

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 4, 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

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

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

(8:15 & 9:30) *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

arr. Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

Bob Phoenix & Brian Mock, trombones

(11:00) *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Christian Welcome and Announcements

(8:15 & 11:00) Tracey Daniel; (9:30) Christopher Edmonston

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

(8:15 & 11:00) **Introduction of Raj Nadella**

Call to Worship

from Psalm 19

One: Come into this sacred space to worship God,

All: whose teaching is perfect and revives the soul.

One: Come into this holy place to worship God,

All: whose commandments are clear and enlighten the eyes.

One: Come, let us worship God.

**All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.**

***Hymn 395 - Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

LIEBSTER JESU

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

We have been tempted, loving God, to go our own way. We seek our own gratification rather than the well-being of all your children. We compare ourselves to others and find their failures but seldom discover our own shortcomings. We seek to build up our lives by our own limited design rather than by your larger purposes. O God, forgive us and help us to follow your will. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace**

***Response Hymn 414 - Be Still and Know**

PSALM 46

Sing twice in unison, then once in canon as directed.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE
in the manner of Christ

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson - Exodus 20:1-7

pew Bible, p. 66

New Testament Lesson - Luke 14:12-24

pew Bible, p. 75

(11:00) A Time with the Younger Church

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

Sermon - *Blessed are the Excuse-makers!*

(8:15 & 11:00) Raj Nadella; (9:30) Christopher Edmonston

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(9:30) Grier Richards

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.

Music during Distribution: Hymn 205 - *Live in Charity*

UBI CARITAS (Taizé)

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 - *Agnus Dei* from *Requiem*, Op. 48

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: O grant them rest forevermore. Hear us, O Lamb of God: we pray thee, Savior of all the world. O grant them eternal rest. Light perpetual shine upon them, Lord, we pray: with all thy saints in endless glory, for thy tender mercy's sake. (Sung in English and Latin)

***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;

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.

(continued)

**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 316 - *Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

***Charge and Benediction**

During the season of Lent, the congregation is invited to be seated for the postlude.

Postlude - *Blessed Jesus We Are Here* (LIEBSTER JESU)

J. G. Walther (1684-1748)

Chiming of the Trinity

Greeters: 9:30 - Mike Mullins, Kim Rogers, Emily McNair, G. Parham McNair, Christian Fellowship Class, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Elizabeth Zimmerman, Kendra Allen, Bob Bilbro.

Ushers: 8:15 - Cameron Baird, chair, Jim Graham, Bill Gwyn, Nan Hannah, Hunter Hobson, Kelly Hobson; 9:30 - Cameron Baird, chair, Claire Glover, Gray Glover, Marian Godwin, Matt Godwin, Josie Hall; 11:00 - Gary Pendleton, chair, Carolyn Andrews, Alexander Baah, Jackie Baah, Betty Baldwin, Bill Barnett, Sr.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Emmy Replogle; 9:30 - Emily Agar ; 11:00 - Trace Alphin.

Treasurer's Assistants: Duval Fisher, Wesley Jones

Shuttle Drivers: Hank Tubbs, Mark Bond

Russia, Etc. Knit & Crochet Group

Put a spring in your step and come join Russia, Etc. Knit and Crochet on March 6 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.

A Taste of Russia

The WMPC Russia Committee invites you to a taste of Russia on Wednesday, March 14, during the Wednesdays Together Dinner from 5:00-6:45 p.m. Macy Aguirre will feature a Russian dish, we will write nametags using the Cyrillic alphabet and have a few other culturally-focused opportunities. No registration is needed other than your regular Wednesday dinner reservations.

Seniors Helping Seniors With Technology

It's back! Another great opportunity to enjoy lunch while learning more about your iPhone, iPad or laptop. Senior high school students will be on-hand to help senior adults. Join us Sunday, March 25 from noon to 1:15 p.m. in C200. Register by March 21 with Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org or 919-834-3425, ext. 216.

Volunteers Needed for Easter Lily Delivery

White Memorial delivers Easter lilies to our homebound members. Our members appreciate the lovely flowers, the personal visit and that they are remembered by White Memorial. If you can help make these special visits on Easter Sunday, April 1, or the week after, call Amy Clapgood at 919-834-3425, ext. 210, to sign up. Even one visit will make a great impact.

Batter Up!

