

WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

November 15, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost | Dedication Sunday
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
Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident
Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music
Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music
Jeanine Wagner, *Nancy Honeycutt*; sopranos
Lora Zinsmeister, alto
Grady Mock, piano

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Prelude in c-sharp minor
George Gershwin (1898-1937)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR GENEROSITY

George Ramsay

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from *Isaiah 56*)

The Lord says: "Maintain justice, do what is right; have faith that salvation will come and that deliverance will be revealed."

**May the worship of God be open to all who call upon the name
of the Lord, may God gather the lost and the forlorn into the
house of praise.**

On this day of dedication, may we offer our gifts and our lives to the God of grace as we worship, embrace, and serve together. Let us praise God with the joy of our lives.

HYMN 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Long ago the prophet Isaiah said, “In days to come the Lord’s house shall be established and shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall stream to it. The house of God shall be a place of prayer for all people.” Knowing that this was your dream, we confess before you, our God, that we have too frequently failed to follow this path.

God of grace and joy, we confess our sin before you. We lack the day-to-day dedication to follow your Son who says to us, “follow me.” Help us to keep vigilant, to maintain our energy, and to offer ourselves and our gifts in devotion to your grace. Help us to find our way back to you, and the love and justice, peace and hope that Jesus calls us to practice and enjoy. Through your Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus Christ, forgive our sin and set us on right paths. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00) **Elizabeth Collins Creel**, child of Rachel and Jason Creel
Elliott Sackett Thomas, child of Leila and Sterling Thomas

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 56:1-8

¹Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

²Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil.

³Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say, “The Lord will surely separate me from his people”; and do not let the eunuch say, “I am just a dry tree.”

⁴For thus says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,

⁵I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT

John 21:15-19

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,
“Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”
He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him,
“Feed my lambs.”

¹⁶A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”
He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him,
“Tend my sheep.”

¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”
Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?”
And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.”
Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your
own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you
will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you
and take you where you do not wish to go.”

¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.)
After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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SERMON

“Stewardship of Life: Jesus Says, ‘Follow Me’”

MUSICAL OFFERING

Lift Thine Eyes

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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 the *Presbyterian Church Study Catechism*)

One: What does it mean to say that Jesus Christ is the image of God?

All: Despite our turning from God, God did not turn from us, but instead sent Jesus Christ in the fullness of time to restore our broken humanity. Jesus lived completely for God, by giving himself completely for us, even to the point of dying for us. By living so completely for others, he manifested what he was — the perfect image of God. When by grace we are conformed to him through faith, our humanity is renewed according to the divine image that we lost. This is our faith and our trust.

HYMN 336

We Gather Together

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

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

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Music included in today's service:

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JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Marian Braswell Dodd – November 4, 2020

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Beery Elise Dineen, born October 27, child of Anna and Ben Dineen.

Davis Coleman Leonard, born November 4, child of Cameron and Connor Leonard, grandchild of Carol and Richard Battle.

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The flowers in the chancel this morning are the wedding flowers of Laura Elizabeth Mitterling and Collin Jeffrey Masters, whose marriage was celebrated yesterday. They are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their grandparents, Geraldine Lancaster, J. Troy Lancaster, Norman Mitterling, Jr., Robert Walters, Victor Cash and Harold Colvin. Laura is the daughter of Melody Mitterling and Norman Mitterling.

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GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2021 UPDATE

As of Wednesday, November 11, we have received 494 pledges totaling \$2,510,701. If you have not already, please consider making a pledge at www.whitememorial.org/generosity.

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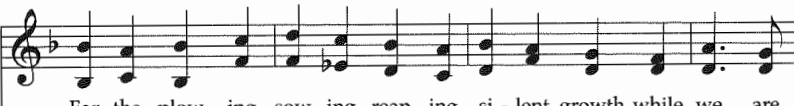
For the Fruit of All Creation 36




1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

What's happening this week at WMPC

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 15

Healing Through Grief Workshop
3:00-4:30 p.m.

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 16

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.

Winter ADVENTure

Pre-order Sunday Supper Fixins no later than 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 16 (\$15)

for pick-up at our Winter ADVENTure Sunday, November 22 between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Churchwide Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus

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

Chip Pope will be teaching on Luke 16:19-31, The Rich Man and Lazarus. 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 17

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

Daily Bread Days:

Bread Making as a Spiritual Practice

7:00-8:00 p.m. | Live Stream and Facebook Live

As people of faith, bread is more than just something that we eat; it is a symbol of our faith that represents both physical and spiritual nourishment. Join Pastoral Resident Anne Galliher and Director of Food Services Macy Aguirre for a time to learn about bread making as a spiritual practice. We'll explore Scriptural images of bread and learn how to make a loaf ourselves as we discover the spirituality of bread making in this interactive Live Stream.

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 18

Boxed Dinners to Go + Thanksgiving Pies

Pick-up between 5-6:30 p.m. on McDonald Lane
\$7.00 each (meals) | \$12.00 per pie

The Service Committee is hosting this week's Boxed Dinners to Go. On the menu is spinach lasagna, tossed salad (no dressing), focaccia bread and dessert. Don't forget pie! Chocolate Chess and Pumpkin Pies are available. The outreach collection for November is coats, gloves and knit hats for cold weather in all sizes.

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 19

Advent Contemplative Retreat:

Waiting with Wonder

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

Please join Associate Pastor Cate Church Norman and Pastoral Resident Anne Galliher for an all-day virtual retreat as we seek to get ready for the Advent season. We'll spend time in scripture, prayer, silence and engaging in spiritual practices. This event will be held on Zoom with limited space, so register early. The cost is \$15 which includes an Advent box with items to be used in the retreat. Register by Monday, November 16.

Creating a Holy Advent at Home with Traci Smith

Hosted by the Weekday School

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

Traci Smith is an ordained minister, mother of three, and author. Traci's passion is helping families find times for connection and spiritual nourishment amid the hustle and bustle of daily life.

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 Carol Vassey shares her Appalachian Train experiences. Please contact Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org to receive your zoom link.

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 21

Theologian in Residence

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

Jonathan will also be teaching on [Sunday, November 22 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on zoom with registration](#) and preaching on Sunday, November 22 at both the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

We are thrilled to have our Theologian In Residence back for this fall – Jonathan Lee Walton. Jonathan Lee Walton is the author of *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018, and *Watch This! The Ethics and Aesthetics of Black Televangelism*, NYU Press, 2009. He is the Dean of the Divinity School at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Previously, he served as the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church of Harvard University. We welcome attendance for both classes or just one

SAVE THE DATES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Winter ADVENTure

3:00-5:00 p.m. | McDonald Lane

WMPC Children's Ministry invites Ages 3-5th grade to join the fun! Treasure maps, winter quarter Sunday School supply bags, cookies and cocoa and even snow are in store for our children! Bibles, milestones, and faith formation supplies will be presented to 3' and 4's, and 2nd and 3rd graders.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Midweek Advent Worship Service

6:30 p.m. | Live Stream

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Joy Gift

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Drive down McDonald Lane

All are invited to drive down McDonald Lane and see the magic of the Christmas Story unfold as they make their way to the decorated tree where you can place an unwrapped new toy or food for families in need. There will be live music and much more.

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