

# WHITE MEMORIAL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday after Epiphany / StepUp Sunday  
Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration  
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

*Gloria Johnson*, Associate Pastor for Outreach  
*Andrew Amodei*, Executive Director  
*Kirsten Homdrom*, Associate Director of Music  
*Karl Zinsmeister*, Director of Music  
*Timothy Sparks*, tenor

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### GREETING

#### PRELUDE

*A Little More Faith in Jesus*  
Spiritual arr. J. W. Work, III (1901-1967)

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits--**

One: who forgives all our iniquity,

**All: who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,**

One: who satisfies us with good as long as we live.

**All: Let us worship God who has done these marvelous things.**

(Psalm 103:1-4)

#### HYMN 684

*Faith Begins by Letting Go*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are always faithful, but sometimes our faith is weak, and we go our own way forgetting who has created us. We forget to practice our faith and live out our calling as your children. We want to leave everything up to you, yet we are meant to be your hands and feet in this world. When we turn away from the needs of others, show us a better way. Remind us that faith without works is empty.  
O God, hear us and change us. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 32:1-7

- <sup>1</sup>Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.
- <sup>2</sup>Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- <sup>3</sup>While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah
- <sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah
- <sup>6</sup>Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty  
waters shall not reach them.
- <sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

## A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28

- <sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the  
district of Tyre and Sidon.
- <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region  
came out and started shouting,  
"Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David;  
my daughter is tormented by a demon."
- <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all.
- And his disciples came and urged him, saying,  
"Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."
- <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep  
of the house of Israel."
- <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying,  
"Lord, help me."
- <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's  
food and throw it to the dogs."
- <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs  
eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."
- <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish."  
And her daughter was healed instantly.

## **SERMON**

*Keeping the Faith*

*Shareasa Dunn, StepUp Participant*

*Corina Wyche, StepUp Participant*

*Reese Martin, StepUp Participant*

*Linda Nunnallee, Executive Director StepUp Ministry*

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Ingemisco from Requiem*

Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)

Text Translation: I groan as a guilty one, and my face blushes with guilt; spare the supplicant, O God. You, who absolved Mary Magdalene, and heard the prayer of the thief, have given me hope, as well. My prayers are not worthy, but show mercy, O benevolent one, lest I burn forever in fire.

Give me a place among the sheep, and separate me from the goats,  
placing me on your right hand.

## **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 a Declaration of Faith (1991)

Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teaching, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God, and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

## **HYMN 731**

*Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**POSTLUDE**

*How Great Thou Art*  
arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

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**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT**

**Cheryl Jean Wood McLean** – January 9, 2021

WMPC family member: husband Torrey McLean; daughter and son-in-law,  
Meredith and Andrew Roberts, and grandchildren Kelsey and Carson.

**NEW PRESBYTERIAN**

**Henry Presnell Hyde**, born January 12,  
child of Gretchen and John Hyde, grandchild of Sydnor and Lacy Presnell.

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

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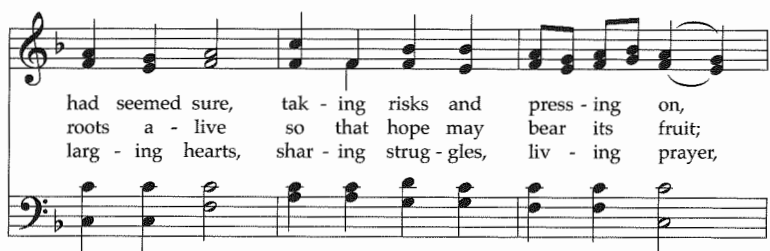
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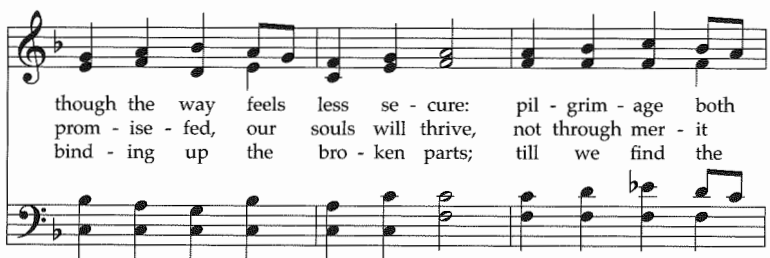
## Faith Begins by Letting Go 684



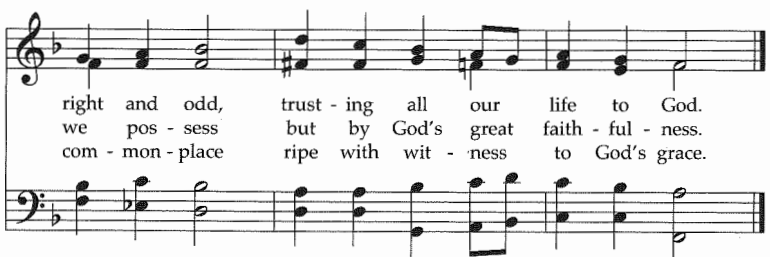
1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what  
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's  
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -



had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,  
roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;  
larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,



though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both  
prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it  
bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the



right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

This text affirms that faith is not a state of being but a process of becoming what we are called to be in relationship to God, other people, and the world. The movement from one stage of faith to another is suggested by gestures of the hand: letting go, holding on, reaching out.

