

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper.
Gluten-free wafers are available in the narthex and Jane Bell Gathering Space.

Greeting

Karl Zinsmeister

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude - "Andantino" from *Samson and Delilah*

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Ruth Mock, oboe

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Gloria Johnson

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

Choral Introit - *Harmony Across the Miles* Russian folk song; lyrics by John DeLuca

On the soil that lies along the Dneiper, some believers joined hearts and hands. They built a church to worship the Lord there to minister in their native land. As they worked they lifted up their voices, their songs soared like eagles through the sky. They crossed lands and seas during their journey, came to rest in Raleigh by and by. Songs touched hearts of many in that city, who answered with love back to Smolensk. Folks from East and West soon came together wondrous friendships came to exist. In harmony we worship our Savior, love for each other grows more each day. Our hopes for peace burn bright in our hearts now, we spread its message as we go our way.

Minute for Stewardship

Stephen Riddick

Call to Worship

One: Day by day, God leads us:

All: down the pathways of peace, to the living waters of grace.

One: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

All: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

One: Day by day, the Spirit shows us:

All: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

*Hymn 649 - *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

Stanza 1 will be sung in Cherokee by soloists. Stanzas 2-5: all sing in English.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

from *Presbyterian Mission Agency*

Almighty God, you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.



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WMPC member John DeLuca penned these lyrics to the well-known Russian folk song *Katyusha*. The lyrics celebrate our relationship with Central Baptist Church in Smolensk, Russia.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace**

***Response - Kuna Kucheza**

Swahili Worship Song

Ku-na ku-che-za, ku-che-za, al-le__ lu-ia! Ku-na ku che-za, kwa a-ja-bu, al-le - lu-ia! Ku-che
 za, ku-che - za, al-le - lu-ia! Ku-na ku - che - za, kwa a - ja - bu, al - le - lu-ia!

Translation: "There is dancing, dancing. Praise the Lord! There is dancing, for it is amazing. Praise the Lord!"

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson - Proverbs 3:27-32

pew Bible, p. 553

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 20:1-16

pew Bible, p. 20

(11:00) A Time with the Younger Church

Following our time together, four-year-olds through second graders will meet Steven Lilly at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by SuSu Lilly from the OnPoint service, for Worship Enrichment in L215.

Sermon - *A Parable of Grit and Gratitude*

Grier Richards

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Gary Fulton

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Serving of Bread and Cup

The elders will stand at the four corners of the sanctuary. Ushers will direct you from the side aisles to the station nearest you to receive the elements. Return to your pew by way of the center aisle. Those seated in the balcony and chancel will begin. Any who cannot come forward will be served in the pew.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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 and Collection of the Peacemaking Offering

Offertory Anthem - "Kyrie" from *Missa Pange lingua*

Josquin des Prez

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. (Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.)

Prior to the Reformation, it was common to hear the Gospel lesson chanted (or intoned) in Latin. There are still churches who continue this practice today, most often in the vernacular.

The first Sunday in October is designated as *World Communion Sunday*, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Celebration of *World Wide Communion Sunday* was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936 and then spread to the larger ecumenical church beginning in 1940. Since then, *World Communion Sunday* has grown into an international ecumenical celebration of Christian unity.

Over the next few weeks, you will hear some musical offerings pre-dating the Reformation. Often known simply as Josquin, this Renaissance composer from France achieved international acclaim. Among those who admired his mastery of technique and expressiveness was reformer Martin Luther. The *Kyrie* is an important part of the sung Mass liturgy.

***Affirmation of Faith**

from *Confession of Belhar, 1986*

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;

that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the Church and must be resisted;

that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God.

Fifty years after it was birthed in South Africa by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church during its battle against apartheid, the Confession of Belhar has been included in the Book of Confessions of the PC(USA). In 2016, the 222nd General Assembly of the PC(USA) voted to make Belhar our denomination's 12th recognized confession, the first originating in the global south.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn 767 - Together We Serve**

SAN ANSELMO

***Choral Benediction - In Beauty We Walk** Navajo Night Chant, adapted by Marty Haugen

In beauty we walk, with beauty before us, we walk with beauty behind us, we walk with beauty above us, we walk with beauty above us and about us, we walk, it is finished in beauty.

***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 - Glorificamus**

John Redford (1486-1547)

Greeters: 9:30 - Mike Carter, Meg Ellis, Celeste Chapman, Chris Chapman, Christian Fellowship Class, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Parker Wright, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Kendra Allen.

Ushers: 8:15 - Bill Sigmon, chair, Alva Moore, Charlotte Newby, Celia Poole, Grey Poole, Bruce Sharpe; 9:30 - Bill Sigmon, chair, Lori Jones, Phil Jones, Marian Godwin, Matt Godwin, Josie Hall; 11:00 - Stan Lambeth, chair, Dana Hunt, Sid Hunt, Toni Hutto, Gretchen Ivey, William Kimbrell.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Mary Margaret Gilbert; 9:30 - Barnes Mason; 11:00 - Lily Smith.

