

WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 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

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

(8:15 & 9:30) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

WMPC Handbell Choir

(11:00) Gathering Hymns

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Tracey Daniel

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

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle

One: I am about to do a new thing, says the Lord.

All: God will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

One: O sing to the Lord a new song,

All: for God has done marvelous things.

Isaiah 43:19; Psalm 98:1

(lighting of Advent candle)

One: Let us pray.

**All: Christ, eternal Sun of justice, Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed,
come to bless with fire and fragrance hours of yearning, hurt, and need.
In the lonely, in the stranger, in the outcast, hid from view:**

child who comes to grace the manger, teach our hearts to welcome you.

Amen.

Glory to God: Hymn 94, stanza 3

*Hymn 87 - *Comfort, Comfort, Now My People*

GENEVAN 42

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we grow tired of waiting. Waiting on your words. Waiting on your promises.
Waiting, waiting, waiting. In our age of instant gratification and quick delivery,
this waiting feels unnatural. But it is in waiting that we grow in faith; and growing
in faith, we grow in wisdom. May this Advent be a time for wisdom to claim us,
faith to heal us and Jesus to forgive us. In his name we confess our sins, and we
make this our prayer. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

The Advent wreath is a well established Christian tradition in many churches and homes. Each candle represents one of the four Sundays of Advent and marks with its increasing light the coming of Christ through the birth we celebrate on Christmas. Different groups and families in our church light the candles each week as an expression of the faith and gifts of our entire church family.

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People is a great Advent hymn, lifted directly from the pages and words of Isaiah 40. As you sing it, may you be filled with assurance that God wants to comfort us and care for us. The words we sing point us to Christmas when "all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken."

*Gloria - Hymn 583

Taizé

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(9:30) Windsor Gray Johnson and Isles Maddox Johnson, children of Tyler and Michael Johnson

(11:00) Reeder Layne Magee, child of Liz and Jack Magee

Old Testament Lesson - Isaiah 40:1-11

pew Bible, p. 627

Anthem - *There is No Rose*

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

There is no rose of such virtue, as is the rose that bare Jesu. Alleluia. For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space. Resmiranda (Wondrous thing). For by that rose we may well see that he is God in persons three. Pariforma (One in form). The angels sung the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the highest). Gaudeamus (Let us rejoice). Leave all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth. Transeamus (Let us cross over). There is no rose of such virtue, as is the rose that bare Jesu.

New Testament Lesson - Mark 1:1-8

pew Bible, p. 32

(11:00) A Time with the Younger Church

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

Sermon - *Four Words from Isaiah and the First Word of Jesus*

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 357 - *The Days are Surely Coming*

LLANGLOFFAN

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Jim Ferry

**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 - *Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain* Carolyn Jennings (b. 1936)

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world, lift up your voice, shout the good news: behold, your Lord comes to you. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will carry the lambs in his arms, he will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you. He who made the stars in the heaven, he who fashioned the earth and the sea, from time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, he, behold, behold your Lord! He will come in power and glory, he will rule with mercy and truth, hope of the nations, light of the world, light of all. He will love the little children, he will carry them in his arms. Love him and trust him as a child, behold, your Lord comes to you. Trust him, as a child.

text: adapted from Isaiah 40

*Offertory Response Hymn 121 - stanza 3

ST. LOUIS

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

Isaiah is the prophet of Advent and by proxy the Old Testament prophet of Advent. Each week during Advent we read from one of the prophets. Think of Biblical prophets—how many can you list? (Hint: one of them is Isaiah!) Are there prophets in our world today—or if not in our world, in your life? Who are they?



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*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

***Affirmation of Faith**

adapted from *A Declaration of Faith*

**Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion.
His demand for justice, truth and faithfulness is God's demand.
His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness.
Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.
Jesus' story is told to us in the Bible and the Bible 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.
We await Jesus' birth on Christmas as the next installment of God's story of grace.
The birth of our Savior is the first step in the confirmation of our belief that God is ever concerned with the world.
With believers in every time and place, we join our voices in saying,
"Come, Lord Jesus!"**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn 95 - Prepare the Way of the Lord**

PREPARE THE WAY

***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**

(8:15 & 9:30) *Sussex Carol*
(11:00) *Sussex Carol*

arr. Jason W. Krug (pub. 2015)
arr. Sondra K. Tucker (pub. 2005)

Greeters: 9:30 - Heather Garrabrant, Carol Holt, Dana Hunt, Sid Hunt, Christian Fellowship Class, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Elizabeth Zimmerman, Kendra Allen, Bob Bilbro.

