

# WHITE MEMORIAL — PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

February 28, 2021  
2nd Sunday in Lent  
Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration  
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

*Christopher Edmonston, Pastor*  
*Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident*  
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*Terry Preston, soprano*  
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*Brian White, tenor*  
*Bill Preston, bass*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### GREETING

### PRELUDE

*Air from Suite No. 1*  
Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

(from *Psalm 95*)

One: Let us sing unto the Lord - let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All: For God is our Lord; we are the people of God's pasture; the sheep of God's hand.**

One: For God is great: a great King above all other gods.

**All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us offer to God our praise.**

One: We journey through the wilderness and follow our Lord to the cross. We lay our lives at God's feet and seek out the grace and mercy that our Savior offers to all. This is a day for worship and praise.

### HYMN 51

*To Abraham and Sarah*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord our God - we confess  
that when the winds blow cold,  
and the tides go low,  
and we feel the challenge of the wilderness,  
we often give up and lose faith.  
And yet your call is to endurance:  
to keep praying, keep loving,  
and keep believing even  
during our most difficult days.  
Through the Holy Spirit,  
help us to stay strong in our faith.  
Help us to stay focused on your love and your grace.  
In the name of Jesus,  
forgive our sins and renew our lives  
for service and praise. Amen.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Philippians 1:21-30

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

<sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me;  
and I do not know which I prefer.

<sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two:  
my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better;

<sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

<sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain  
and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith,

<sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your  
boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,  
so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you,

I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit,  
striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel,

<sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents.

For them this is evidence of their destruction,  
but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

<sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege  
not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—

<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle  
that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

## **A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 4:10-17

<sup>10</sup>But Moses said to the Lord,  
“O my Lord, I have never been eloquent,  
neither in the past nor even now  
that you have spoken to your servant;  
but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”

<sup>11</sup>Then the Lord said to him,  
“Who gives speech to mortals?  
Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind?  
Is it not I, the Lord?

<sup>12</sup>Now go, and I will be with your mouth  
and teach you what you are to speak.”

<sup>13</sup>But he said, “O my Lord, please send someone else.”

<sup>14</sup>Then the anger of the Lord was kindled  
against Moses and he said,

“What of your brother Aaron, the Levite?  
I know that he can speak fluently;  
even now he is coming out to meet you,  
and when he sees you his heart will be glad.

<sup>15</sup>You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth;  
and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth,  
and will teach you what you shall do.

<sup>16</sup>He indeed shall speak for you to the people;  
he shall serve as a mouth for you,  
and you shall serve as God for him.

<sup>17</sup>Take in your hand this staff,  
with which you shall perform the signs.”

## SERMON

“God’s Word in the Wilderness: Send Someone Else?”

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*You Will Keep in Perfect Peace*

Kevin Kosche (pub. 1999)

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

(Ecumenical Translation)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from *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 718

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### POSTLUDE

*Fughetta* from *Suite No. 1*

Florence Beatrice Price

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

### PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

The family of James Michael “Mickey” Efird, professor emeritus at Duke Divinity School, who died February 17.  
Mickey led many adult Bible studies at White Memorial in years past.

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# 51 To Abraham and Sarah

## I Will Be Your God

1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:  
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a - pil - grim race,  
 3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid

"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.  
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;  
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,

You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word  
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,  
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,

that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."

This hymn condenses the narrative of Genesis 17:1-22 and grounds it in the recurring statement of the covenant relationship between God and the people God has chosen. This Welsh tune also occurs in a minor version called LLANGLOFFAN, used elsewhere in this hymnal (see no. 362).

## Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your  
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

# What's happening this week at WMPC

## SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 28

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

**Cancer Companions**  
Sundays | through April 25  
4:30-6:00 p.m. | Zoom  
[Registration required for any/all classes](#)

## TUESDAY | MARCH 2

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**  
7:30 a.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

**Churchwide Bible Study:**  
**Visiting Scholar Program**  
**Reclaiming Sabbath**  
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.](#)

## WEDNESDAY | MARCH 3

**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 Lord's Prayer. These pre-recorded services can be viewed starting at 8:00 a.m. and throughout the day. Thereafter, they can be accessed OnDemand.

**Boxed Dinners to Go**  
**Pick-up between 5:00-6:30 p.m.**  
**McDonald Lane**  
Don't forget if you ordered Wild Rice Chicken Casserole, today is the day to pick-up!

## THURSDAY | MARCH 4

**Keenagers**  
10:00 a.m. | Zoom  
Join us as Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident gives a Lent presentation. Please contact Tonya Higgins at [tiggins@whitememorial.org](mailto:tiggins@whitememorial.org) to receive Zoom link.

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## SAVE THE DATES

**Sounds on Oberlin presents**  
**Wednesday's @ 1:00 p.m.**  
**Concert Series**  
**March 10 | 1:00 p.m.**  
**Livestream and Facebook Live**  
Join Mara Shea, violin, for classical and Celtic music in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday | March 21 | 12:15 p.m.**  
All church members are invited to join us Sunday, March 21 at 12:15 p.m. for our Annual Congregational Meeting. Details to follow.

**Easter Memorials**  
Contributions in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family member, friend, or member of the church family are welcomed and may be for any amount; suggested gift is \$20 or more. All those honored or memorialized will be listed in the bulletin insert on April 4. Contributions received in excess of the cost of Easter flowers, greenery, will go into a fund used for all decorations in the sanctuary, main hall and overflow worship space during the year. All requests must be in the church office by noon on Monday, March 29. Send your contribution to Rebecca Turner, and call her at 919-834-3425, ext. 222, with questions. [The form can be found online here.](#) Due to COVID-19, our Pastoral Care Ministry will not be delivering plants to anyone this year.

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