

Fourth Sunday After Easter
Sunday | April 26 | 2026
9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.



Good Shepherd (Atlas Mountains, Morocco), ca.1930, Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937)

Confirmation Sunday

Preacher

Christopher Edmonston

Liturgists

Genevieve Brooks | Cate Church Norman | Lee Hunter

Musicians

Eric Wall, Eric Nanz, Handbell Choir, Youth Choir

Additional Leaders

Austin Vernon

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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

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Cathy Moglebust, arranger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our shepherd;

who leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.

The Shepherd calls us by name;

knowing this voice, we follow where the Shepherd leads.

When we walk through the darkest valley,

we need not fear, for the Good Shepherd is with us.

In Christ, we are sustained and protected;

in Christ we are made whole.

Let us worship God,

who leads us into life abundant.

*HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

All people that on earth do dwell,

sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;

him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.

Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;

without our aid he did us make;

we are his folk; he doth us feed,

and for his sheep he doth us take.

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

stanzas 1 and 4

*CONFESSION AND

ASSURANCE OF

GOD'S GRACE

Merciful God,

Forgive us for all we should have done, but didn't,

and for all we didn't do, but should have.

Forgive us for vengeful, ignorant words spoken in haste.

Forgive us for following other voices,

which have led us away from your truth.

Forgive us for following fear instead of trust;

for keeping silent, when our voices were needed;

and for choosing what is easy and comfortable

over what is faithful to you, and to your Way.

(A time for silent prayer.)

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

We Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION

READING

Psalm 23

*HYMN 740

Lead Me, Guide Me

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

READING

John 10:1-18

SERMON

Life Abundant

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

stanzas 3 and 5

SACRAMENT OF
BAPTISM (9:30)

Hadley McCullough Fields, child of William and Meghan Fields

Louisa Gray Allen, child of Daniel and Ashton Allen

Rosemary Louise Wall and Penelope Lynn Wall, children of Trevor and Leigh Anne Wall



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!

RECOGNITION OF
CONFIRMANDS (11:00)

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.**

OFFERINGS



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Calming Peace (9:30)

Cathy Moglebust, composer

We Are Yours, Lord (11:00)

Mark Patterson, composer

Holy God, creator of our inmost being,
 you spoke our first full thoughts
 and breathed our innocent prayers.
 You've healed us, you've led us, you've loved us, Holy God.
 Now we come to worship you.
 We come to worship you, mighty God.
 We come to praise you, Holy one.
 Giving praise to your name in all we do,
 we are yours, Lord; may our lives bring glory to you.
 We will go where you lead us, for you alone have called us by name.
 Give us strength as we learn to love you more;
 give us faith, Lord, to trust you each day.

all singing:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise God, all creatures here below.
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF
FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Apostles' Creed

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.

We Go In God's Name

*HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

tune by R.B. Colligan

2026 Confirmands Class

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Lila Grace Capps
Harrison Edward Carr
Heath Wood Chapman
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Helen Hazel Robin
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William Wyatt Taylor
Grant Ronald Thompson
Sean Clarke Tinnesz
Marshall Latham Townsend
Frederick Charles Walker
Emma Catherine West
Andrew Holden White

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.

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Joys & CONCERNS

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Eleanor Scott Davis and family, on the death of her father, Clement Munroe "Jack" Best, Jr., April 20, Goldsboro, 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 26

Monday, April 27

- Bridge with Friends
- Pickleball
- Tai Chi
- All Are Welcome

Tuesday, April 28

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

Wednesday, April 29

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

Thursday, April 30

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

Friday, May 1

- Women's Retreat

Saturday, May 2

- Women's Retreat
- Oberlin Road 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

PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays | 7:00–8:30 p.m. | C300

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

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.

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

10:00 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 14-16, 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

After Hours Pastor On Call: 919-605-4593



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726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D) Refrain (A7) (Em)
 Eb Bb7 Fm 3

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) (D) (A7) (D)
 Bb Eb Bb7 3 Eb

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) (B7) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)
 Bb7 C7 Fm Eb Bb7 E9 Fine

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) (B7) (Em) (A7) (Em)
 Eb C7 Fm Bb7 Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) (D) (D) (D7)
 Bb Eb Eb Eb7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) (D) (A7) (D)
 Fm Eb Bb7 Eb to Refrain

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es - en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *imica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.