

WHITE MEMORIAL — PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

January 3, 2021

Lord's Supper | Second Sunday of Christmas
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
Andrew Amodei, Executive Director
Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music
Jared Smith, baritone

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Dance of the Shepherds from *Amahl and the Night Visitors*
Gian Carlo Menotti (1911-2007)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from *Psalms 148*)

One: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things
God has done:

All: The peoples who live in the shadows now see a glorious light!

One: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things
God has done:

**All: The Lord gives strength to his people and blesses his people with
peace.**

HYMN 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church, to continue Christ's mission to a
broken and hurting world, and yet we acknowledge that so often we are
more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, more callous than
compassionate, and more obstinate than obedient. Gracious Lord, have
mercy upon us. Remove the obstacles which prevent us from being your
representatives in this world, and awaken our hearts to the promised gift
of your Spirit. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God.

³All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being

⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John.

⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.

⁸He himself was not the light,
but he came to testify to the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him;
yet the world did not know him.

¹¹He came to what was his own,
and his own people did not accept him.

¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God,

¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or
of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

SERMON

"The Work of Christmas"

MUSICAL OFFERING

Star in the East

David Ashley White (b. 1944)

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 Iona Community)

We believe that God is present in the darkness before the dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises daily over all of creation.

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:
into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the
Spirit for God's new community of peace.

HYMN 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Declamation on Dix
Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

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JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Marjorie Bergland King – December 20, 2020

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Taylor Anne Nocjar, born December 20, child of Anna Nocjar.

Charles David Boerner, born December 26, child of Mary Ward and Chris Boerner, grandchild of Carolyn and Charles Younger.

John Boyd Davis V, born December 28, child of Anderson and Boyd Davis, grandchild of Cynthia and Bart White.

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Music included in today's service:

Dance of the Shepherds from *Amahl and the Night Visitors*;

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What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 152

Capo 2: (C) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (F)
 D Bm A D G D A D G

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more
 2 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From
 3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -

(C) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G)
 D A D G D A

love - ly than the noon - day light? 'Tis
 Ja - cob shall a star pro - ceed," and
 in - ward light the Lord con - veys and
 pels us on to seek your face, let

(Am) (D7) (G) (C) (F) (C) (Dm)
 Bm E7 A D G D Em

sent to an - nounce a new - born king, glad
 lo! the east - ern sa - ges stand to
 urg - es them, with ten - der might, to
 not our sloth - ful hearts re - fuse the

(G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (C)
 A D A D G A D

ti - dings of our God to bring.
 read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.
 seek the giv - er of the light.
 guid - ance of your light to use.

This 18th-century Latin text calls attention to three kinds of light: the light of the star leading the Magi to the Christ-child, the inward light inspiring their journey, and Christ who is the Light of the world. The simple unison melody unites everything in a gentle arc.

Of the Father's Love Begotten 108



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan
 2 By his Word was all cre - at - ed; he com-mand-ed; it
 3 O, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full
 4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one
 5 O ye heights of heaven, a - dore him. An - gel hosts, his prais - e
 6 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,



to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga; he the
 was done: heaven and earth and depths of o - cean, u - ni -
 of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the
 ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom - ised
 es sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex -
 to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing and un -



source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 verse of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft
 Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's Re -
 in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -
 tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 wea - ried prais - es be. Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 shin - ing, all that breathes be - neath the sun,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed. Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,
 si - lent; ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,



ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages.

What's happening this week at WMPC

TUESDAY | JANUARY 5

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
7:30 a.m. | Zoom | [Registration](#)
[required](#)

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. Contact Jennifer Eastman at jeastman@whitememorial.org to get Zoom information.

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. All recommendations must be received by January 11, 2021. This form may be

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

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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!

SAVE THE DATE

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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THURSDAY | JANUARY 7

Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom

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

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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.

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