

# WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

December 27, 2020

First Sunday of Christmas

Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration

Combined Worship Services

8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

*Anne Galliher*, Pastoral Resident

*Christopher Edmonston*, Pastor

*Gloria Johnson*, Associate Pastor for Outreach

*Karl Zinsmeister*, Director of Music

*Timothy W. Sparks*, tenor

*John and Calleigh Crumpler*, OnPoint House Band Musicians

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### GREETING

### PRELUDE

*The Birthday of a King*

W. H. Neidlinger

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from *Psalms 148*)

Praise the Lord! Praise God, sun and moon;  
praise God, mountains and hills.

**From the heights of heaven to the depths of the earth,  
God is the Creator.**

Praise the Lord! Praise God, wild animals;  
praise God, creeping things and flying birds.

**The name of the Lord is exalted.**

**All of God's creatures reveal God's glory.**

Praise the Lord! Praise God, people young and old;  
praise God, people everywhere.

**God's great love has been revealed to us; we will not keep silent!**  
Let us rejoice and worship our God.

### HYMN MEDLEY 113 AND 119

*Angels We Have Heard on High;*

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all nations, yet we often find ourselves remaining silent. Rather than rejoicing in your goodness, we are quick to name the things that we feel we are lacking. We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred; we have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. Forgive us for our selfishness, the ways we have turned away from you and turned toward idols of our own design. Cultivate in us a spirit of praise and help us to pattern our lives in gracious response to your steadfast faithfulness and love. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(8:00) **Sutton Ann Marshall**, child of Susan and Chad Marshall

(11:00) **Ellis James Harris**, child of Leah and William Harris

**Samuel Thomas Renbarger**, child of Catherine and Brian Renbarger

## FIRST LESSON

Psalm 148

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon; praise him,  
all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup>He established them forever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind  
fulfilling his command!

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup>Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup>Young men and women alike, old and young together!

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;

his glory is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

## A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

## SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

<sup>62</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

## SERMON

*"God Will Not Keep Silent"*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Sweet Lil' Jesus Boy*

Robert MacGimsey

## 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 *Confession of 1967*)

**God's sovereign love is a mystery  
beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power,  
wisdom, and goodness.**

**But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ  
by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in receiving sinful people.**

**The power of God's love in Christ  
to transform the world discloses that  
the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator  
who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

## HYMN 136

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### POSTLUDE

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

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# 113 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.



## Refrain



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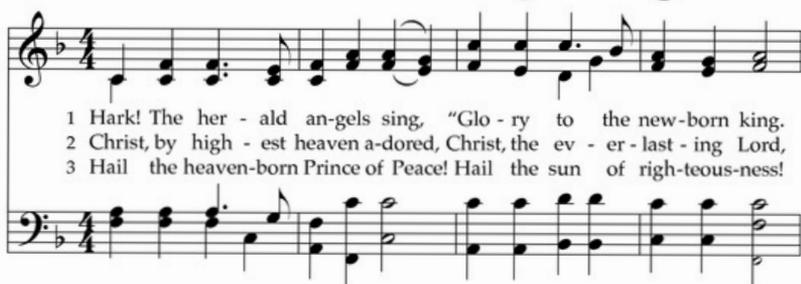
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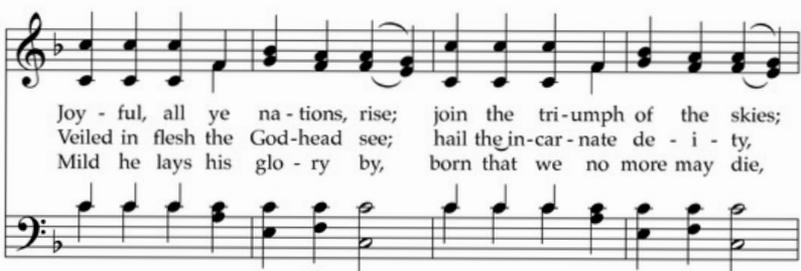
## 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



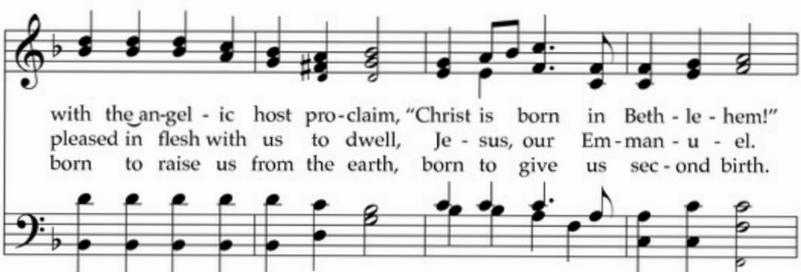
1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate de - i - ty,  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

# 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} \text{♩}$

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.

# What's happening this week at WMPC

## **TUESDAY | DECEMBER 29**

### **Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**

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

## **WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 30**

### **Toast the New Year with Millennials**

**7:00-8:00 p.m. | [Register to receive your Zoom link](#)**

Join us for an evening of celebration and a virtual cheers to the New Year! We are excited to welcome Ashley Griffith, a local pastor with a talent for cocktail creations, who will teach how to make some fun and festive drinks (mocktails included!) as we say "farewell" to 2020 and usher in the New Year in a safe, virtual format. Meaning as Millennials is a social and study group for people in their late 20s to late 30s interested in exploring their faith and today's culture. If you'd like to learn more, email Anne Galliher [agalliher@whitememorial.org](mailto:agalliher@whitememorial.org).

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## **NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEW OFFICERS**

The Churchwide Nominating Committee starts meeting in mid-January to consider nominations for church Elders and Deacons, class of 2024. Nominations are now being accepted. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination for these critical leadership roles. The nomination form can be found at: [www.whitememorial.org/church-officers](http://www.whitememorial.org/church-officers). All recommendations

must be received by January 11, 2021.

This form may be

- 1) returned electronically to [rturner@whitememorial.org](mailto:rturner@whitememorial.org);
- 2) dropped off at the church; or
- 3) mailed to the church office.

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## **SAVE THE DATES**

### **Tuesday, January 5**

#### **Aging Well | 1:00 p.m. | Zoom**

Dr. Gregg Colvin, WakeMed, will answer questions about COVID and the COVID vaccine. You are invited to submit questions.

### **Wednesday, January 6**

#### **In the Kitchen with Macy**

#### **4:00 | Facebook Live**

Macy's back! And she's sharing new recipes for the New Year!

### **Thursday | January 6**

#### **Keenagers | 10:00 a.m. | Zoom**

Join us as Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts Eric Nanz provides musical entertainment.

### **Monday | January 11**

#### **Churchwide Bible Study**

#### **7:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Zoom**

#### **Signs and Wonders: A Study in the Gospel of John**

Led by WMPC pastors, this six week study will explore the seven signs of Jesus in the gospel of John. All are welcome. On January 11 we will focus on John 2:1-11, Jesus Turns Water into Wine.

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Registration for most events can be found on our website [www.whitememorial.org/register](http://www.whitememorial.org/register)