

WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

October 11, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration

8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Christopher H. Edmonston, Pastor

Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Gloria Johnson, Associate Pastor for Outreach

Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music

Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music

Terry Preston, soprano

Aimee White, alto

Brian White, tenor

Bill Preston, bass

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

A Choral Prelude on ST. COLUMBA

Robin Milford (1903-1959)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess our sin.

**We do not often practice hospitality
and welcome in the manner of Christ.**

We often only include those who are like us on our guest lists.

We forget to make a place at our tables for all your children.

**We do not make enough room to fill our lives with guests:
those we have invited and those who arrived unexpectedly.**

**Through the Holy Spirit teach us to live our lives
with a spirit of service and celebration.**

**Help us to see that we are most loving
and most Christ-like when our doors are opened wide.**

In the name of Jesus we pray.

Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00) **Charlotte Catherine Piper**, child of Meredith and Adam Piper

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OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 32:1-14

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”

²Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.”

³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron.

⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”

⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.”

⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely;

⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’

⁹The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are.

¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?”

¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’”

¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 22:1-14

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.

³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying,

‘Tell those who have been invited:

Look, I have prepared my dinner,
my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered,
and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵But they made light of it and went away,
one to his farm, another to his business,

⁶while the rest seized his slaves,
mistreated them, and killed them.

⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops,
destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

⁸Then he said to his slaves,

‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

⁹Go therefore into the main streets,
and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’

¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and
gathered all whom they found, both good and bad;
so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests,
he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe,

¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here
without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless.

¹³Then the king said to the attendants,
‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

Filled with Guests

MUSICAL OFFERING

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

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.**

RESPONDING IN FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Declaration of Faith)

**We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works.
God's reality far exceeds all our words can say.
The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best.
The Lord's care for us is not always what we want.
God comes to us on God's divine terms
and is able to do far more than we ask or think.
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.**

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HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Little Fugue in g minor, BWV 578
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure, suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

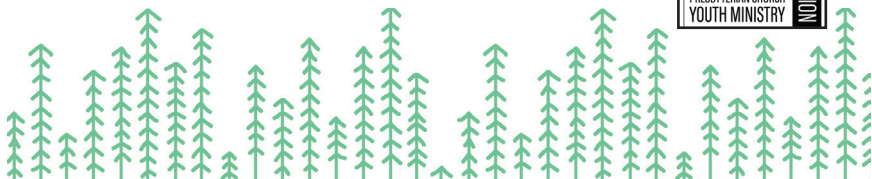
Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

2020-21 CONFIRMANDS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE EIGHTH GRADERS
AS THEY EMBARK ON THIS YEAR-LONG JOURNEY.

Marian Anderson Adams
Gabrielle Lindsay Amodei
Anna Katherine Bock
Guy Kester Brewer
Caroline Ruth Britt
Molly Spencer Brown
Sarah Skip Brown
Reid Meredith Brunson
Lily Frances Burkard
William Bradley Carr Jr.
Griffin Brantley Chesson
Savannah Havens Coll
Landon Eli Douek
Amelia Mae Edmonston
Wallace Caroline Edwards
Lilly Elizabeth Fisher
William Jackson Garrett
Alex Rand Gilliland
Nathan Thomas Goettsch
Lilly Vaughn Goodson
Mary Scott Goodson
Elle Sophia Harris
Lola Zelle Holderness
William Charles Holt

Kate Elizabeth Kirkland
Ava Mae Lemanski
David Scott McIntyre Jr.
Kate Diane Miller
Patrick Brannon Miller
Roman James Mock
Edward Brown Parker
Alden Elizabeth Parsons
Nathan David Peters
Christopher Lawson Pharr
Grace Larkin Raiford
Caroline Jane Rectanus
Jill Rhines Sandreuter
Lucy Walker Saylor
Johnny Francis Seale IV
Harper Gable Smith
Sydney Christine Sullivan
John Harrison Thagard
Matthew Wrenn Vannoy
Anna Grace Wagoner
Frank Brewer Wall
Helen Dana Wein
Jane Gray Zechini
Mary Caroline Zimmerman



What's happening this week at WMPC

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 11

Cancer Companions

4:30-6:00 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)
Contact Jean Williams, Parish Nurse at jwilliams@whitememorial.org or Jim Ferry, Parish Associate at jferry@whitememorial.org.

MONDAY | OCTOBER 12

9@9 a.m.

Daily | Facebook Live

Begin the morning each weekday with a live Bible study led by Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families.

Women's Monthly Fellowship - Virtual Program

Noon | Via [Live Stream](#) and [Facebook Live](#)

We hope you'll grab a sandwich and join us as Gary Fulton, Executive Director with Haiti Outreach Ministries presents an update of the work in Haiti at this time.

Churchwide Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus

7:00-8:00 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)
Please join us Monday, October 12 as Executive Director Andrew Amodei will be teaching on Matthew 25:14-30, the parable of the talents. Join us as we continue to explore the depth of Jesus' teaching and ask what these stories might have to say to us today.

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 13

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

7:30 a.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

Watch Party Reflection Group

12:00 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)
We hope you joined us for the Watch Party of *I Am Not Your Negro* last Thursday. If you watched with us or on your own, we invite you to join us for this time of conversation and reflection.

Turtles All the Way Down Book Discussion

7:00-8:30 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)
The WMPC Mental Health and Wellness Ministry invites you to join us for a discussion of the eye-opening book *Turtles All the Way Down*. You can find questions on the registration page that will cover topics for discussion.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 14

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12:00-1:30 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)
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Centering Prayer

5:30 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

In all of the craziness and weariness of the pandemic, join us for 30 minutes each week to center and pray. It's a little different on zoom, but we're excited to gather. Centering Prayer is simply sitting in silence, open to God's word and love. Prepare yourself by sitting in a quiet space, if you wish light a candle and allow your mind and breath to slow down. Please mute your computer as we begin the opening reading. We will meet every Wednesday at 5:30 through November 11. If you have questions, contact Melinda Fox at Melindafox22@gmail.com.

Watch Party Reflection Group

7:00 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

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Peace After Divorce: A Workshop

Wednesdays, October 14 – November 18

7:30-9:00 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

The painful reality of separation and divorce can be devastating, but it does not have to define us. Join Parish Associate Judy Yates Siker for this six-week workshop as together we discover God's healing power and grace in our journey back to fullness of life.

FluShots + Boxed Dinners to Go!

Don't forget! If you made reservations for either a Flu Shot or Boxed Dinners to Go! today is the day.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 15

Lectio Live

1:00 p.m. | Facebook Live

Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care or Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident practice a contemplative way to read the Bible called Lectio Divina. It's an ancient yet simple practice that means "holy reading." In Lectio Divina, we slow down and listen for God's word. We take time to listen for words or phrases that stand out for us, and we listen for a call that God may be placing on us.

Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

If you are 55 years old +, we invite you to join Keenagers via Zoom on Thursday. Sculptor Joel Haas will be joining us for a presentation at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org to receive your Zoom link.