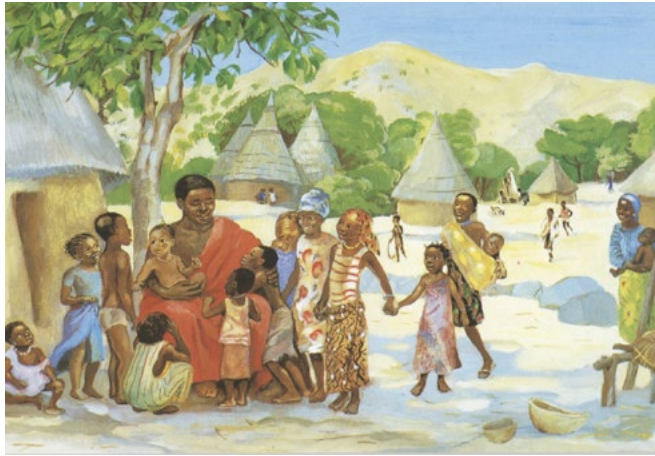


Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday | June 28 | 2026
9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.



Jesus Welcomes the Children, JESUS MAFA, 1973, Cameroon, Africa

Preacher

Christopher Edmonston

Liturgists

Cate Church Norman | Austin Vernon

Musicians

Katrina Liao | Eric Nanz | Music Ministry

Additional Leaders

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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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 89

We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
**with our mouths we will proclaim your faithfulness
to all generations.**

We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
**Blessed are those who hear the joyful call to worship,
for they will walk in the light of your presence.**

*HYMN 399

*This South African song,
transcribed by John L.
Bell, sets the tone for
this morning's worship
as we look to the gospel
reading from Matthew
about God's welcome.*

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

*CONFESSION AND
ASSURANCE OF
GOD'S GRACE

**Merciful God, you made us in your image.
But when we look at one another, we do not always see you.
We see difference and interpret it as threatening.
We see similarity and interpret it as competition.
We see potential and are tempted to undermine it.
Merciful God, you made us in your image.
But when we look at our reflection, we do not always see you.
We see sin and ignore your grace.
We see what is wrong and ignore what is right.
We see who we have been and ignore who we can become.
All of this distorts our relationship with you
and with all you created and called good.
Save us from ourselves, we pray.**

(Time for silent prayer)

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*RESPONSE

Peace I Give to You

My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do
not give as the world gives, my peace I give to you.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Peace I Give to You". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

TIME WITH
YOUNG DISCIPLES

We Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION

READING

Psalm 13:1-6

READINGS

Matthew 10:40-42
Romans 6:22-23

SERMON

Calculus of Welcome

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN 203

Tom Colvin, a missionary for the Church of Scotland in Ghana, wrote this text about love, welcome, and service. He adapted the melody from a Ghanaian folk song.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

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

Steadfast

Sandra McCracken, composer



Scan to give Offerings

*AFFIRMATION
OF FAITH

from Belonging to God: A First Catechism, 1998 PC(USA)

Who are you?

I am a child of God.

What does it mean to be a child of God?

That I belong to God, who loves me.

What makes you a child of God?

Grace—God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

How do you thank God for this gift of love?

I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

We Go In God's Name

What Does the Lord Require of You?

MOON

*HYMN 70

This hymn overlaps and intertwines the phrases of Micah 6:8 in a musical canon. As we sing this text, we commit to showing God's justice, kindness, and humility.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Scan to make a Prayer Request

2026 College Graduates

Join us in congratulating this year's college graduates!

Brodie Alexander Batten, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.S., Business Administration, son of Amy and David Batten

John Robert Cella III, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A., Philosophy and Economics, son of Ansley and John Cella

Ronald Gabriel Edmonston, Davidson College, B.S., Biology, son of Rev. Dr. Christopher Edmonston and Colleen Camaione-Edmonston

Frances Margaret Gehrke, North Carolina State University, Master of Accounting, daughter of Marynell and Ed Gehrke

Jennings Glenn Jr., Elon University, Master of Accounting, son of Allison and Jennings Glenn

Gerald A. Jeutter III, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, Juris Doctor, son of Michelle and Jeb Jeutter

