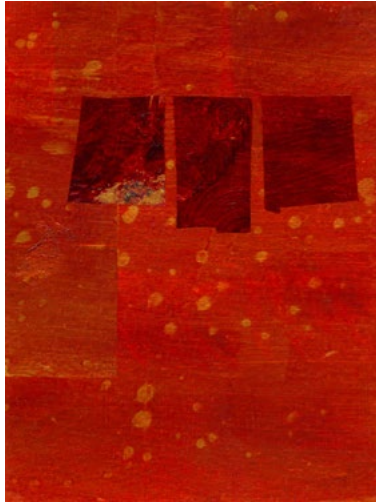


Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday | May 10 | 2026
9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.



Love and Revelation by Jan Richardson
John 14:15-21

Preacher

Christopher Edmonston

Liturgists

Lee Hunter | Judy Yates Siker

Musicians

Eric Wall, Eric Nanz, Adult Choir, OnPoint Band

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

All Who Are Thirsty

music by Brenton Brown

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let those who love the Lord lift their voices in praise.

We love the Lord our God!

Let those who love the Lord practice faithful obedience.

We will keep Christ's commandments in our hearts!

Let those who love the Lord proclaim all that God has done for them.

**We worship the risen One, who is our light, our strength,
and our salvation!**

*HYMN 743

*This exuberant hymn
sings a morning song.
It invites our praise and
our discipleship.*

O God, You Are My God

STEP BY STEP

*CONFESSION AND
ASSURANCE OF
GOD'S GRACE

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the
power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt
and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn.
We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for
peace. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to
change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of
abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

*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 66:8-20

READING

John 14:15-21

SERMON

Sounds Easy Until You Try It

WELCOMING OF
NEW MEMBERS
(11:00)

Believing & Belonging Class joins

COMMISSIONING
OF STEPHEN
MINISTERS
(11:00)

Dear God, thank you for those who have heard and responded to your call to be a Stephen Minister. We ask that you provide them with an extra measure of your strength and understanding. Keep them strong in their faith. Empower them with your Holy Spirit. Enable us, as members of this congregation, to call on them with confidence as we become aware of our own needs and the needs of those around us. Let this day be a reminder to us of the importance of ministering to one another with your love and grace. Amen.

OFFERINGS



Scan to Give

This beloved piece comes from one of Bach's cantatas; its flowing tunes carry this text of devotion and hope in Jesus' promised presence with us.

Jesus, Joy of My Desiring

J.S. Bach, composer

This is the Spirit of truth, who abides with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. (John 14)

Jesus, joy of my desiring! In my heart I hold him fast.
Jesus comes with grace untiring till all cares and grief are past.
Well I know that Jesus loves me, and his very life he gives me.
Jesus I will not forsake, though on earth my heart should break.

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.

BREAKING, POURING,
AND SERVING

Crowded Table

N. Hemby, L. McKenna, B. Carlile (2019)

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (c. 1565)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Comforter,
that he may abide with you forever,
e'en the Spirit of truth.

PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION

*AFFIRMATION
OF FAITH

adapted from *A Declaration of Faith*

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

We Go In God's Name

Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

*HYMN 741

*This spiritual is a firm
prayer for God to take us
by hand, stay with us, and
journey with us.*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Scan to make a Prayer Request

During worship, children are welcome to explore and play with items from the crates and bookcases in KidsPoint. Those who prefer to stay in their seats are welcome to bring items back with them.

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.

[Click here or scan below to view updates to the Sanctuary renovations!](#)



The bridge and Carol Copeland courtyard are temporarily closed due to construction. You can enter via Pickard or Geneva Hall.

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Joys & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Charles Ronald Scheeler - May 4, 2026

WMPC Family members: wife, Nancy Scheeler; daughter and son-in-law Amy and Tim Sparks; grandchildren, Dylan and Jason Sparks

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Leonard Thagard and family, on the death of his mother, Merrilyn Bowman, April 30

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.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ



Sunday, May 10

Monday, May 11

- PW Luncheon
- Bridge with Friends
- Pickleball
- Tai Chi

Tuesday, May 12

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

Wednesday, May 13

- Chair Yoga
- Lectio Divina
- Yin Yoga
- Healing Prayer
- Note in the Pocket
- Pickleball
- Wednesday Together Dinner
- Shadows to Freedom Talk

Thursday, May 14

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

Friday, May 15

- Pickleball

Saturday, May 16

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.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Monday, May 11

12:00 p.m. | Main Hall

Let's come together for a joyful celebration at our final luncheon of the year!

