

# WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

March 7, 2021  
3rd Sunday in Lent / Lord's Supper  
Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration  
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

*Chip Pope*, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families  
*Grier Booker Richards*, Associate Pastor for Discipleship  
*Anne Galliher*, Pastoral Resident  
*Kirsten Homdrom*, Associate Director of Music  
*Karl Zinsmeister*, Director of Music  
*Jeanine Wagner*, soprano  
*Margaret Simmons*, piano

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### GREETING

### PRELUDE

*Chorale and Variations on The Lord's Prayer*  
from *Sonata in d minor, Op. 65 No. 6*  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 95)

One: Come, let us shout praises to God, the rock who saved us!

**All: O come, let us sing to the Lord!**

One: Let us march into God's presence singing praises.

**All: O come, let us sing to the Lord!**

One: Come, let us worship our God, the One who made us.

**All: O come, let us sing to the Lord!**

### HYMN 81

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoke*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Graceful and merciful God,  
when things get challenging in our lives,  
we jump to worry.

When we find ourselves in a wilderness,  
we complain.

We worry that we are missing  
out on things that we deserve.

We complain about the food we eat,  
the place we live, or the jobs  
or classwork we need to do.

Forgive us, O God. Help us to remember  
that you are faithful and ever-present.

Help us recognize the ways you  
take care of us.

Remind us of your love that we may, in turn,  
share your love with others.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00) **Elizabeth Randolph Albritton**, child of Jennifer and Benton Albritton

### FIRST READING

Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
<sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand;  
and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,  
knowing that suffering produces endurance,

<sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

<sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been  
poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

<sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a  
good person someone might actually dare to die.

<sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while  
we still were sinners Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood,  
will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

<sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God  
through the death of his Son, much more surely,  
having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

<sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom  
we have now received reconciliation.

## A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SECOND READING

Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole  
congregation of the Israelites  
journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded.

They camped at Rephidim,  
but there was no water for the people to drink.

<sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said,  
“Give us water to drink.”

Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me?  
Why do you test the Lord?”

<sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water;  
and the people complained  
against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt,  
to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”

<sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the Lord,  
“What shall I do with this people?  
They are almost ready to stone me.”

<sup>5</sup>The Lord said to Moses,  
“Go on ahead of the people,  
and take some of the elders of Israel with you;  
take in your hand the staff with which  
you struck the Nile, and go.

<sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb.  
Strike the rock, and water will come out of it,  
so that the people may drink.” Moses did so,  
in the sight of the elders of Israel.

<sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah,  
because the Israelites  
quarreled and tested the Lord, saying,  
“Is the Lord among us or not?”

### SERMON

*"God's Word in the Wilderness: Water for the Thirst"*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Walk Together Children*

arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Invitation**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Bread and Cup**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION 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 A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes  
everyone equally in God's image, male and female,  
of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of  
God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit  
neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the  
planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose  
a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of  
Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

### **HYMN 166**

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Toccata in e minor*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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# JOYS & CONCERNS

## IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

**David “Eagle” White III** – January 11, 2021

**Reverend Lillian M. Taylor** – February 25, 2021  
WMPC family members: niece Peebee Scott and husband Philip,  
and nephew Robert Bridger III.

**Cynthia Cranford Haar** – February 27, 2021  
WMPC family members: son Ritch and Sandy Haar  
and children Richard and Ryan.

## PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO:

**Jane and Gary Fulton**, on the death of Jane’s father,  
Glendall “Glen” King, February 28, Gastonia, NC.

**Peebee and Philip Scott**, on the death of Peebee’s aunt,  
Reverend Lillian M. Taylor, February 25, Raleigh, NC.

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### Music included in today’s service:

*Chorale and Variations on The Lord’s Prayer*  
from *Sonata in d minor, Op. 65 No. 6*;

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HYMN 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*;

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*Walk Together Children*; arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003);

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HYMN 166 *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*;

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*Toccata in e minor*; Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706);

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# 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

# Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and  
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory  
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-  
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.  
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
 past, an Eas-ter of un - end - ing joy we may at-tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

# What's happening this week at WMPC

## SUNDAY | MARCH 7

**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](#)

## MONDAY | MARCH 8

**Women's Virtual Fellowship Program**  
Noon | [Via Live Stream](#)  
and [Facebook Live](#)

We hope you'll grab a sandwich and join us as Cristin DeRonja, Executive Director of SAFEchild, shares their mission to prevent child abuse and educate and strengthen families in Wake County.

## TUESDAY | MARCH 9

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

## WEDNESDAY | MARCH 10

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

**Boxed Dinners to Go**  
**Pick-up between 5:00-6:30 p.m.**  
**McDonald Lane**  
Don't forget if you ordered Beef Stroganoff over Egg Noodles, today is the day to pick-up. Your host for the evening will be God Talk.

## THURSDAY | MARCH 11

**Keenagers**  
10:00 a.m. | Zoom  
Social Connection Time  
Please contact Tonya Higgins at [thiggins@whitememorial.org](mailto:thiggins@whitememorial.org) to receive Zoom link.

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## SAVE THE DATES

**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday | March 21 | 12:15 p.m.**  
**Zoom | Registration required**  
All church members are invited to join us Sunday, March 21 at 12:15 p.m. for our Annual Congregational Meeting. You may register at [www.whitememorial.org/register](http://www.whitememorial.org/register).

**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, and 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.

**Vacation Bible School**  
**August 2-6, 2021**  
**[Registration Open!](#)**  
Registration for children of members 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! Questions? Contact Lynn Springfield at [lspringfield@whitememorial.org](mailto:lspringfield@whitememorial.org) or Jennifer Eastman at [jeastman@whitememorial.org](mailto:jeastman@whitememorial.org). Early Bird Registration is \$20 and runs through March 31, 2021.

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