

WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

May 9, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter
Live Streaming and In Person Worship
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Christopher Edmonston, Pastor
Gloria Johnson, Associate Pastor for Outreach
Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident
Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music
Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music
Members of the Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Vision
Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 98)

One: Sing to the Lord a new song - for God does marvelous things.

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous singing.

One: Today is a day of worship and praise. Let us worship the God who judges the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess our sin. We too often trade joy for despair.
We lose sight of the daily blessings you provide.
We emphasize our losses at the cost of our gains.
We remember our grudges with greater energy than we remember our
friendships. Wake us from the fallacy of our faults.
Place us on the pathway of joy where we might know Jesus
fully and celebrate his blessings.
In the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit,
hear this our prayer of confession. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: And also with you

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(8:00) **Lalita Louise Hare**, child of Alat and Ransom Hare
(11:00) **John Boyd Davis V**, child of Anderson and Boyd Davis
Henry Presnell Hyde, child of Gretchen and John Hyde

NEW TESTAMENT

1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God,
and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.

²By this we know that we love the children of God,
when we love God and obey his commandments.

³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments.
And his commandments are not burdensome,

⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world.

And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one
who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood,
Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood.
And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 98

¹O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

²The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

⁹at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

SERMON

“Cause for Joy”

MUSICAL OFFERING

God's Right Hand and Holy Arm

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

(11:00) **ADULT BAPTISM**

Azra Medic Mineo

(11:00) **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

Join us as we welcome our new members:

Peggy and Evan Anderson, Martha and AJ Hice, Amy and Parker Jones,
Kristine and John Lane, Jessica Ledford, Sara and Taylor Martin,
Azra Mineo, Linda and Joe Moore, Andrew Pinto,
Blair and Jon Stanley, and Anna and Ben Suttle

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

Mother's Day Offering

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Study Catechism)

How do you live for the love of God?

I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Prelude in A Major; BWV 536

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Paige, Ken, Amelia and Cece Marsh, on the death of Paige's aunt,
Elizabeth Parker Wynn, April 29, Kinston, NC.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN

John Bryan Stilley IV, born April 27, child of Sterling and John Stilley,
grandchild of Carol and Richard Battle.

WEDDING

Anna Gaither Morrison and Horton Redhage, May 1, Beaufort, NC.
Anna is the daughter of Betsy and Tom Morrison.

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The flowers in the chancel today are given by Sydnor and Lacy Presnell and Cynthia and Bart White to the glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren who are being baptized today:

John Boyd Davis V “Jack,” grandchild of Cynthia and Bart,
and Henry Presnell Hyde, grandchild of Sydnor and Lacy.

These flowers are also given in loving memory of
Henry’s paternal grandmother, Anne Flynn Hyde,
and in honor of all mothers on Mother’s Day.

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Music included in today’s service:

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611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re - flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan.

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

What's happening this week at WMPC

MONDAY | MAY 10

Presbyterian Women Virtual Fellowship Program

Noon | Live Stream and FB Live | Main Hall

We hope you'll grab a sandwich and join us for this month's Virtual Fellowship Luncheon as we present the 2021-2022 Honorary Life recipients and install the new PW officers for 2021-2022.

TUESDAY | MAY 11

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

Bent But Not Broken: Moving Forward Post-COVID

7:00 p.m. | Zoom Webinar

[Registration Required](#)

In honor of May being national Mental Health Month, Annie Schmidt, Executive Director of NAMI Wake County will give a webinar presentation on the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on mental health. She will talk about how resilience helps us to survive and thrive through difficult times, and focus on how we can begin to move forward with all that we've learned as COVID becomes less of a threat. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. This event is brought to you by WMPC Mental Health and Wellness Ministry.

WEDNESDAY | MAY 12

Boxed Dinners to Go

Pick-up between 5:00-6:30 p.m.

McDonald Lane

Don't forget if you ordered a boxed dinner to go, today is the day to pick-up your BBQ Chicken Quarters, Broccoli Casserole, Corn, Rolls, and Dessert!

THURSDAY | MAY 13

Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom

Join us for Social Connection Time!

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

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SAVE THE DATES

Dr. Brian Blount - Theologian in Residence Belonging to the Lord

Saturday | May 22 | 9:00 a.m. - noon
Main Hall and Zoom

Sunday | May 23

Preaching 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Teaching 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Please join us for two special days in May as we begin celebrations of our 75th anniversary year. You are invited to attend these events in person or you can join via Zoom with registration.

[Register to receive your Zoom link for Saturday, May 22.](#)

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HELP WANTED

VBS Teachers and Helpers!

We invite adults of any age to join our fun Vacation Bible School on the mornings of August 2- 6! We're making plans to follow all safety protocols while offering a fun, memorable week of growing in faith! Would you enjoy serving in some way that week? We especially need Pre/K teachers, caregivers in the nursery, and leaders and helpers for Art and Science. We'll provide all the plans and supplies, as well as childcare for younger children. We could also use some behind-the-scenes helpers to set up and clean up. If you would be willing to serve or have any questions, please contact Olivia Edwards at oliviabedwards@yahoo.com, Emy Hanson at emyhanson@gmail.com, or Lynn Springfield at lspringfield@whitememorial.org.

A/V Volunteers Needed!

Have you ever wanted to learn video, sound or lighting? Join our A/V team and help us stream worship services at 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. We're looking for volunteers for sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 worship services. Experienced? Great. No Experience. No problem. We'll train. High schoolers are welcome to explore this opportunity. Check with your school to see if this qualifies for service hours. Contact Parker Gagnier at pgagnier@whitememorial.org for more information.

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