# WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 21, 2021
1st Sunday in Lent / Youth Sunday
Live Streaming with pre-recorded in-person
worship in the Main Hall with registration
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### **GREETING**

#### PRELUDE

Antiphonal Praise
Paul Alvah (1928-2011)
Roman Mock and Ruth Mock: oboes

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josh Hanson (8:00); Isabel Liebowitz (11:00)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Lillian Baggett

ONE: God's love for us is great!

ALL: God is like a loving parent, who watches over us.

ONE: God's mercy for us is great!

ALL: God reaches out to us in healing patience and peace.

ONE: Praise be to God who has called us here.

ALL: Praise be to God whose love and mercy is given to us. Amen.

#### **HYMN 399**

God Welcomes All

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00) Davis Mark Brooks, child of Genevieve and Alex Brooks

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Thomas Jordan (8:00), Sydney Coll (11:00)

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Taylor Young (8:00), Sydney Coll (11:00)

God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place out trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Mary Eliza Angley (8:00), Lucy Brimberry (11:00)

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lucy Brimberry (11:00)

#### PSALM READING

Psalm 9:1-10 Mary Gilbert

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

<sup>2</sup>I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

<sup>3</sup>When my enemies turned back,
they stumbled and perished before you.

<sup>4</sup>For you have maintained my just cause;
you have sat on the throne giving righteous judgment.

<sup>5</sup>You have rebuked the nations, you have destroyed the wicked;
you have blotted out their name forever and ever.

<sup>6</sup>The enemies have vanished in everlasting ruins;
their cities you have rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord sits enthroned forever, he has established his throne for judgment. <sup>8</sup>He judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with equity. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

<sup>10</sup>And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

Sam Livengood (8:00), Lillie Sherman (11:00)

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?
 He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.
 27Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
 <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
 <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
 they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:35-41

Joe Thomas Williams

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

<sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

<sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

<sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

<sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

<sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another,

"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

#### A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CC Chiavetta, Embree Duffy, Eliza Sloop

#### **SERMON**

Elizabeth Bond, Will Hardesty, Marshall Livengood (8:00) Griffin Baird, Grace Barnard, Marshall Livengood, Maggie Montgomery (11:00)

#### **ANTHEM**

Everything Good
Don Schlosser (pub. 2009)
Youth Choir

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Amelia Mehr (8:00), Reid Walker (11:00)

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

John Thagard (8:00), Harper Smith (11:00)

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

Cornerstone
Hillsong
Youth Band

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith Middle School Leadership Team

We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe.

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.

The diversity in the early church caused tension and conflict. Yet the Spirit bound them into one body, enriched by their differences. We know that the same Spirit gives us a unity we cannot create or destroy. The Spirit moves among us not to end diversity or compel uniformity, but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness. The Spirit leads us to struggle against the lines of race and class, the ambitions of competing parties, the loyalties to individuals and traditions, that divide us. The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians visible to a divided world, and assures us that we shall be one.

#### **HYMN 519**

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak You Are My All in All

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Sofie Engell (8:00), Joshua Baird (11:00)

#### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

#### **POSTLUDE**

Gavotte
Jean Phillippe Rameau (1703-1741)
Emily and Thomas Schmidt; violins

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# **JOYS & CONCERNS**

#### IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Barbara Liles Campbell – February 9, 2021

William "Bill" Sublett Christian – February 16, 2021 WMPC family members: wife, Jewel Christian, and niece, Carol Hamel and husband Al Hamel.

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**WMPC Youth Band Members:** Grace Barnard, Gabriel Edmonston, Amelia Mehr, John Thagard, Celia Pope, Eric Nanz, Associate Director.

Youth Choir: Emma Claire Anderson, Joshua Baird, Megan Baker,
Elizabeth Bond, Savannah Coll, Sydney Coll, William Corkey,
Amelia Edmonston, Gabriel Edmonston, Allison Fairlee, Nathan Goettsch,
Isla Hoyle, Anna Giles Kropp, Sam Livengood, Amelia Mehr, Garrison Miller,
Grady Mock, Roman Mock, Julia Pemberton, Lilly Pemberton, Celia Pope,
Eliza Sloop, John Thagard, Graham Wilson, Reid Wilson, Kelly Gold, Director;
Lora Zinsmeister, Accompanist.

Middle School Leaders: Caroline Rectanus, Jack Garrett, Caroline Britt, John Thagard, Gabbi Amodei, Landon Douek, Savannah Coll, Nathan Goettsch, Patrick Miller, Amelia Edmonston, Chris Pharr, Anderson Adams, Thomas Jordan, Abby-Kate Boyd, Jay Worley, Mary Angley, Preston Perry, Lily Pope, Sofie Engell, Stella Olson, Grady Edwards.

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This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

THEMBA AMEN 4.4.9

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# You Are My Strength When I Am Weak 519



<sup>\*</sup>May be sung as a canon.

The expression "all in all," meaning "everything," owes much of its endurance in English usage to its appearance in 1 Corinthians 15:28, though many phrases leading up to it here have parallels in Hebrew Scripture. The second section echoes the song to the Lamb in Revelation 5:12.

# What's happening this week at WMPC

## **SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 21**

Healing Through Grief - Winter 2021 Sundays | 3-4:30 p.m. February 21-March 21

Cancer Companions Sundays | February 21-April 25 4:30-6:00 p.m.

### **MONDAY | FEBRUARY 22**

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 22 we will focus on *Jesus Raises Lazarus* (John 11:1-45)

#### **TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 23**

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
7:30 a.m. | Zoom | Registration required

### **WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 24**

#### Midweek Wednesday Lenten Services Live Stream | 8:00 a.m onwards

Each Wednesday during Lent we will offer a Lenten Midweek Prayer Service and each week we will delve in the ecumenical translation of the Lords Prayer. These pre-recorded services can be viewed starting at 8:00 a.m. and throughout the day. Thereafter, they can be accessed OnDemand.

# Sounds on Oberlin presents Wednesdays @ 1 Concert Series

#### 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.

#### In the Kitchen with Macy 4:00 | Facebook Live

We're all in for a treat as Macy shows us how to make homemade yeast rolls and cinnamon rolls. Yum!

## **THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 25**

Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom Social Connection Time

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

#### FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 26

**Community TableT** 

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

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

# CHURCHWIDE BIBLE STUDY VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Tuesdays | March 2-March 23 7:00-8:30 p.m.

#### **Zoom | Registration Required**

On Tuesday, March 2, we will begin a 4-week church-wide Bible study entitled Reclaiming Sabbath: Cultivating Rhythms and Routines of Rest as a part of our Visiting Scholar Program. You won't want to miss this incredible opportunity to learn from Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio from Emory University's Candler School of Theology. This class will meet on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Registration is required in order to receive your Zoom link.

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