

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2018
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

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

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

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Prelude - Prelude in G Major, Op. 37 No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Robert Galloway

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

Call to Worship

One: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

All: The peoples who live in the shadows now see a glorious light!

One: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

All: The Lord gives us strength and blesses us with peace.

***Hymn 479 - Ho, All Who Thirst**

JACOB'S WELL

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response Hymn 475 - stanza 1

NETTLETON

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!**



Fountain: Linoleum block print by Elizabeth Steele Halstead. Reprinted by permission from *Visuals for Worship*, © 2006, Faith Alive Resources. When we are baptized we are united with Christ, the source of life, symbolized here by the fountain of gushing water. The resulting flow is a visual sign of Christ's overflowing graciousness; the fullness of life lived in him; and a recognition that we live as one in Christ, baptized into his body.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

(9:30) Sacrament of Baptism

Winifred Scarlett Reaugh, child of Carlee Baggett and Steven Reaugh

Old Testament Lesson - Genesis 1:1-5

pew Bible, p. 1

Gospel Lesson - Mark 1:4-11

pew Bible, p. 32

(11:00) A Time with the Younger Church

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

Sermon - *Creativity, Inc.*

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

8:15 & 11:00 - 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.

9:30 - Communion will be served in the pews. Please hold each element until invited to partake together. As you pass the elements, remember that by the grace of God, Christ calls us and equips each of us to minister to each other.

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

Offertory Anthem - *Christ, When for Us You were Baptized*

arr. Kenneth Lowenberg (b. 1939)

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame. God called you "My beloved Son," the suffering servant true, sent you the kingdom to proclaim, God's holy will to do. Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed God's call freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed, that, likewise in God's service, we may perfect freedom find.

***Affirmation of Faith**

from *The Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.



Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the King* of Kings!" (*Charles Wesley's original text of 1739.)

*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn - All on Earth and All in Heaven

EBENEZER

1. All on earth and all in heav-en, raise to God a song on high;
 2. Trees shall bow in awe and won-der, bend their branch-es to the ground;
 strength un-measured, love un-bound-ed, God a-lone we glo-ri-fy.
 from God's lips one word in an-ger wreaks de-struc-tion all around.
 At God's voice the clouds as-sem-ble, thun-der roars and tor-rents fall;
 But the Word which sets in mo-tion such tra-vails can make them cease;
 earth shall quake be-fore God's pres-ence, moun-tains trem-ble at God's call.
 that same voice which tu-mult beck-ons in a gen-tler breath speaks peace.

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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 - Variation on NETTLETON

Albert L. Travis (pub. 2006)

Greeters: 9:30 - Bill McLaurin, Sally McLaurin, Emily McNair, Parham McNair, Christian Fellowship Class, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Miriam Dorsey, Caroline Farmer, Charlotte Grant.

Ushers: 8:15 - William Silverman, chair, Nan Hannah, Hunter Hobson, Kelly Hobson, Chris Ingram, Susan Ingram; 9:30 - William Silverman, chair, Chris Wilson, Will Weatherspoon, John Webster, Lou Weddington, Michael Weddington; 11:00 - Gary Pendleton, chair, Mary Beth Helton, Todd Helton, David Hoke, Scott Horton, Toni Hutto.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Marshall Livengood; 9:30 - Lily Smith; 11:00 - Cate Belch.

Treasurer's Assistants: Diane Payne.

Shuttle Drivers: Frank and Nancy Baird, Dan Daniel.

This setting of Psalm 29 is to the tune EBENEZER, most often associated with a text for Pentecost. Worship resource *Psalms for all Seasons* says this: "Psalm 29 is a meditation on the splendor of God's voice as it speaks through creation and elicits the response of God's people gathered for worship."



Weekday School Open House

Join us for the Weekday School Open House, Tuesday, January 9,
 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. It's a great opportunity to meet faculty,
 tour the facilities and get answers to any questions you may have.

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.: January 14 and 28.
- 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, January 7 (*Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:4-11*)

Worship/Communion (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary;
11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)
9:30 a.m. - Cover to Cover (C302); OnPoint House Band (Pickard)
4:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (S300); Women's Retreat Committee (K200)
5:00 p.m. - 2018 Youth Mini PYC Kick-off (Pickard);
5:30 p.m. - SG2 - Leden (C301-302)

Monday, January 8 (*Ps. 114; Ex. 17:1-7; Col. 1:15-23; John 7:37-52*)

Presbyterian Women Circles - See feature in Dec. 27 newsletter.
noon - Women's Monthly Fellowship Luncheon (Pickard)
5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard)
6:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry Leaders (K202)
7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Stephen Ministry Training (K302);
Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed./Supervision (K200); Handbell Choir (S300)
8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

Tuesday, January 9 (*Ps. 93; Isa. 45:14-19; Col. 1:24-2:7; John 8:12-19*)

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);
Weekday School Open House (S200/Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. - Tuesday Morning Bible Study (C301)
noon - Inquirers Committee (W400);
Lunch & Learn: Conversations with Parents about Grief (C200)
3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
5:30 p.m. - Property Care Committee (C204); Service Committee (W400); Small Ensemble (S300)
6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir (S300); Boy Scout Troop 395 (Pickard)

Wednesday, January 10 (*Ps. 27; Jer. 23:1-8; Col. 2:8-23; John 10:7-17*)

7:45 a.m. - StepUp Employment Week (C100, C102-103)
9:30 a.m. - Bible Belles (Off Site)
1:00 p.m. - Midsummer Celebrations Committee (Geneva)
4:30 p.m. - Carol Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (S300); Cherub Choir (L311)
5:00 p.m. - Wednesdays Together Dinner (Pickard)
6:15 p.m. - Youth Band (K100)
6:30 p.m. - Disciple I (K307)
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, January 11 (*Ps. 47; Isa. 55:3-9; Col. 3:1-17; John 14:6-14*)

7:45 a.m. - StepUp Employment Week (C100, C102-103)
8:00 a.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. - Thursday Morning Bible Study (W400); T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200);
Lilies of the Field Bible Study (C301)
10:45 a.m. - Keenager Program: *The Oakwood Project* (K100)
noon - Keenager Lunch (Geneva)
6:00 p.m. - Middle School Basketball Practice (Pickard); Concert Series Committee (C203)
7:00 p.m. - High School Basketball Practice (Pickard)
7:30 p.m. - Webelo Scouts (K304-307); Sanctuary Choir (S300)

Friday, January 12 (*Ps. 46; Gen. 49:1-2, 8-12; Col. 3:18-4:6; John 15:1-16*)

7:45 a.m. - StepUp Employment Week (C100, C102-103)
9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)
6:30 p.m. - Healing Prayer Practice Support (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. - Youth Lock-out (Pickard)
8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, January 13 (*Ps. 97; Isa. 61:1-9; Gal. 3:23-29, 4:4-7*)

8:30 a.m. - Sunday School Setup (Classrooms)
9:00 a.m. - NAMI Family to Family (C301)