

WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

November 1, 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Lord's Supper | All Saints' Day

Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration

8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Christopher H. Edmonston, Pastor

Andrew Amodei, Executive Director

Gloria Johnson, Associate Pastor for Outreach

Kelly Gold, Director of Children's and Youth Music

Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music

Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music

Amelia Mehr, vocals

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Prière a Norte Dame, from Suite Gothique, Leon Boellmann (1862-97)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR GENEROSITY

Steven Lily

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says: I am the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end.

I was dead, but behold now I am alive forever and ever.

The mercy and Lordship of our Savior is the start and finish of our faith.

In life and in death we belong to God.

Our God gives us grace and love. God calls us to be people of the covenant.

God reconciles all things through Jesus our Lord.

In his name let us worship. For his sake let us praise.

In the mercy of God, may we be people of the covenant of grace.

Today we remember the saints of faith.

Today we thank God for their lives and service.

Today we celebrate at the Lord's table. Today, let us worship God.

HYMN 612

We Praise You, O God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy, perfect God, we admit that we put other things
above Jesus in our lives. We say we long for him,
but we actually long for more money, success, and comfort.
We confess that we rebel against you.**

**Lord, we have failed to worship you with our hearts.
We pay you a visit on Sundays,
but easily forget your daily claim on our lives.
Lord God, we confess that when we forget we break your heart.
We pray that you will have mercy.
In your gracious love, renew our hearts within us,
as you remind us over and over that
Jesus is our beginning and our end.
Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 58:9-14

⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help,
and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs
of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and
your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs
in parched places, and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up
the foundations of many generations; you shall be called
the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing
your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath
a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it,
not going your own ways, serving your own interests,
or pursuing your own affairs;

¹⁴then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries
and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.

³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body
so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant
⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for
tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

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SERMON

Stewardship of Hearts: "Love and Delight"

MUSICAL OFFERING

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

Mark A. Miller (pub. 2011)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Bread And Cup

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION 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 *Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

HYMN 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

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

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Music included in today's service:

Prelude – *Prière a Norte Dame*, from *Suite Gothique*, Leon Boellmann (1862-97),
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JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT
Elaine Bruce Liles – October 9, 2020

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Graham Holcombe Gunnells, born June 29,
child of Taylor and Matt Gunnells,
grandchild of Gail and Butch Gunnells.

Charles Pate Schuch, born July 15,
child of Carson and Zack Schuch.

Harper Montgomery Worth, born August 13,
child of Catie and Graham Worth, Charlotte, NC,
grandchild of Salli and Randy Worth.

Alice Elizabeth Collins, born September 13,
child of Sally and Clayton Collins,
grandchild of Kay and Ed Coleman,
and great-grandchild of Ann and Marvin Thompson.

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GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2021 UPDATE

As of Wednesday, October 28, we have received 385 pledges totaling \$2,115,742.37. If you have not already, please consider making a pledge at www.whitememorial.org/generosity.

We Praise You, O God

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1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 494

1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of
 2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est
 3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to
 4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our
 5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that
 those that on thee call; to them that seek thee
 feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the
 change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious
 mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of

earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.
 thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
 foun - tain-head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

This 19th-century American translation of stanzas from a longer Latin poem is so well shaped that it sounds like an original meditation on Christian experience centered on the Lord's Supper. The North American tune name seems not to have originated with the English composer.

What's happening this week at WMPC

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 1

Evensong

4:00-5:00 p.m. | [Live Stream](#)

Remember, give thanks, find comfort and hope. Join us for this meaningful service for anyone who has had a loved one die in the past year or in years past.

Cancer Companions

4:30-6:00 p.m. | [Zoom](#)

This class will use Cancer Companions devotionals, videos and Bible Lessons to explore how we can draw closer to God as we go through difficult times.

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 2

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](#)

Judy Siker will be teaching on Matthew 20:1-16. The Laborers in the Vineyard. 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 | NOVEMBER 3

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 4

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 | NOVEMBER 5

Keenagers

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

If you are 55+ years old, we invite you to join Keenagers via Zoom on Thursday as Carl Ernst shares his Spiritual Poetry (Islamic Tradition). 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.

Healthy Appetizers & Side Dishes with Macy Aguirre

4:00 p.m. | [Facebook Live](#)

The Health Ministry Committee is pleased to have Macy share her recipes for healthy appetizers and side dishes. Just in time for the holidays!

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 Bilbro at cwbilbro@gmail.com. Application must be completed and submitted by November 1, 2020. Application can be found online.

SAVE THE DATES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Healing Through Grief Workshop

3:00-4:00 p.m. | [Zoom](#) | [Registration required](#)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Daily Bread Days:

Bread Making as a Spiritual Practice

7:30-8:15 p.m. | [Live Stream](#)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Waiting with Wonder

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | [Zoom](#) | [Registration required](#)

All-day virtual retreat to get ready for the Advent season.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Theologian In Residence

Registration Required for classes

Jonathan Lee Walton will teach on Saturday and Sunday from 9:30-11 a.m. via Zoom. He will also preach at the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday.

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