Ushers: 8:15 - Julia Reeder, chair, Katherine Thomas, Michael Tollison, Bill Turner, Linda Turner, Ray Watson; 9:30 - Elizabeth Saylor, chair, Brandi Sutton, John Sutton, Gregg Thompson, John Towles, Kim Towles; 11:00 - Elizabeth Saylor, chair, Miriam Dorsey, Chandler Easterhoff, David Easterhoff, Bonnie Elam, Jane Elkins.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Sutton Lasso; 9:30 - Hale Roberts; 11:00 - Trace Alphin.

Treasurer's Assistants: Gregg Thompson, Gary Pendleton.

Shuttle Driver: Gary Groom.

Advent Wreath Lighters: 8:15 - Stephen Minister Representatives; 9:30 - Charles and Carolyn Younger, Chad and Emily Lovin, and Logan Wells; 11:00 - Members of the Young Adults Class.

The Advent Banner is a gift of the Sanctuary Choir in honor of Brock Downward, Director of Music Emeritus. It represents Hymn 348, *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*.

Each week we affirm our faith in response to the word as it is read, sung, and preached. The affirmation is an important part of worship as it connects us to our historic faith and sets parameters for what we believe as Presbyterian Christians. This affirmation was written in the 1970's here in the United States.

Continuing in our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, our Advent theme this year is "Sing a New Song." Many of the anthems the choirs sing this season were written in the 21st century, and our postludes continue that trend. We continue to sing new songs to the Lord!

In the Church Triumphant

Judith Bryan Mauney – December 1, 2017

WMPC family member: husband, Marshall Mauney

Whitney White Zinner – December 1, 2017

WMPC family members: husband, Cliff, and children, Mattison, Joshua and Molly

William Reed Raynor III – December 6, 2017

WMPC family members: wife, Millie and children Reed and Watsie

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.: December 17 and 31.
- **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, December 10 (*Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8*)

- Advent II
Worship (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary; 11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)
8:00 a.m. - Christmas Share (Connector); Turkey Dinner Collection (Portico)
9:30 a.m. - OnPoint House Band (Pickard); Confirmands & Elders Gather (Geneva)
4:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (S300); Cancer Companions Christmas Gathering (C200)
5:00 p.m. - Youth Impact Groups Christmas Parties (Off Site); SG1-Edwards (C203-204)
5:30 p.m. - SG2-Leden (C301-302)
6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting (Geneva)

Monday, December 11 (*Ps. 67; Amos 7:1-9; Rev. 1:1-8; Matt. 22:23-33*)

- Presbyterian Women Circles: See feature in 11/29 newsletter.
11:30 a.m. - Advent Communion (Sanctuary)
noon - Women's Monthly Fellowship Luncheon (Pickard)
5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard Hall)
6:30 p.m. - Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem (C301);
Young Adult Leadership Team (C203)
7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Handbell Choir (S300)
8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

Tuesday, December 12 (*Ps. 94; Amos 7:10-17; Rev. 1:9-16; Matt. 22:34-46*)

- 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)
10:00 a.m. - Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem (C301)
3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
5:30 p.m. - Property Care Committee (C204); Service Committee (W400)
6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva); StepUp Co-Partner Training (C200)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir (S300)

Wednesday, December 13 (*Ps. 17; Amos 8:1-14; Rev. 1:17-2:7; Matt. 23:1-12*)

- 6:45 a.m. - High School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-Fil-A, Cameron Village)
9:30 a.m. - Bible Belles (Off Site)
noon - Weekday School Christmas Chapel Service (Sanctuary)
4:30 p.m. - Carol Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (S300); Cherub Choir (L311)
5:00 p.m. - Wednesdays Together Dinner (Pickard)
5:30 p.m. - Capital Campaign Committee (C204); Widowers of White Memorial (Geneva)
6:15 p.m. - Nursery for Advent Worship (L102)
6:30 p.m. - Advent Midweek Service (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study (C102); Disciple 1 (K307); OnPoint House Band (K100)
8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

Thursday, December 14 (*Ps. 62; Amos 9:1-10; Rev. 2:8-17; Matt. 23:13-26*)

- 8:00 a.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. - Thursday Morning Bible Study (W400); T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200)
10:45 a.m. - Keenager Program: *Schmidt Family Makes Music* (K100)
noon - Keenager Lunch (Geneva)
6:00 p.m. - StepUp Graduation (Pickard)
7:30 p.m. - Webelo Scouts (K304-307); Sanctuary Choir (S300)

Friday, December 15 (*Ps. 16; Hag. 1:1-15; Rev. 2:18-29; Matt. 23:27-39*)

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

Saturday, December 16 (*Ps. 72; Hag. 2:1-9; Rev. 3:1-6; Matt. 24:1-14*)

- 8:30 a.m. - Sunday School Setup (Classrooms)
9:00 a.m. - Advent Wreath Lighting Practice (Sanctuary)