

# WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration

8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

*Cate Church Norman*, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

*Anne Galliher*, Pastoral Resident

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*Christopher Edmonston*, Pastor

*Kirsten Homdrom*, Associate Director of Music

*Karl Zinsmeister*, Director of Music

*Jeanine Wagner*, soprano

*Margaret Simmons*, piano

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### GREETING

### PRELUDE

*Nocturne*

Dobrinka Tabakova (b. 1980)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

**All: You that have no money, come, buy and eat!**

One: "Incline your ear, and come to me."

**All: "Listen, so that you may live," says the Lord.**

One: "I will make with you an everlasting covenant."

**All: "My love is steadfast and sure," says the Lord.**

One: Come to the waters. Come and listen.

### HYMN 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* (Psalm 90)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creating God, in baptism you claim us as your own, making us your family and your visible church in the world. We confess that we do not always act like family. We let our differences get the best of us and choose judgement and division over peace and unity. Our disagreements are often more visible than our love and compassion.**

**In baptism, you call us to new ways of life, but all too often we cling to old perceptions, old habits and old ways of being. We resist change and fail to embrace the new life of justice, peace and love that you offer.**

**In baptism you give us the gift of the Holy Spirit to inspire and to guide us, but often we rely only on ourselves, instead of listening for your direction. Forgive us, when we forget your baptism promises to us. Heal our brokenness and the hurts we have caused. Free us from all that ensnares us. Raise us to new life in Christ, so that we may be your faithful servants sharing your healing love with the world.**

*(Silence for personal confession).*

**Amen**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains  
tremble with its tumult. Selah

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup>The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

### **A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,  
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,”

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance  
for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside  
and all the people of Jerusalem  
were going out to him,  
and were baptized by him in the river Jordan,  
confessing their sins.

<sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair,  
with a leather belt around his waist,  
and he ate locusts and wild honey.

<sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful  
than I is coming after me;  
I am not worthy to stoop down  
and untie the thong of his sandals.

<sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water;  
but he will baptize you  
with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee  
and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water,  
he saw the heavens torn apart and the  
Spirit descending like a dove on him.

<sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven,  
“You are my Son, the Beloved;  
with you I am well pleased.”

## SERMON

*Come to the Waters*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Take Me to the Water*

arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

## **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 PCUSA's Declaration of Faith)*

Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family  
and a society troubled by the common problems of the world.  
His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history.

He felt deeply the joy of friendship  
and the hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed,  
struggled with temptation, knew anger,  
and was subject to suffering and death.  
He was like us in every way except sin.

Jesus was what we should be.  
He served his Father with complete trust  
and unwavering obedience.  
He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.  
In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,  
Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him  
from loving God with his whole being  
and his neighbor as himself.

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.  
He exposes our failure to live as he lived.  
He demonstrates the new humanity God  
promises to give us through him.

### **HYMN 792**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Wade in the Water*  
setting by Barbara Harbach

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

### NEW PRESBYTERIANS

**Webb Collier Willingham**, born December 16, child of Ali and Ryan Willingham, grandchild of Carol and Ed Willingham, and great-grandchild of Pat Toole.

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#### **Music included in today's service:**

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# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

## There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

*Fine*

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but  
 2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and  
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain. There is a  
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a  
 tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

*to Refrain*

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

# What's happening this week at WMPC

## MONDAY | JANUARY 11

### Churchwide Bible Study

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

#### Required

### 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*.

## TUESDAY | JANUARY 12

### Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

### Aging Well

1:00 p.m. | Zoom

Psychologist Landy Anderton will discuss, "*Managing the Pandemic: How To Be Alone without Being Lonely*". Contact Jennifer Eastman at [jeastman@whitememorial.org](mailto:jeastman@whitememorial.org) to get Zoom information.

## WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 13

### In the Kitchen with Macy

4:00 | Facebook Live

Breakfast for Dinner! Join Macy as she prepares french toast with a berry compote and the perfect creamy grits.

## THURSDAY | JANUARY 14

### Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom

If you are 55+ years old, we invite you to join Keenagers via Zoom for Social Connection time. Please contact Tonya Higgins at [thiggins@whitememorial.org](mailto:thiggins@whitememorial.org) to receive Zoom link.

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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). The date for receiving nominations has been extended to **January 14**. 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

### Faithful from the Start: Nurturing Your Baby/Toddler's Friendship with God

Thursday, January 21 | 10:00 a.m.

#### Zoom Registration Required

Join us on Zoom for a conversation with Rev. Traci Smith about nurturing spirituality in young children.

### Stewardship of Self:

#### Taking Care of Yourself in 2021

Tuesday, February 2 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### Webinar | [Registration required](#)

The start of a new year often ushers in the desire to set goals and resolutions, but this year many of us feel we are operating with depleted energy and heightened stress. Come learn how to manage your expectations, set realistic goals, and care for yourself in 2021. All are welcome to this Zoom Webinar led by mental health professionals and pastors.

### Friends of Haiti

Wednesday, January 20 | 7:00 p.m.

#### Zoom

Please join us as HOM Founding Director Pastor Leon Dorleans and Executive Director Gary Fulton share updates on their ongoing work.

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