

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 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

Karl Zinsmeister

One: The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Let us prepare for worship.

Preparation for Worship

Great and loving God, your will for us in Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude - Prelude in G, BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Christian Welcome and Announcements

(8:15 & 11:00) Jim Ferry; (9:30) Christopher Edmonston

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

Call to Worship

from Psalm 98

One: Sing to the Lord a new song. God has done marvelous things!

All: The glory of the Lord is seen in the sight of all the nations.

One: God remembers with steadfast love and faithfulness.

All: Let us sing praises to the Lord who judges the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

One: Brothers and sisters in faith—let us worship the Lord our God.

*Hymn 257 - The Risen Christ

WOODLANDS

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we often sin by committing the most human of errors: we play favorites. We value our preferences more than we value your guidance. We want what we like most, whether our desires meet your favor or not. We put our self-selected preferences ahead of your call. In the name of your Son, forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, renew us that we might see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly today and always. Amen.

*Declaration of Good News

*Passing of the Peace

*Response Hymn 239- stanza 1

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, one of the sacraments of our faith. In the Presbyterian Church we practice an "open table." This means that people who trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to take part in the Lord's supper.



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Our hymn texts today focus on how Christ unifies us: all are bound together, all are blessed, and all can be a blessing to others.

Our confession today helps us to admit that sometimes our partiality blinds us to all of God's possibilities. What partialities have limited your vision for who God is and for what graces God would have you see and experience?

Psalm 98 is one of the most beloved of all the Psalms. It is the source for many hymns and songs of praise: most famously the Christmas carol "Joy to the World." As you listen to Psalm 98, tune your ears to the music in the text and to its calls to sing praises to our God of righteousness and equity.

We continue our readings in Acts this week with one of Peter's most famous sermons. In this excerpt take note of the radical proposition which Peter is suggesting: in a deeply partial and divided time, Peter is calling his hearers to show no partialities among themselves. This is one of the most powerful sermons in the entire New Testament.

The Apostles' Creed dates to the earliest days of the church itself. It is an ancient creed translated into English from ancient languages. While it has been amended and updated over the centuries, our current version dates from the late middle ages. As we say it together, we are both remembering who Christians have been in the past and carrying our living faith for the times in which we live.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(9:30) Parker Earlene Brewer, child of Annie and Jim Brewer
 (11:00) James Radford Allen, child of Cortney and Clayton Allen
 Anne McKay Collins, child of Sally and Clayton Collins

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 98

pew Bible, p. 521

New Testament Lesson - Acts 10:34-48

pew Bible, p. 121

(11:00) A Time with the Younger Church

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

Sermon - *Trusting Jesus Christ in an Age of Partiality*

Christopher Edmonston

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Gary Fulton

Invitation to the Table

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

(8:15) *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen* arr. David M. Cherwien (b. 1957)
 See Hymn 536.

(9:30 & 11:00) *Down in the River to Pray*
 trad. Southern gospel; arr. David L. Mennicke (b. 1961)

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the robe and crown; good Lord, show me the way! Oh, sisters, let's go down, come on down. Oh, brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown; good Lord, show me the way! Oh, mothers, let's go down, come on down. Oh, fathers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

***Affirmation of Faith** - The Apostles' Creed

hymnal, p. 35

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell.**

(continued)

**The third day he arose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn 318 - In Christ There Is No East or West**

ST. PETER

***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 - Chaconne in C Major**

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of James Radford Allen and Anne McKay Collins by their families.

Greeters: 9:30 - Barbara Hoyle, Mike Mullins, Kim Rogers, Emily McNair, Parham McNair, Christian Fellowship Class, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Stephen Riddick, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Jane Worley, Sam Worley.

Ushers: 8:15 - Reed Fountain, chair, Susie Jackson, Nancy Jude, Steven Lilly, Frank Littrell, Henry Lowder; 9:30 - Barbara Hoyle, chair, Bill Smith, Roy Teel, John Towles, Kim Towles, Ford Robertson; 11:00 - Stephen Riddick, chair, Jane Terry, Bonnie Tyler, Darryl Tyler, Mary Tyrey, Scott Tyrey.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Harry Vaughan; 9:30 - Allison Boney; 11:00 - Elizabeth Bond.

Treasurer's Assistants: Blair Schrum, Margaret Baughman.

Shuttle Driver: Tim Canning.

The banner hanging in the chancel is titled "We are an Easter People" and was given in memory of Peter C. Carruthers (Associate Pastor 1987-96) in recognition of his ministry by WMPC Presbyterian Women.

SHOW UP & SERVE On May 20 we will collect food for Bumper Crops to support Urban Ministries. On June 2 from 10:00 a.m.-noon we will assemble bags for the second distribution. All are invited to join. Please pick up a bag on June 3 and fill it with any items from the attached list. Leave the bag next to the back bumper of your car on June 10. All June collections will go to Wake Relief.



