

The Service for the Lord's Day Second Sunday after Pentecost June 18, 2017 8:15 $\mathring{\sigma}$ 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Greeting Kirsten Homdrom

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us prepare for worship.

Preparation for Worship

Almighty God you alone can bring order to our unruly wills and affections. Give us grace to love what you command and desire what you promise, that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world, our hearts may be surely fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude - *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Anita Burroughs-Price, harp

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Tracey Daniel

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor; include all requested information.

Call to Worship

One: Let us love the Lord, for God has heard our prayers and our voices.

All: We have been called to pray to God for as long as we live.

One: We gather to worship and praise the God of hope, the God of love, the God of grace.

All: Let us call upon the name of the Lord, the God who made heaven and earth.

*Hymn 828 - More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

In the name of Jesus Christ, hear our prayer of confession. We have so much. Yet we share so little. Soften our hearts that we would seek your grace before we seek approval from the world. Open our ears to the cries and needs of neighbors, that we might share our very selves with them and in so doing, fulfill the will of our Lord who called us to love them as we love ourselves. Forgive our sins, heal our wounds, and make us new through the power and glory of your Holy Spirit. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response Hymn 581

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Our call to worship is inspired by Psalm 116. Psalm 116 is a powerful Psalm. In our hymns and our liturgy, it guides our entire service of worship today.

In the core of Psalm 116 is a rhetorical question: "What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?" This question is pointed at people of faith in every time and place. For all God has given to us, what are we called to return? Do we ever give enough?

At the heart of the Presbyterian story is the theological claim of "justification by faith." It is an idea derived directly from Romans 5, our New Testament text.

Justification by faith means that we do not need to prove our love to God. Rather, our love to God is demonstrated by our belief and trust in the God we have come to know through Jesus Christ. This theological idea stood at the heart of the Protestant Reformation and it still frames our beliefs and confessions today.

Three questions to consider during the sermon today: what does God ask of us - something beyond belief? What does it mean to make a vow - and to make the vow before witnesses? How do we become servants of the Lord—what does it mean for us to serve God?

The Confession of 1967 was written during a time of incredible social and cultural upheaval. A time not so different than our own. As you join in this affirmation, pay close attention to the final sentence: faith allows us to know we are accepted even as it calls us to love others as we have first been loved by God.

This beautiful tune was updated in 1981. It's a call to hear the call of God clearly and to live according to God's word serves as a closing prayer for all who sing it. The final line is especially fitting: "In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone, in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you: the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored done."

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Lesson - Romans 5:1-8

pew Bible, p. 145

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

pew Bible, p. 533

(11:00) A Time with the Younger Church

Children through fifth grade are invited to come forward. Following our time together, all children will return to their pews for the rest of the worship service.

Sermon - With What to Return?

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 655 - What Shall I Render to the Lord

MARTYRDOM

Gary Fulton

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem - *Dona Nobis Pacem Dona nobis pacem.* (Grant us peace.) Amen.

arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

from Confession of 1967

We believe that the reconciling work of Jesus

was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.

His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.

In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

We believe that the new life takes shape in a community

in which we know that God loves and accepts us

in spite of what we are.

We therefore accept ourselves and love others,

knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand except God's grace.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 432 - How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response Hymn 601 Amen. Amen. DANISH AMEN

*Chiming of the Trinity

*Postlude - "Andantino" from Concerto in G Major

P. Antonio Soler (1729-1783)

Greeters: 9:30 - Sally McLaurin, Cal Cunningham, Irenee Cunningham, Susan Fairfax, Bill Fairfax, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Tiffany Lund, Linda Robinson, Tom Robinson.

Ushers: 8:15 - Glenn Matteson, chair, Ray Watson, Gwinn Moss, Steve Cadwallader, Bruce Broadbelt, Laura Broadbelt; 9:30 - Julia Reeder, chair, John Towles, Kim Towles, Gregg Thompson, Jim Umbdenstock, Sally Umbdenstock; 11:00 - Kendra Allen, chair, Mary Beth Helton, Todd Helton, David Hoke, Lolly Holt, Scott Horton.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Grace Barnard; 11:00 - Maggie Montgomery.