The WMPC Softball team is actively recruiting new team members as we seek to recapture our City of Raleigh Church League Championship. The season starts in early April and our games are Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are interested in playing competitive softball and building strong relationships with fellow WMPC members, please contact Nick Salvatore at nick.salvatore@jmp.com.

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Richard Clyde Parker – February 25, 2018

WMPC family members: daughters and their families,
Lisa and Ralph Whitfield, and Lynn, Will, William and Wesley Bolton

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.: March 11 and 25.

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, March 4 (*Exodus 20:1-17; Luke 14:12-24*)

- Worship (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary; 11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)
Communion - All Services
8:15 a.m. - Raj Nadella Preaching in Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. - OnPoint House Band (Pickard); Winter Retreat (Geneva); Cover to Cover (C302)
11:00 a.m. - Raj Nadella Preaching in Worship (Sanctuary)
3:00 p.m. - End of Life Forum (C200)
4:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (S300)
4:30 p.m. - Cancer Companions (C203)
5:00 p.m. - Middle/High School PYC/Dinner (C100, C102-103/K100/Geneva)
5:30 p.m. - SG2 - Leden (C301-302); Chapel Evening Prayer Service (Chapel)
6:15 p.m. - Treble Ensemble Pizza Party (S300)

Monday, March 5 (*Ps. 119:73-80; Gen. 44:18-34; 1 Cor. 7:25-31; Mark 5:21-43*)

- 9:15 a.m. - Toddler Open Gym & Worship (Pickard)
9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (K200)
1:30 p.m. - Blood Drive (Pickard)
5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200)
6:00 p.m. - Men's Bible Study (Chapel); Stephen Ministry Leaders (K202)
6:30 p.m. - Lenten Study: Final Words from the Cross (C304)
6:45 p.m. - Ross Bible Study (C203)
7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Handbell Choir (S300);
Stephen Ministry Training (K302); Stephen Min. Continuing Ed./Supervision (K200)
7:10 p.m. - Jim Gale Bible Study (K100)
8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

Tuesday, March 6 (*Ps. 34; Gen. 45:1-15; 1 Cor. 7:32-40; Mark 6:1-13*)

- 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)
10:30 a.m. - Tues. Morning Bible Study (C301); Lenten Study: Final Words from the Cross (C304)
3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva); Centering Prayer (W400)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir (L304/S300)
7:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 395 (Pickard)

Wednesday, March 7 (*Ps. 5; Gen. 45:16-28; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 6:13-29*)

- 7:45 a.m. - StepUp Employment Week (C100)
8:00 a.m. - Clothing Closet (W100)
9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Bible Moderators (W400)
10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga (C200)
1:15 p.m. - Midsummer Celebrations Committee (Geneva)
4:30 p.m. - Carol Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (S300); Cherub Choir (L311); Children in
Worship Committee (C203)
5:00 p.m. - First Wednesday Spaghetti Supper (Pickard/Geneva)
6:15 p.m. - Youth Band (K100)
6:30 p.m. - Disciple I (K307); Russia Ministry Committee (C203)
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, March 8 (*Ps. 27; Gen. 46:1-7, 28-34; 1 Cor. 9:1-15; Mark 6:30-46*)

- 7:45 a.m. - StepUp Employment Week (C100, C102-103)
9:30 a.m. - Thurs. A.M. Bible Study (W400); T'ai Chi (K100); Lilies of the Field (C301)
10:45 a.m. - Keenagers: *Victor Borge: Well, It's Your Language* (C200)
11:00 a.m. - Circle D (Off Site-Cypress Parlor)
11:55 a.m. - Nursery for Worship (L102)
12:10 p.m. - Lenten Midweek Worship (Chapel)
12:30 p.m. - Lenten Lunch (Geneva)
6:00 p.m. - NAMI Peer to Peer (C301); Concert Series Committee (C203); APNC (W400);
High School and College Ministry Director Search Committee (K200)
7:30 p.m. - Webelo Scouts Bridging Ceremony/Reception (C204/Chapel);
Sanctuary Choir (L304/S300)

Friday, March 9 (*Ps. 22; Gen. 47:1-26; 1 Cor. 9:16-27; Mark 6:47-56*)

- 7:45 a.m. - StepUp Employment Week (C100, C102-103)
9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)
3:30 p.m. - Joint Youth Retreat Check-In (K100)
6:30 p.m. - Healing Prayer Practice Support (Chapel)
8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)