Ramadan "Iftar" Meal at White Memorial

Our good friends at the Divan Center have offered White Memorial members the opportunity to experience a break fast meal during the season of Ramadan. The meal will be at White Memorial on Friday, June 1, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Geneva Hall. During Ramadan, Muslims fast from sun up to sun down. The dates vary from year to year, but it falls from May 16 to June 14 this year. This is a good opportunity to experience and learn about this religious tradition.

Reservations are necessary by Friday, May 25. Reservations can be made at Ahattaway41@gmail.com.

Happy birthday, church! The seasons and celebrations from the beginning of the Christian Year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Easter and Sundays after Easter) mark the life and ministry of Christ—that's roughly half of the calendar year: December through May. Today, the Day of Pentecost, with the gift of the Holy Spirit, celebrates the birth of the Christian Church; and the season of Pentecost, or Ordinary Time/Sundays after Pentecost, marks the life and ministry of the church/the Body of Christ—that's roughly the other half of the calendar year: June through November. Also, the congregation of White Memorial Presbyterian began on Pentecost Sunday 72 years ago. Happy birthday, indeed!

A chaconne is a set of variations over a theme that repeats. This particular chaconne is from a larger work that includes a prelude, fugue and chaconne.

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care Nominating Committee Update

Our Nominating Committee has been meeting regularly for the past 2+ months as we search for a new Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care. We've received and reviewed background materials and related information from a number of well-qualified candidates. We currently are in a phase where we're conducting interviews, reaching out to references, and doing other due diligence on candidates. We'll continue to post periodic updates on our website as we move forward. We're grateful for the congregation's confidence and support as we seek to discern the best person for this position, relying on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance. Committee members are: Erin Duffy, Chair; Mary Clayton, Co-Chair; Bill Barnett, Melinda Fox, Jim Hancock, Phil Lambert, Cheryl McLean, Anne Ramsay

**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.
- Sunday 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 May 20.
- 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, May 6 (Ps. 98; Acts 10:34-48)

- Worship/Communion (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary)
- Worship/Communion (11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)
- 9:30 a.m. - OnPoint House Band (Pickard); Cover to Cover (C302)
- 10:30 a.m. - Adult Sunday School Teacher Gathering (Geneva)
- 12:15 p.m. - High School Montreat Youth Conference Info Session (K100)
- 4:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (S300); Women's Retreat Committee (C204)
- 4:30 p.m. - Cancer Companions Support Group (C203)
- 5:30 p.m. - SG2-Leden (C301-302)

Monday, May 7 (Ps. 124; Lev. 25:35-55; Col. 1:9-14; Matt. 13:1-16)

- 9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (K200)
- 5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard); WMPC Foundation (W400)
- 6:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry Leaders (K202)
- 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, May 8 (Ps. 66; Lev. 26:1-20; 1 Tim. 2:1-6; Matt. 13:18-23)

- 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)
- 11:30 a.m. - Circle N (Glenaire)
- 3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
- 4:30 p.m. - StepUp Ministry Board Meeting (C200)
- 5:30 p.m. - Property Care Committee (C204); Service Committee (W400)
- 6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva)
- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir (S300); Circle K (Off Site); APNC Meeting (C200)
- 7:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 395 (Pickard)

Wednesday, May 9 (Ps. 9; Lev. 26:27-42; Eph. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:41-46)

- 9:30 a.m. - Bible Belles (Off Site)
- 10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga (C200)
- 1:15 p.m. - Midsummer Celebrations Committee (Geneva)
- 5:00 p.m. - Wednesdays Together Dinner (Pickard)
- 6:30 p.m. - Disciple 1 (K307)
- 6:45 p.m. - OnPoint House Band (K100)
- 7:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study (C102); Circle L (W400)
- 8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

Thursday, May 10 (Ps. 68; Dan. 7:9-14; Heb. 2:5-18; Matt. 28:16-20)

- 8:00 a.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
- 9:30 a.m. - Thurs. A.M. Bible Study (W400); T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200);
Lilies of the Field Bible Study (C301)
- 10:45 a.m. - Keenagers: Roger Manley, Director, NCSU Gregg Museum of Art & Design (K100)
- 11:00 a.m. - Circle D (Cypress Parlor)
- noon - Keenager Lunch (Geneva)
- 6:00 p.m. - Concert Series Committee (C203);
High School/College Director Search Committee (W400)
- 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S300); Webelo Scouts (K304-307)

Friday, May 11 (Ps. 49; 1 Sam. 2:1-10; Eph. 2:1-10; Matt. 7:22-27)

- 9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)
- 6:30 p.m. - Healing Prayer Practice Support (Chapel)
- 8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, May 12 (Ps. 23; Num. 11:16-17, 24-29; Eph. 2:11-22; Matt. 7:28-8:4)

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

In the Church Triumphant

Mahlon Galloway Tucker, Jr. – April 29, 2018
WMPC family members: wife, Elsie Tucker; son, Tuck Tucker