Treasurer's Assistants: Jerry Bowen, Kelly Gold.

Shuttle Drivers: Bill Pollock, Lanse Houston.

The flags displayed at the entrance to the sanctuary were made by the fifth grade Sunday School class in celebration of World Communion Sunday.

Peacemaking Offering

Today we collect the Peacemaking Offering, which is one of the four Presbyterian denomination offerings. We are called to be agents of reconciliation for individuals, in families and communities, in the world and in all creation. Building a culture of peace is something we can all participate in. Our congregation will keep 25% for designation while the rest goes toward peacemaking efforts in the denomination.

Busy Hands are Happy Hands

Come join Russia, Etc. Knit and Crochet on October 3 at 9:30 a.m. in C200. We have plenty of yarn, patterns, hooks and needles. Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee, snacks and lots of conversation. Contact Faye Senter at 919-805-0897 or fsenter@bellsouth.net with questions.

In the Church Triumphant

Betsy Reid Viall – September 22, 2017

WMPC family members: son and daughter-in-law, George and Debbie Viall; grandson and wife, Trey and Jessica Viall; grandson, Gregory Viall; niece and husband, Linda and Jim Hancock

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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 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.: October 8 and 22.
- 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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Sunday, October 1 (*Proverbs 3:27-32; Matthew 20:1-16*)

- World Communion Sunday
Worship/Communion
(8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary; 11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)
9:30 a.m. - Confirmation Communion Workshop (Chapel); OnPoint House Band (Pickard);
Cover to Cover (C302)
11:00 a.m. - Welcoming Children to the Lord's Supper (OnPoint@1704, Pickard)
4:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (S300)
4:30 p.m. - Cancer Companions Support Group (C203)
5:00 p.m. - Middle School PYC/Dinner (C100, C102-103/Geneva)
5:30 p.m. - SG2-Leden (C301-302)

Monday, October 2 (*Ps. 62; 2 Kings 17:24-41; 1 Cor. 7:25-31; Matt. 6:25-34*)

- 9:15 a.m. - Toddler Open Gym/Worship (Pickard)
9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (K200)
5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard)
6:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry Leaders (K202)
6:30 p.m. - Stephen Ministry Recruiting Picnic (Geneva)
6:45 p.m. - Ross Bible Study (C203)
7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Handbell Choir (S300);
Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed/Supervision (K200)
8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

Tuesday, October 3 (*Ps. 12; 2 Chron. 29:1-3, 30:1-27; 1 Cor. 7:32-40; Matt. 7:1-12*)

- 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); Russia Etc. Knit/Crochet (C200)
11:00 a.m. - Study: Short Stories by Jesus (C103)
noon - Senior Adult Ministry Committee (W400)
3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva)
7:00 p.m. - Seasonal/Chancel Choir (S300)
7:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 395 (Pickard)

Wednesday, October 4 (*Ps. 96; 2 Kings 18:9-25; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Matt. 7:13-12*)

- 6:45 a.m. - High School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-Fil-A, Cameron Village)
8:00 a.m. - Clothing Closet (W100)
9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Bible Moderators (W400)
10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga (C200)
11:15 a.m. - Yin Yoga (C200)
4:00 p.m. - Flu Shots (C200)
4:30 p.m. - Carol Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (S300); Cherub Choir (L311)
5:00 p.m. - First Wednesday Spaghetti Supper (Pickard)
6:30 p.m. - Disciple I (K307); Christ of the Celts: The Healing of Creation (C301/Chapel)
6:45 p.m. - OnPoint House Band (K100)
7:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study (C102)
8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

Thursday, October 5 (*Ps. 116; 2 Kings 18:28-37; 1 Cor. 9:1-15; Matt. 7:22-29*)

- 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. - Keenager Program: *Emotional Intelligence* (K100)
noon - Keenager Lunch (Geneva)
4:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. - Thursday Evening Bible Study (C301) Seasonal/Sanctuary Choir (S300);
Community Allocations (W400)
7:30 p.m. - Webelo Scouts (K304-307)

Friday, October 6 (*Ps. 84; 2 Kings 19:1-20; 1 Cor. 9:16-27; Matt. 8:1-17*)

- 9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)
3:30 p.m. - Middle School Fall Retreat Check-In (K100)
5:45 p.m. - Families w/Young Children First Friday Movie Night (K100)
8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, October 7 (*Ps. 63; 2 Kings 19:21-36; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Matt. 8:18-27*)

- 8:30 a.m. - Sunday School Setup (Classrooms)
9:00 a.m. - NAMI Basics (C303)
10:00 a.m. - Let's Do Lunch (Geneva)
11:30 a.m. - Middle East Peace & Justice Women's Tea Event (Geneva)