Caroline Wyatt Kennemur, Wofford College, B.A., Philosophy and minor in Sociology Anthropology, daughter of Amy and George Hall

*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.*

[Click here or scan below to view updates to the Four Pillars of Promise 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

Jonathan "Jon" Rhem – June 17, 2026
WMPC Family Members: sister, Christiel Rhem;
mother, Karen Rhem

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Penelope Louise Batchelor, June 23, child of Paxton and
Maclin Batchelor, grandchild of Marlene and
Ronnie Batchelor

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, email Caroline Parker at cparker@whitememorial.org
or call 919-834-3424 during regular business hours so our pastoral staff can reach out. If you have an urgent pastoral care need
that is outside of normal business hours, call our after-hours pastor on call at 919-606-4593.

MARRIAGES

**Farithe Alinn Escude Caparoso and
Branson Cunningham Poole**, June 13, son of Caryll Poole

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Bill and Tiffany Clark, on the birth of their granddaughter,
Vera Colette Clark, June 18, to Aly and Grimes Clark

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ



Sunday, June 28

Monday, June 29

- Bridge with Friends
- Pickleball
- Tai Chi

Tuesday, June 30

- Gentle Yoga

Wednesday, July 1

- Lectio Divina
- Pickleball

Thursday, July 2

- Pet Loss Support Group

Friday, July 3

- WMPC campus closed

Saturday, July 4

- WMPC campus closed

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.

WMPC FACILITIES CLOSED

Friday July 3 & Saturday July 4

WMPC's campus will be closed Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4 for the 4th of July holiday.

JULY 5th WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday July 5 9:30 a.m. | Main Hall 11:00 a.m. | Online only

Sunday July 5 there will be an in-person worship service at 9:30 a.m. and a recorded livestream service available online at 11:00 a.m.

SUMMER MEALS TO GO

Wednesdays & Thursdays June 17 - July 30 (except 7/1 & 7/2)

Take a break from cooking this summer and order our delicious meals to go. [Reservations must be made by 11:00 p.m. the Sunday prior.](#) Payment via online only, no cash.

Adult meal: \$10

Children's meal: \$6

Pick-up between 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE! WASHINGTON, DC AFRICAN AMERICAN PILGRIMAGE

Join the WMPC M.O.R.E.

Team (Ministry on Racial Equity) September 18-19 for our fourth African American History Pilgrimage, this time to Washington, DC! **Registration closes July 31.**

DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY: A GREAT TURNOUT!

What a day! On Saturday, June 20, neighbors were lined up before we even opened — and we handed out and delivered 156 food bags between the drive-thru, Mayview, and Milner Commons.

We still need your help. Donations of non-perishable food keep this ministry going. Drop items in the red bins outside the Outreach Room or [shop our Amazon wish list.](#)

Mark your calendar. The next Oberlin Road Churches Drive-Thru Food Pantry **will be on Saturday, July 18.** If you'd like to help volunteer, please contact Ruth Landers for more information.

PORTRAITS OF RESISTANCE

We invite you to check out the beautiful quilt display called "Portraits of Resistance and Resilience," which is now on view outside Main Hall and will run through July 31st. These quilts were made by women from Wilson Temple Methodist Church and West Raleigh Presbyterian Church.

WDS IS LOOKING FOR FLOATING ASSISTANT TEACHERS!

The Weekday School is looking for caring, dependable floating Assistant Teachers to support our infant, toddler, and two-year-old classrooms. If you love working with young children, and are ready for an active, hands-on day we want to hear from you. Want to know more? Contact Cynthia Baggett at cbaggett@whitememorial.org or Blair Miller at bmiller@whitememorial.org.

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshiping 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 in the Calvin Building

Sunday School (resumes 9/13)

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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God Welcomes All

399

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Jona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transfer, John L. Bell, 2008

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THEMISA AMEN

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203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

Capo 3: (C) (D) (Fm) (Bm)
 B^b F Gm Dm

*1.
 What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.
 Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.
 To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C) (G) (Am) (D) (G)
 E^b B^b Cm F B^b *Repeat as desired*

What does the Lord re - quire of you?
 walk hum - bly with your God.
 and walk hum - bly with your God.

**The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.*

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.