

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

KICK-OFF SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
8:15, 9:30 & 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 and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope and love; and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you have commanded; 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 - Laudate Dominum

arr. David Cherwien (b. 1957)

See Hymn 550.

Christian Welcome and Announcements

(8:15 & 11:00) Robert Galloway; (9:30) Gary Fulton

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

Minute for Mission: Imagine Campaign

(8:15) Susan Alexander; (9:30) John Replogle; (11:00) Debbie Day

Call to Worship

from Psalm 149

One: Sing to the Lord songs of praise!

All: Let the faithful sing with joy.

One: The Lord takes pleasure in the joy of the people of God. Let us join our hearts and voices and worship the Lord our God.

*Hymn 550 - Give Praise to the Lord

LAUDATE DOMINUM

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive our impatience and impertinence. Forgive us for claiming to be wiser than we are. Forgive our arrogance when we decide that we can judge on our own and ignore your decrees. By your grace forgive us for the wrongs we have done and for the just decisions we have left unmade. In the name of Jesus Christ, forgive us and renew us. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri - Hymn 581

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.**

White Memorial is conducting a capital improvements campaign. The effort is called *Imagine Giving our Best to God*. When complete it will be the first such effort in twenty years and will provide for the transformation of our campus as well as the future of our shared ministry together. Please prayerfully consider joining us in our efforts.

Our New Testament text from Matthew is a set of instructions to the church. One set of instructions is about how to confess and admit fault. While the admission of fault is never enjoyable, it is an important spiritual discipline and the best way to be honest with God about who we are. For this reason, confession is always near the heart of Christian worship.

Henry W. Greatorex composed this and three other settings of the text. This one was published in Boston in 1851. The *Gloria Patri* text is known as the Lesser Doxology, compared to the Greater Doxology, *Gloria in excelsis Deo* from the Latin mass. In Protestant worship this response has been used at the conclusion of psalms and canticles, and as in our worship today, following an Assurance of Pardon.

Our choirs love to sing this musical setting of the text from Isaiah and Psalm 66. In a way, the words represent a significant component of the Reformation—worship was led in the language of the people, and the worshipping body added its voice through the singing of chorales (hymns) and liturgy. The choirs remind you to “declare” with your own “voice of singing!”

This well-known hymn is a type of prayer. It asks for God to guide our speech and our witness. We love the message of this hymn because its message is the most ardent prayer of the church itself: that God would be the source of our worshipping, embracing and serving.

Another setting of the same text as the earlier anthem, this setting from 1964 reflects a principle of “Reformed and always Reforming” in that Biblical and liturgical texts continually receive fresh meaning through new musical interpretations.

The text acknowledges the Trinity, so is therefore *doxological*. The tune by Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510-c. 1561), a Reformation-era composer, created it for singing Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. Since 1561, however, it has been paired with Psalm 100 and became known as OLD HUNDREDTH (see Hymn 385).

One of the tasks of the church is to carry the faith from past to future. Our particular tradition is one which has historically written statements of faith. These statements remind us of what those who came held dear as the hallmark of their faith. This affirmation is from the late 20th century.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(9:30) Louise Clark Keel, child of Clai and Jimmy Keel

(11:00) Quinn Violet Eves, child of Katie and Ryan Eves

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 149

pew Bible, p. 550

Anthem - *With a Voice of Singing*

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

Isa. 48:20b; Ps 66:1-2

New Testament Lesson - Matthew 18:15-20

pew Bible, p. 19

(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 remainder of the service.

Sermon - *Why the Church Matters: Two or More*

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn 722 - *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Judy Pidcock

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 - *With a Voice of Singing*

Kenneth Jennings (1925-2015)

With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this; utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah! The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah! Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Sing forth the honor of his name; make his praise glorious. 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.

Isa. 48:20b; Ps. 66:1-2

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 *A Declaration of Faith*

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.

The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith.

It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all.

It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

That story is still unfolding

and in faith we make it our own.

It forms our memory and our hope.

It tells us who we are and what we are to do.

To retell it is to declare what we believe.

**ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.*

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 404 - *What Is This Place

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***Charge and Benediction**

***Chiming of the Trinity**

The worship service ends with the Chiming of the Trinity.
Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

Postlude - *Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable (ca. 1370-1453)

Greeters: 9:30 - Bill McLaurin, Sally McLaurin, Kristin Seale, Kim Rogers, Christian Fellowship Class, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Ann Rosar, David Rosar, Jim Rion.

Ushers: 8:15 - Cheryl McLean, chair, Bill Fairfax, Susan Fairfax, Jim Graham, Bill Gwyn, Nancy Jude; 9:30 - Amy Kennemur, chair, Ed Garrabrant, Wendy Burkard, Cindy Canning, Timothy Canning, Celeste Chapman; 11:00 - Betsy Reade Creech, chair, Bonnie Elam, Tim Ellis, Holly Ferguson, John Ferguson, Cindy Goins.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Marshall Livengood; 9:30 - Harry Vaughan; 11:00 - Abigail Robertson.

Treasurer's Assistants: Rob Wyatt, Blair Schrum.

Shuttle Driver: Bill Hodges, Tom Morrison.

Widowers of White Memorial

There has been some interest in forming a group of men who are widowers at WMPC. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Clapp at 919-834-3425, ext. 210. There are plans for the group to meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, in Geneva Hall.

Flu Shots Coming Soon

Flu shots will be given by Hayes Barton Pharmacy on Thursday, September 14, from 9:00 a.m.-noon in C200. The 9:00-10:30 a.m. time slots are reserved for Keenagers, and 10:30 a.m.-noon is open for all church members and staff. You must be at least 14 years old to receive a flu shot at WMPC. Please bring your insurance card. Reservations are encouraged but not required at whitememorial.org/register.

Stephen Ministry

Is God calling you to serve in a new way? Might you be hearing a call to use your journey to help others? Whether you have walked in these steps yourself, have cared for a loved one or have been given a heart for serving those going through a difficult time we invite you to learn more about Stephen Ministry at White Memorial. For details about becoming a Stephen Minister, join us for our next Open House picnic at 6:00 p.m. on October 2. To help us prepare for you, make reservations at whitememorial.org/register today.

German Masterpieces: Bach, Beethoven and Brahms

Kirsten Homdrom, one of WMPC's Associate Directors of Music, will perform masterpieces by Bach, Beethoven and Brahms on Friday, September 29, at 7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in Jane Bell Gathering Space. All are invited.

Oak City Outreach Collection

Help the WMPC Young Adults collect donations for Oak City Outreach. Items needed are: bars of soap, wash cloths (dark colors), lotion, shaving cream, deodorant (men and women), toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, cough drops, tissue (individual packs), lip balm, disposable razors, over the counter pain relievers. Items need to be travel size and unopened/unused. Drop off items in marked bins located in The Connector.

A pre-Reformation English composer, John Dunstable, was a contemporary of Chaucer. It is believed that he served the Chapel Royal and that he composed the famed hymn that celebrated Henry V's victory at the Battle of Agincourt in France in 1415.

Recognition of Ruth Ann Pulley

The recognition of Ruth Ann Pulley on the occasion of her retirement has been postponed until the October 4 Spaghetti Supper. If you would like to make a contribution to her retirement gift, please make a check payable to White Memorial and note on it "Pulley Retirement Gift."

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 15-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 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 and September 24.
- **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, September 10 (*Psalms 149; Matthew 18:15-20*)

Worship (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary; 11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)
Kick-Off Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. - Nursery Training (S104)
- 9:30 a.m. - Confirmation Kick-off (Geneva); OnPoint House Band Rehearsal (Pickard)
- 11:00 a.m. - Confirmation Commissioning - OnPoint Service (Pickard)
- 12:45 p.m. - Childcare for Beginnings Class (L102)
- 1:00 p.m. - Beginnings Class for New/Prospective Members (Geneva)
- 4:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (S300)
- 5:00 p.m. - PYC Kick-off (Pickard)
- 6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting (Geneva)

Monday, September 11 (*Ps. 5; 1 Kings 13:1-10; Phil. 1:1-11; Mark 15:40-47*)

Presbyterian Women Circles: See feature in 8/30 newsletter.