# 731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup> (Bm) Cm (G) A<sup>b</sup>

1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -  
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere  
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling  
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -

(D) E<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (Em) Fm (A) B<sup>b</sup> (F#m) Gm

round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so  
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the  
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an  
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their

(Bm) Cm (G) A<sup>b</sup> (Em) Fm (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>

while they live and when they die how force - ful -  
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on  
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -  
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that

(A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (B) C (Em) Fm (G) (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>

ly they speak: the strong, who once were weak!  
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.  
 cerns they own: God's love through them is known.  
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The first three stanzas of this text are organized around the three great virtues—faith, hope, and love—mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:13. These have indeed been the marks of the faithful people of God always and everywhere, and the final stanza sums up our gratitude for them.

# What's happening this week at WMPC

Church offices will be closed on Monday, January 18 for the  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

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## SUNDAY | JANUARY 17

### Prayer Vigil:

#### A Call to Be Light in the Darkness

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

This vigil will be a time of holding space for our collective grief, anger and pain and offering prayers of confession, hope and peace for our nation. Please note that we will light candles during this online vigil, so make sure you have one close by and something to light it with. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## TUESDAY | JANUARY 19

### Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

### Out of the Depths: A Service of Remembrance for Lives Lost During COVID-19

#### Noon | Livestream and FB Live

Take a break from all the chaos of these days and from the busyness of work and join us for a short, sacred time of prayer and remembrance to honor the 7,700+ people in our state, 380,000+ people in our country, and 1.9+ million in the world who have died. There will be a time in the service for you share the names of those who were close to you who have died.

### Aging Well

1:00 p.m. | Zoom

Liisa Ogburn will provide an overview of Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, Skilled Nursing and Continuing Care Retirement Communities in the area, including pros, cons, and some high-level information on costs, waitlists, and important considerations. Contact Jennifer Eastman at [jeastman@whitememorial.org](mailto:jeastman@whitememorial.org) to get Zoom information.

## WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 20

### In the Kitchen with Macy

4:00 | Facebook Live

What could better on a cold day but soup? Join Macy as she shares her recipe for a hearty cheese tortellini soup. **Don't forget: January is National Soup Month.** We invite you to bring canned soup to the collection bins in front of Witherspoon for the month of January.

### Friends of Haiti

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.

## THURSDAY | JANUARY 21

### Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom

Join Shannon Tennant and Greg Haenel as they share a presentation on their 2016 trip to Antarctica with an emphasis on penguins. Shannon is a librarian and Greg a biology professor, both at Elon University. Please contact Tonya Higgins at [thiggins@whitememorial.org](mailto:thiggins@whitememorial.org) to receive Zoom link.

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

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

"Rev. Traci Smith is a well-known pastor and author who specializes in faith formation for families with young children. Join us on Zoom for a conversation with Traci as she shares about ways to nurture spirituality in young children, including resources like blessings to use at bedtime. She'll also speak about spiritual practices for parents and the value of simplifying life in 2021."

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Registration for most events can be found  
on our website

[www.whitememorial.org/register](http://www.whitememorial.org/register)





## WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Members of White Memorial Presbyterian Church founded StepUp Ministry 32 years ago. Since then, close to 5,000 families have rebuilt dreams of providing safe and productive lives for themselves and generations to come.*

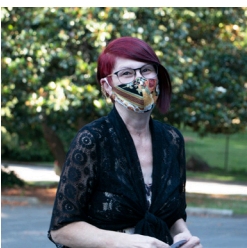
*StepUp Ministry is humbled to be White Memorial's Primary Mission Partner. StepUp Ministry's mission is adults and children transforming lives through employment and life skills training.*

## How it Works

**Step One:** Get a job.

**Step Two:** Create stability.

**Step Three:** Build a career.



## How You Can Help

### Donate

Your investment makes a profound difference in the lives of the adults and children who partner with StepUp Ministry. To make a donation, please contact Nancy Bromhal, Development Director, at [nbromhal@stepupministry.org](mailto:nbromhal@stepupministry.org) or 919-781-0156, ext. 125.

### Employ

Help a participant take the first step to stability! To learn about StepUp Ministry's Employment Program or to hire from us, contact Toney Jeffreys, Employment Recruiter, at [tjefferys@stepupministry.org](mailto:tjefferys@stepupministry.org) or 919-781-0156, ext. 103.

### Volunteer

Caring, dedicated volunteers are the heart of StepUp Ministry's mission! Opportunities include volunteering with our Employment Readiness Workshop; tutoring children or supporting the Children's Program in other ways; or mentoring an adult in our Life Skills program starting in late February. For more information about these and other opportunities, please contact Dayna Jameson, Volunteer Recruiter, at [djameson@stepupministry.org](mailto:djameson@stepupministry.org) or (919) 781-0156 ext. 111

## Fueled by Faith

We are grateful for our faithful community and for the opportunity to serve through the pandemic. With courageous participants, loyal donors, committed volunteers, and dedicated employers, StepUp Ministry's employment and life skills programs for adults and children are continuing virtually.

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.*

*Colossians 2:6-7*



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## 2020 By The Numbers

**130** Life Skills Participants

**178** Employment Training Workshop Participants

**73** Children's Program Participants

**401** Real World Participants & Outreach

**74** Alumni Ambassadors

**235** Employers

**411** Volunteers

## Be a part of life transformation in 2021

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