

WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

October 25, 2020

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration

8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Christopher H. Edmonston, Pastor

Andrew Amodei, Executive Director

Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families

Kelly Gold, Director of Children's and Youth Music

Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music

Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music

Liz Marks, soprano

Timothy Sparks, tenor

Jared Smith, bass

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Andante tranquillo from Sonata No. 3 in A Major

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from *Psalm 46 and 65*)

From where does our help come?

God is our refuge and strength. Help for every kind of trouble.

Take heart! Be still and know that the Lord is God.

The God of salvation has promised grace, mercy, hope, and deliverance.

The whole earth sings with joy - joy to the God of our past and our future.

Let us worship with the hopes of our hearts and lives.

MINUTE FOR GENEROSITY

Kevin Thompson

HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00) **Mary Millikin Fawcett**, child of Charlotte and Curtis Fawcett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Our errors are too many to number.
Our regrets are too abundant to remember.
We have turned our ears away from the call to righteousness.
Hear our confession, God of mercy. For the sake of your son,
Jesus Christ, extend your grace to us and renew us
for lives of service and celebration.
Help us to live like we have good news
to share and a gospel to proclaim.
Renew our thinking and our minds
that we might be ambassadors of your love, hope, and grace.
In the name of the Trinity, we pray. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 55:6-13

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed
to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish
that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,

⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;

⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;

⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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SERMON

Stewardship and Dedication of the Mind: Renewing (Reforming) our Thinking

(8:00) ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

ELDERS: *Matthew Cooke, Wynn Dorsett, *Gabe Edmonston, Jennings Glenn, Linda Nunnallee, *Tricia Willoughby

DEACONS: Rahn Sutton, *William White, Jr.

*to be ordained

MUSICAL OFFERING

God Be in My Head

John Rutter (b. 1945)

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

(adapted from the *Presbyterian Church USA Study Catechism*)

What is God's purpose for our lives?

God wills that we should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

How do we live for the love of God?

We love because God first loved us. God loves us in Christ with a love that never ends. We entrust ourselves to God's care: giving thanks each day for the wonderful goodness of God. Amazed by grace, we no longer live for ourselves. We live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death. Therefore, we take those around us to heart, especially those in need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for us.

HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Allegro from Sonata in f minor, Op. 2 No. 1
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

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The flowers in the chancel today are given by Mary Daniel, to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of her great-granddaughter, Mary Millikin Fawcett.

Music included in today's service:

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JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Katrina “Trina” Freeman Jones – October 16, 2020

WMPC family members: husband Charles Jones, daughter, Lara Wilson and grandchildren Emily and Conor Wilson; daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and Jay Bowman, and grandchildren Ellie, Amelia and Blyth Bowman; and son and daughter-in-law Chuck and Bennett Jones, and grandchildren Sydney and Charlie Jones.

Samuel Walter McNairy – October 17, 2020

WMPC family members: wife, Lu McNairy, and son and daughter-in-law, Walter and Rhonda McNairy, and granddaughter, Grimsley McNairy.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Ella Rhieu Staff, born October 14, child of Kathryn and Thomas Staff, grandchild of Carol and Jim Fogartie.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

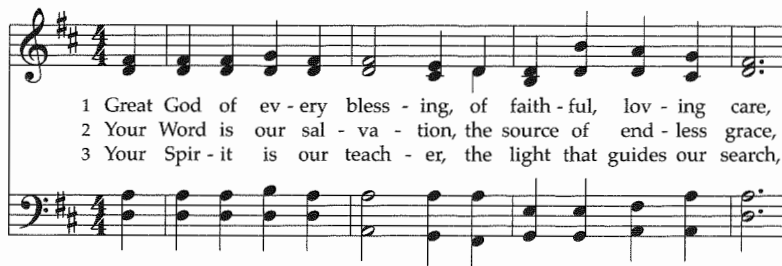
my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place;
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

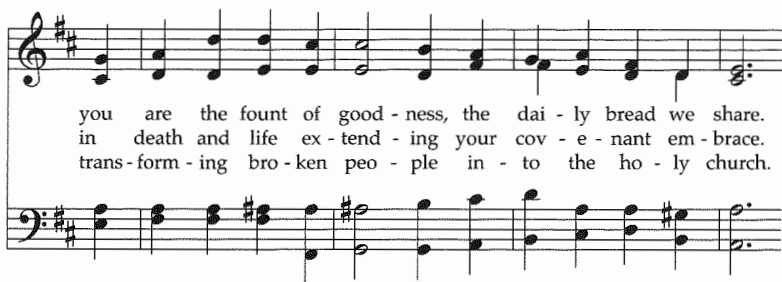
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