Treasurer's Assistants: Donna Thagard, Eric Miller.

Shuttle Driver: Jeb Jeutter.

Summer Forum Starts TODAY! Can you answer these questions?

What is Reformed Theology? Why are the buildings on our campus named Witherspoon, Calvin, Knox and Luther?

Come to the WMPC Sanctuary today, June 25 and July 9 at 9:30 a.m. as church member Bill Jackson helps to reveal the answers to these questions.

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Come hear the rest of the story!





WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC(USA)

We are glad you are worshipping with us.
Visiting? Stop by the Welcome Table in Jane Bell
Gathering Space for information, directions and a
friendly greeting. New members are received after a
one-day Beginnings Class.

Visit whitememorial.org/join
or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206
for details, class dates and registration.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Shuttle buses run every Sunday at five- to ten-minute intervals, 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., from Carolina Place, 2626 Glenwood Avenue, across from Glenwood Village Shopping Center.
- Restrooms are located in the Luther Building immediately behind the sanctuary/Jane Bell Gathering Space.
- Childcare is available for children up to four years old.
- Church School is offered at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. Refreshments are served in Carol Copeland
 - resnments are served in Carol Copeland Courtyard or Pickard Hall on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- The sanctuary has a loop hearing aid system and an FM system.
- Live-streamed services are at whitememorial org.
 Radio, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00
- a.m.: today, July 2, 16 and 30.
 Bulletins left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation. WMPC is a certified Earth Care congregation of the PC(USA).
- We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 18 (*Rom. 5:1-8; Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19*)

Worship (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 - Sanctuary; 11:00 - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)

9:30 a.m. - Summer Forum (Sanctuary); Summer High School Coffee Hour (K100); OnPoint House Band (Pickard)

10:30 a.m. - VCS Setup (Knox/Luther Classrooms)

Monday, June 19 (Ps. 5; 1 Sam. 1:1-20; Acts 1:1-14; Luke 20:9-19)

9:00 a.m. - Vacation Church School (Pickard) through June 23

9:30 a.m. - VCS Assembly (Sanctuary) through June 22

5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard)

7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

Tuesday, June 20 (Ps. 42; 1 Sam. 1:21-2:11; Acts 1:15-26; Juke 20:19-26)

7:00 a.m. - Men's/Women's Breakfast Bible Study (Geneva/Pickard)

12:15 p.m. - Summer in the City (Geneva) through June 22

3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking until 8:00 p.m. (Chapel)

6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (L111); Centering Prayer (W400)

Wednesday, June 21 (Ps. 89:1-18; 1 Sam. 2:12-26; Acts 2:1-21; Luke 20:27-40)

8:00 a.m. - Clothing Closet (W100)

6:45 p.m. - OnPoint House Band (K100)

8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

Thursday, June 22 (Ps. 97; 1 Sam. 2:27-36; Acts 2:22-36; Luke 20:41-21:4)

8:00 a.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)

9:15 a.m. - Library Committee (W203)

12:30 p.m. - Praying Our Church Into Its Future (Chapel)

1:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)

Friday, June 23 (Ps. 51; 1 Sam. 3:1-21; Acts 2:37-47; Luke 21:5-19)

11:30 a.m. - VCS Closing Assembly (Sanctuary)

8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, June 24 (Ps. 104; 1 Sam. 4:1b-11; Acts 4:32-5:11; Luke 21:20-28)

8:30 a.m. - Church School Setup (L307; L309A; L310-312)

9:00 a.m. - NAMI Basics: Child/Teen Mental Health (C303)

C=Calvin Building W=Witherspoon Building

K=Knox Building S=Sanctuary Annex (Jane Bell Gathering L=Luther Building Space, choir rooms, sanctuary, nurseries)

July 2 Holiday Worship Schedule:

8:30 a.m.: Worship, Sanctuary 9:30 a.m.: Church-wide Fellowship

10:00 a.m.: Combined Sanctuary/OnPoint worship, Sanctuary

Live Stream: 10:00 a.m. worship only

Note: There will be no service at 11:00 a.m. on July 2.