- noon - Women's Fellowship Luncheon (Pickard)
- 5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard)
- 6:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry Leaders (K307)
- 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Stephen Min. Continuing Ed/Supervision (K200)
- 7:15 p.m. - Ross Bible Study (C203)
- 7:30 p.m. - Handbell Choir (S300)
- 8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

Tuesday, September 12 (*Ps. 42; 1 Kings 16:23-34; Phil. 1:12-30; Mark 16:1-20*)

- 6:30 a.m. - High School Prayer Breakfast (Bruegger's Bagels, Creedmoor Rd.)
- 7:00 a.m. - Men's/Women's Breakfast Bible Study (Geneva/K100)
- 8:30 a.m. - Yoga for Exercise (C100)
- 9:30 a.m. - Fit after Fifty (Pickard); God Talk (W400)
- 11:00 a.m. - Study: Short Stories by Jesus (C103)
- 3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
- 4:30 p.m. - StepUp Board Meeting (C200)
- 5:30 p.m. - Service Committee (W400); Property Care Committee (C204)
- 6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva); StepUp Co-Partner Training (C200); Youth Ministries Committee (K200)
- 7:00 p.m. - Seasonal/Chancel Choir (S300)
- 7:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 395 (Pickard)

Wednesday, September 13 (*Ps. 89:1-18; 1 Kings 17:1-24; Phil 2:1-11; Matt. 2:1-12*)

- 6:45 a.m. - High School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-Fil-A, Cameron Village)
- 8:00 a.m. - StepUp Ministry Jobs Team (C100)
- 9:30 a.m. - Bible Belles (Off Site)
- 10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga (C200)
- 11:15 a.m. - Yin Yoga (C200)
- 4:30 p.m. - Carol Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (S300); Cherub Choir (L311)
- 5:00 p.m. - Wednesdays Together Dinner (Pickard); Men's Retreat Committee (C301)
- 5:30 p.m. - Capital Campaign Committee (C204); Widowers of White Memorial (Geneva)
- 6:00 p.m. - Children in Worship Committee (C301)
- 6:30 p.m. - Disciple I (K307); Presbyterian Women Evening Dinner/Bible Study (Geneva)
- 6:45 p.m. - OnPoint House Band (K100)
- 7:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study (C102)
- 7:30 p.m. - Officer Training (C200)
- 8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

Thursday, September 14 (*Ps. 97; 1 Kings 18:1-19; Phil 2:12-30; Matt. 2:13-23*)

- 8:00 a.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel); StepUp Jobs Workshop (C100)
- 9:00 a.m. - Flu Shots (C200)
- 9:30 a.m. - Lilies of the Field Bible Study (C301); Thursday Morning Bible Study (W400)
T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200)
- 10:45 a.m. - Keenagers: *Whooping Cranes: Migration and Survival* (K100)
noon - Keenager Lunch (Geneva)
- 6:00 p.m. - Concert Series Committee (C203); StepUp Graduation (Pickard)
- 7:00 p.m. - Thursday Evening Bible Study (C301)
- 7:30 p.m. - Webelos Scouts (K303-308); Sanctuary/Seasonal Choir (S300)

Friday, September 15 (*Ps. 51; 1 Kings 18:20-40; Phil. 3:1-16; Matt. 3:1-12*)

- 8:00 a.m. - StepUp Ministry Jobs Team (C100)
- 9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)
- 8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, September 16 (*Ps. 104; 1 Kings 18:41-19:8; Phil. 3:17-4:7; Matt. 3:13-17*)

- 8:00 a.m. - Servant Saturday: Tie Bags for Society of St. Andrews (Geneva)
- 8:30 a.m. - Sunday School Setup (Classrooms)
- 9:00 a.m. - NAMI Basics: Child/Teen Mental Health (C303)
- 10:00 a.m. - StepUp Community Day (Dover Road Lot)