

WHITE MEMORIAL — PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary

Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Christopher Edmonston, Pastor
Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Gloria Johnson, Associate Pastor for Outreach
Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music
Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music
Wayne Rogers, tenor

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Chaconne in G Major, HWV 435
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 27)

The Lord is our light and our salvation, of what should we be afraid?

The Lord is our stronghold, the one we seek after.

What is it that we seek?

**To dwell with God all our days, to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to pray and praise the most high.**

We believe that we will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of living -
let us take courage and worship with thanksgiving and joy.

HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, hear our prayer of confession: we carry regrets from our past that we cannot forget. Our fears confront us from hour to hour. We are afraid of the future we cannot control. Forgive us and renew us so we can learn to be fully present in the light of your grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, forgive our sin and help us to live lives of service and celebration. May the Holy Spirit lead us to Jesus, that we may follow when he calls and give witness to his beautiful kingdom of grace. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00) **John Hudson Roberts**, child of Jenny and Hart Roberts

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5;10

¹The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying,

²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city,
and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”

³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh,
according to the word of the Lord.

Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city,
a three days’ walk across.

⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk.

And he cried out,

“Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God;
they proclaimed a fast, and everyone,
great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did,
how they turned from their evil ways,
God changed his mind about the calamity
that he had said he would bring
upon them; and he did not do it.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee,
proclaiming the good news of God,

¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom
of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee,
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net
into the sea—for they were fishermen.

¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and
I will make you fish for people.”

¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James
son of Zebedee and his brother John,
who were in their boat mending the nets.

²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father
Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

SERMON

“Fishing for people”

MUSICAL OFFERING

Will You Come and Follow Me

arr. John L. Bell (b. 1949)

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

(adapted from Philippians 2)

God has called us to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility regard others as better than ourselves.

God has called us to look not to our own interests,
but to the interests of others.

We desire to share in the
same mind that was in Christ Jesus:
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave in human likeness.

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient
to the point of death on a cross.

God highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth
and under the earth, and every tongue
should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God.

HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Nos. 1 & 2, from *Thirty Pieces*
Hugo Distler (1908-42)

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JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Dorothy “Dottie” Bailey Ridenour – January 14, 2021

Frances Temple Hubbard – January 15, 2021

WMPC family members: nieces Jane Temple, and Lynne Sanders,
with children Thomas and Sara Sanders.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN

Scout Ryals McDougal, born January 13,
child of Elizabeth and Davis McDougal, Charleston, SC,
grandchild of Gregg McDougal and Lisa Ostrander.

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Music included in today's service:

Chaconne in G Major, HWV 435; George Frideric Handel
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744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



- 1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.



Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

What's happening this week at WMPC

MONDAY | JANUARY 25

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 25 we will focus on *Jesus Heals* (John 4:46-54 and John 5:1-15)

TUESDAY | JANUARY 26

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

Aging Well

1:00 p.m. | Zoom

Former WMPC pastor Art Ross will give this talk, "Wilderness Journeys: Ways People of Faith Survive Times of Uncertainty, Confusion, Fear, Loneliness and Division." Contact Jennifer Eastman at jeastman@whitememorial.org to get Zoom information.

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 27

In the Kitchen with Macy

4:00 | Facebook Live

Kickoff your Super Bowl party with Macy as she shares her favorite game day appetizers: smashed buffalo tater tots, veggie pizza rollups and cheesecake nachos.

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.

THURSDAY | JANUARY 28

Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom

Social Connection Time. Please contact Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org to receive Zoom link.

SAVE THE DATES

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 and care for yourself holistically in 2021. All are welcome to this Zoom Webinar led by Dr. Emily King and Dr. Robert Cooke.

Honorary Life Membership Nomination

Presbyterian Women is now accepting nominations for Honorary Life Membership for 2021. This honor recognizes those who are active and faithful servants of God in our church and community. Prayerfully consider nominations for this honor. Applications can be found at www.whitememorial.org/pw. Send applications of recommendation to Marlene Batchelor at marlene.batchelor3@gmail.com. Nominations will be accepted through February 15, 2021.

Vacation Bible School is Back With All New Dates!

August 2-6, 2021

Registration Now Open!

For the first time ever, we will have Vacation Bible School in August! Registration for children who turned 3 by August 31, 2020 through 5th graders is now open! Don't delay reserving your spot for an extraordinarily fun week of growing in faith together! We will be taking extra precautions this year to ensure everyone's safety. More details coming soon. Questions? Contact Jennifer Eastman at jeastman@whitememorial.org or Lynn Springfield at lspringfield@whitememorial.org. Early Bird Registration is \$20 and runs through March 31, 2021.

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