of human need,
and go where love with truth and justice lead.**

*HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

TRURO

OFFERINGS

Sons de Carrilhoes

Joao Pernambuco

POEM

Dawn Revisited

Rita Dove

READING

John 21 (abridged)



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Eastertide and was
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Presbyterian Women in memory
of Peter Cameron Carruthers,
1947 - 1996. Pete was Associate
Pastor at WMPC 1987 - 1996.*

ANTHEM

A New Commandment

Thomas Tallis

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord.
That ye love together as I have loved you,
that e'en so ye love one another.
By this shall everyone know that ye are my disciples,
if ye have love one to another.

PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE

**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.**

READING

Luke 24:36-48

*HYMN 591

Halle, Halle, Halle

HALLE, HALLE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Halle, Halle, Halle



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Joys & CONCERNS

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

LaDonna Overcash and family, on the death of her mother,
Barbara Harrington Pennington, March 21, Albemarle, NC

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Elizabeth Barrett Summerell, April 6, Raleigh, NC,
child of Claire and J Summerell

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 19

Monday, April 20

- Bridge with Friends
- Pickleball
- Tai Chi

Tuesday, April 21

- Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
- Women's Breakfast/Circle
- Gentle Yoga
- Mahjong

Wednesday, April 22

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

Thursday, April 23

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

Friday, April 24

- Concert for a Cause

Saturday, April 25

- Servant Saturday

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

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.

SERVANT SATURDAY

Saturday, April 25

9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

All ages invited for service projects supporting local ministries.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Monday, April 27

7:00 p.m. | Davidson Chapel

A faith-based small group offering worship, fellowship, and support for LGBTQ+ adults. Join us as we create a safe and welcoming space for connection and spiritual growth. Meets the 4th Monday of each month. For more information, contact Kathy Hart or Lee Hunter.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Deadline: April 24, 2026

[Applications open](#) for WMPC high school seniors and college students. For more info please contact Lindsay at scholarships@whitememorial.org.

CELEBRATE JODY GRAYSON WITH US

Sunday, May 3

12:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Join us as we celebrate Jody Grayson and her 31 years of faithful service as Finance Director. To offer a gift of appreciation, visit whitememorial.org/give or leave a note in baskets around campus.

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS

Thursday, May 7

12:30 - 4:00 p.m. | C301

Join us for this AARP safe driving class. Fee to be paid at the class: \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-members. Bring your AARP card, and cash or check to the class.

OBERLIN ROAD CHURCHES DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY

Saturday, May 2

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | St. John's Baptist

Join us as we help distribute food to our neighbors. Volunteer: whitememorial.org/register

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.

MONTREAT WOMEN'S CONNECTION

August 14-15, 2026

Montreat Retreat Center

Join us for a weekend of worship, learning, and fellowship in the beauty of the mountains. Registration is now open at whitememorial.org/register.

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 Alive!


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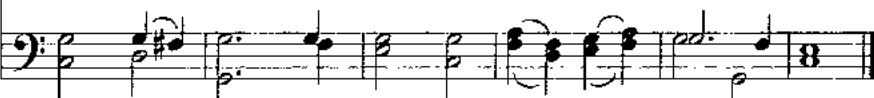
1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing, The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.



In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

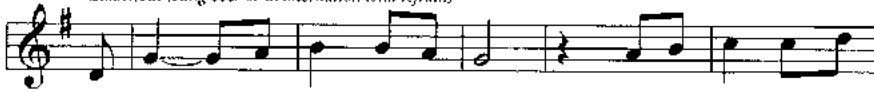
Refrain

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!
hal - le -

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -
hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
fine

Leder/All (sung over or in alternation with refrain)

1 O God, to whom shall we go? You a-lone have the
 2 My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. When I call them they



words of life. Let your words be our prayer and the song we
 fol-low me. I will lead them to rest by the peace-ful



sing: hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah!
 streams: hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah!