# WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for Discipleship
Gloria Johnson, Associate Pastor for Outreach
Christopher H. Edmonston, Pastor
Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music
Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music
Nancy Honeycutt, Nancy Sumner, Stacey Williams, Marilyn Jones;
hymn leaders and handbell ringers

# ORDER OF SERVICE GREETING

# **PRELUDE**

Land of Rest arr. Anne Krentz Organ (b. 1960)

# **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# CALL TO WORSHIP

## HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
in our impatience for answers,
we sometimes turn to idols of our own making
and forget our covenant with you.
Passionate for what is right,
we wrong those with whom we differ.
We fall prey to partialities of our own preferences

instead of living within the dynamic and complex world you have made.

Pleased at the invitation to your banquet,
we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving.

Forgive us when our faith is weak

and our zeal too strong. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

# SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(8:00) **Henry Gardner Horney**, child of Emily and Matt Horney (11:00) **Hudson Allen Andersen**, child of Ashleigh and Geoff Andersen

# **OLD TESTAMENT**

Exodus 33:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'

<sup>13</sup>Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people."

<sup>14</sup>He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

<sup>15</sup>And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here.

16For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

<sup>17</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

<sup>18</sup>Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray."

<sup>19</sup>And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

<sup>20</sup>But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live."

<sup>21</sup>And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock;

<sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;

<sup>23</sup>then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."how stiff-necked they are.

# NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.

16So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying,
 "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one;
 for you do not regard people with partiality.

<sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

<sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?

<sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.

<sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?"

<sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's."

Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

<sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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# A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### SERMON

*Image is Everything* 

# (11:00) ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

**ELDERS:** \*Diane Britt, Jean Carter, Jennings Glenn, \*Glenn Matteson, \*Amelia Mehr, Harry Montgomery, Linda Robinson, \*Kevin Thompson, John Towles, Bill White, Carolyn Younger

**DEACONS:** \*Susan Allen, \*Laura Lillian Baggett, \*Melanie Biddell, \*Holly Blanton, \*Wendy Burkard, \*Penny Carlo, Lou Anne Crumpler, \*Haley Durgin, Bill Fairfax, \*Julie Leon, \*Brendan Shore, \*Thomas Sigmon, Rahn Sutton, \*Winn Williams, \*Scott Wilson

<sup>\*</sup>to be ordained

# 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

(selections from Confession of Belhar, 1986)

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ, [and] must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; and that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another. We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them.

## **HYMN 541**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

# CHARGE AND BENEDICTION CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

# **POSTLUDE**

Fugue in C Major
Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Mary Catherine and Bill Sigmon, to the glory of God and in appreciation for the Elders and Deacons who lead our church. Some of those Elders and Deacons will be ordained/installed today and on October 25.

Music included in today's service:

Land of Rest; Anne Krentz Organ (b. 1960); © 2019 Augsburg Fortress HYMN 1 Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!; Text and Music Public Domain HYMN 541 God Be with You Till We Meet Again; Text and Music Public Domain Fugue in C Major, Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707); Public Domain Music presented with permission under Podcast/Streaming License with One License #714069

# 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!



# God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541



A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.

# What's happening this week at WMPC

# **SUNDAY | OCTOBER 18**

#### **Cancer Companions**

4:30-6:00 p.m. | Zoom | Registration required

Contact Jean Williams, Parish Nurse at <a href="mailto:jwilliams@">jwilliams@</a> whitememorial.org or Jim Ferry, Parish Associate at iferry@whitememorial.org.

#### **MONDAY | OCTOBER 19**

#### 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.

# Churchwide Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus 7:00-8:00 p.m. | Zoom | Registration required

Anne Galliher will teach on Mark 4:30-32, The Parable of the Mustard Seed. 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 20**

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
7:30 a.m. | Zoom | Registration required

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6:00 p.m. | Courtyard with Zoom cart

## WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 21

#### Did you order a Boxed Dinner to Go for today?

If so, you can pick-up your meal on McDonald Lane between 5:00-7:00 p.m. The host of tonight's dinner is the Outreach Committee.

Don't forget to order a Boxed Dinner for next Wednesday, too. Mom's Meatloaf is on the menu for October 28 and must be reserved by Friday, noon, October 23.

#### **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.

#### Peace After Divorce: A Workshop Wednesdays through 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.

# **THURSDAY | OCTOBER 22**

#### Keenagers

# 10:00 a.m | Zoom | Registration required

If you are 55+ years old, we invite you to join Keenagers via Zoom on Thursday for Social Connection time. Please contact Tonya Higgins at <a href="mailto:thiggins@whitememorial.org">thiggins@whitememorial.org</a> to receive your Zoom link.

#### SAVE THE DATES

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Sounds on Oberlin | 3:00 p.m. Organ Sonatas | Live Stream

Blessing of the Animals - Drive Through 5:00-5:30 p.m.

McDonald Lane

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 26**

Blood Drive | 2:00-6:30 p.m.

Pickard Hall

Reservations required

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

Treat Parade 2020 | 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Dover Road parking lot