

WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

February 14, 2021
Transfiguration of the Lord
Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Christopher Edmonston, Pastor
Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families
Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident
Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music
Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music
Kelly Gold, Director of Children's and Youth Music
Jeanine Wagner, soprano
Timothy Sparks, tenor
Jared Smith, bass

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Agincourt Hymn (DEO GRACIAS)
John Dunstable (ca. 1350-1453)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 22)

God, you are holy: enthroned on the praises of the ancients
and all peoples alike.

You are the source of life, blessing us in every way we can count.

Forgive us when we walk away, chase after other lords,
and feel far apart from you.

**You are the deliverer and the redeemer and you have called
us here to praise.**

Brothers and sisters in faith, let us worship and
adore the Lord our God.

HYMN 193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, how hard it is to trust. It's hard to trust when we have to wait, and it's hard to trust when the night is long. We confess that sometimes we place our trust in others more than you. We confess that we forget to take up the cross of discipleship, for its weight is heavy and its demands are great. Forgive us in the name of, and for the sake of, Jesus Christ our Lord. Renew the right Spirit in us that we may follow as we are led and bear your light to a world shrouded in far too much darkness. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them,
³and his clothes became dazzling white,
such as no one on earth could bleach them.

⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses,
who were talking with Jesus.

⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,
"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 50:1-6

¹The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

³Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.

⁴He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,
that he may judge his people:

⁵"Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

⁶The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge. *Selah*

SERMON

"God Does Not Keep Silence"

MUSICAL OFFERING

A Stable Lamp is Lighted

David Hurd (b. 1950)

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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from a *Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983)

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

HYMN 13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major, Op. 11 No. 1
Alexander Scriabin (1872-1915)

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JOYS & CONCERNS

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Bellamy Grey Gerber, born December 23,
child of Brooklyn and Bryan Gerber, Greenville, NC,
grandchild of Janet and Brian Kelleher.

Piper Kelleher Meisenbach, born January 26,
child of Caitlin and Dale Meisenbach, Alexandria, VA,
grandchild of Janet and Brian Kelleher.

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Music included in today's service:

Agincourt Hymn (DEO GRACIAS); John Dunstable (ca. 1350-1453);

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193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
 ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
 ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
 tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(Psalm 50)

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
 2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
 3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

What's happening this week at WMPC

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 15

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 February 15 we will focus on *Jesus Heals a Blind Man* (John 9:1-17)

TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 16

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

Caring for a Loved One with Dementia

Tuesday | February 16 | 7-8:30 p.m.

Zoom | [Registration Required](#)

Health Ministries presents Melanie Bunn, RN, MS, a dementia training specialist. This class will be interactive, so there will be ample time to have your questions answered.

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 17

Ash Wednesday Service

Please join us and our friends along Oberlin Road for a very special pre-recorded Ash Wednesday service as we enter into the 40 days of Lent. Service will be available for viewing at 8:00 a.m. and anytime throughout the day. We will celebrate the Lord's supper and have symbolic disposition of ashes. To view, visit www.whitememorial.org and click on livestream.

In the Kitchen with Macy

4:00 | Facebook Live

Ever wonder what to do with spaghetti squash? In this episode Macy will demonstrate how to cut, prep and cook and then share a couple of her favorite spaghetti squash recipes.

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 18

Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom

Macy Aguirre, WMPC Food Service Director. Join us as Macy shares her story and possibly a recipe! Please contact Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org to receive Zoom link.

Return to Me:

Lenten Contemplative Retreat

9:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Zoom | [Registration Required](#)

Join Associate Pastor Cate Church Norman and Pastoral Resident Anne Galliher for a virtual retreat as we begin the season of Lent. This event will be held on Zoom with limited space. The cost is \$15 which includes a retreat box with items to be used throughout the day. Scholarships are available. **Register by February 15 at noon.** Contact Anne Galliher agalliher@whitememorial.org with any questions.

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SAVE THE DATES

Healing Through Grief - Winter 2021

Sundays | 3-4:30 p.m.

February 21-March 21

[Registration Open!](#)

Registration ends noon, Wednesday, February 17.

Cancer Companions

Sundays | February 21-April 25

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Zoom | [Registration Open](#)

Sounds on Oberlin presents Wednesdays @ 1 Concert Series

Wednesday | February 24 | 1:00 p.m.

Livestream and FB Live

Tune in as Eric Nanz and the OnPoint House Band treat us to a virtual concert of popular songs.

Community Table-T

Friday | February 26

5:30-6:30 p.m. | Drive Through Boxed Meal

Our annual youth fundraiser is having a box dinner drive through. Tickets are \$25. To purchase a boxed dinner: <https://whitememorial.brushfire.com/YOUTH/493897>

To support our youth through a donation:

<https://wmpc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/313/responses/new>

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