CAREGIVER'S COFFEE

Tuesday, May 12

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

Please come for coffee, conversation, and connection at our next Caregiver's Coffee on Tuesday, May 12 from 10:30 a.m. – noon in the Hub.

HEALING PRAYER

Wednesday, May 13

between 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. |

Davidson Chapel

Healing Prayer is a form of intercessory prayer focusing on an individual's mental, emotional, physical and spiritual needs to provide a sense of balance and facilitate self-healing. Healing Prayer sessions are held in Davidson Chapel and usually last 20 to 30 minutes. If you are interested please contact Mary Ann Turner at maturner2.mat@gmail.com.

FREEDOM IN THE SHADOWS

Wednesday, May 13

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

Join us for a session with Wojciech Szczerba, who will share personal memories of growing up under communism in Poland.

ART & MUSIC HEALING

Sunday, May 31

12:10 - 2:15 p.m. | C200

This interactive workshop, presented by Artist Ummah & Art by Noni, combines guided breathwork, calming instrumental music, and expressive art-making to help participants relax, reconnect with themselves, and experience creativity in a welcoming church community setting. All are welcome—no art experience is needed!

WEDNESDAY TOGETHER DINNER MENU UPDATE

Wednesday May 13 & 20

On May 13 we will serve hamburgers and on May 20 we will have fried haddock, shrimp, and clam strips. Reserve your spot online.

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.

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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MEET OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY 2026 COMMISSIONING CLASS

(TO BE COMMISSIONED ON SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026)



Pictured L to R:

Susan Allen*, Sara Patterson, Cece Scott (Christ Church)*, Malcolm Lewis,
Wendy Reeder, Ken Thomas, Katherine K. Thomas, Kelly Burkhardt (Christ Church)*,
Lucy Fountain, Colleen Camaione-Edmonston

Not pictured Pastoral Leadership Judy Yates Siker

*Denotes SM Training Leaders

WMPC STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM 2025-2026

Brooke Harris, Continuing Education Coordinator; Amy Clarke, Supervision Coordinator;
Carolyn McGowan, Links Coordinator; Laura Raynor, Leadership Coordinator;
Susan Allen, Training Coordinator; Judy Yates Siker, Pastoral Staff

STEPHEN MINISTRY

CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

*“A new commandment I give you:
Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”
- John 13:34*

The Stephen Ministry mission is “to equip God’s people for the work of ministry” (Ephesians 4:12).

In 1975 Dr. Kenneth Haug, a pastor and clinical psychologist, saw firsthand how the need for congregational care and support extended way beyond what a pastor (or pastors) could provide. More than 600,000 Stephen Ministers have been trained since 1975, this number represents over 13,000 congregations and organizations worldwide. Stephen Ministry at White Memorial Presbyterian Church has provided care and support for the members of our congregation for 34 years. God uses Stephen Ministry to change lives, to deepen faith and to provide distinctively Christian care and support to people throughout the world.

May 10, 2026, 7 Stephen Ministers will be commissioned as they have completed 50 hours of training and will commit to serving two years as Stephen Ministers.

STEPHEN MINISTERS TO BE COMMISSIONED

Colleen Camaione-Edmonston
Lucy Fountain

Malcolm Lewis
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Wendy Reeder

Katherine K. Thomas
Ken Thomas



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O God, You Are My God 743

Step by Step

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
 you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
 you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will
 learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead
 me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

Though this refrain from a longer song is not a paraphrase of any particular psalm, the language in the first six lines has definite scriptural overtones (such as Psalms 31:14, 5:3; Deuteronomy 26:17). The final two lines sound more spontaneous and lead to a confident conclusion.

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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.

Guide My Feet

741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Hold my hand ... | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ... | 6 Guide my feet ... |
| 4 I'm your child ... | |

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.