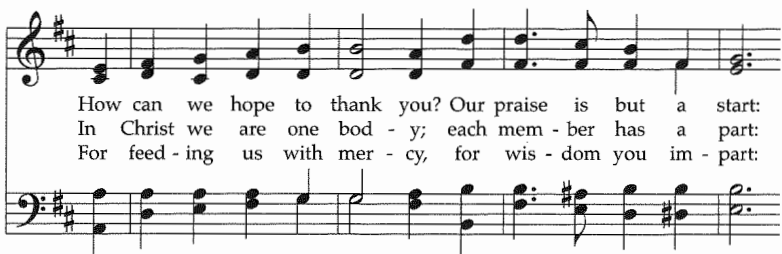
694 Great God of Every Blessing



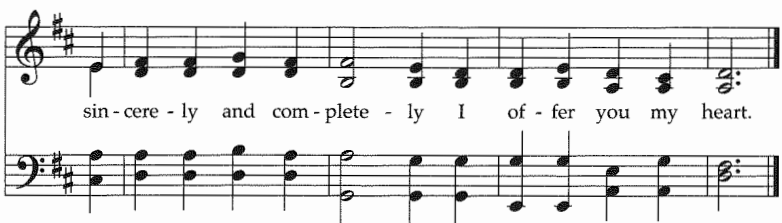
1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant - less grace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

What's happening this week at WMPC

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 25

Sounds on Oberlin

3:00 p.m. | Organ Sonatas | Live Stream and FB Live

Join Music Director Karl Zinsmeister and Associate Director of Music Kirsten Homdrom for Organ Sonatas, Op.65 by Felix Mendelssohn.

Blessing of the Animals - Drive Through

5:00-5:30 p.m. | McDonald Lane

Join us as we offer a short blessing and liturgy as cars/leashed pets pass or walk through. Donations will be collected for the SPCA of Wake County (dog food, cat food, treats, and pet toys). Pets do not need to wear masks and socially distance, but their people do!

MONDAY | OCTOBER 26

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.

Blood Drive

2:00-6:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall | Reservations required

To make an appointment please visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: WMPC or contact Ruth Landers at ruth@landers.me.

Churchwide Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus

7:00-8:00 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

Christopher Edmonston will be teaching on Luke 18:9-14, The Pharisee and the Tax Collector. 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 27

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 28

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. Boy Scout Troop 395 is hosting this week's Boxed Dinners to Go and will be collecting youth and men's socks for the Outreach project. Troop 395 was WMPC's first outreach program almost 75 years ago and has had more Eagle Scouts than average. Registration is required for the meal, but you can bring socks without purchasing a meal. All dinners come as is. No refunds.

Treat Parade 2020

5:00-6:30 p.m. | Dover Road parking lot

WMPC staff and ministry leaders will be dressed up for the Treat Parade and hope you will too! Drive through the Dover parking lot, where we will be handing out all sorts of treats, then swing around to McDonald Lane/Colonial Road where Boy Scout Troop 395 will be delivering boxed dinners to all who have ordered them from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please also consider donating youth and men's socks for the Outreach project when you pick up your meal.

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.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 29

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 a Halloween Gathering where we will share our favorite costumes and Halloween memories. Please contact Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org to receive your Zoom link.

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.

CLOTHING CLOSET UPDATE

The Clothing Closet will remain closed until it can reopen safely. We want to protect the volunteers and provide no contact donations. Please do not leave clothing that you want to donate to the clothing closet at the doors or in the bins as there will be no one to collect or sort the clothing. There are several thrift shops in town that are open and would welcome the donations. We will provide re-opening updates as they are available. We know what a vital ministry this is, and we hope to get it open as soon as safely possible.

CONSIDER BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER

Registration for our 2021 Training Class is now open. We hope you will consider being a Stephen Minister and help someone who needs a listening ear and a caring heart during times of transition. To become a Stephen Minister requires 50 hours of training and a two-year commitment. For more information, please contact Carol Billbro at cwbilbro@gmail.com. Application must be completed and submitted by November 1, 2020. Application can be found online.

Registration for most events can be found on our website www.whitememorial.org/register