

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 23, 2021

Day of Pentecost | 75th Anniversary Celebration
Live Streaming and In Person Worship
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.



Dr. Brian Blount, Theologian in Residence;
President, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Christopher Edmonston, Pastor
Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for
Discipleship and Adult Faith Formation
Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music
Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music
Van Zimmerman, Mark Beamish; trumpets
(8:00) *Aimée White*, alto; *Brian White*, tenor
(11:00) *Jeanine Wagner*, soprano

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

My Spirit Be Joyful from *Cantata 146*
J. S. Bach, arr. E. P. Biggs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With joy in our hearts we celebrate this day of Pentecost.

All: With joy in our hearts we say, “Come Holy Spirit.”

One: With a spirit of thanksgiving we praise God for 75 years of ministry at White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

All: We pray for God’s blessings, God’s guidance, and God’s provision as we faithfully worship, embrace and serve together this day and in all the years to come.

HYMN 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the name of God, we make this our prayer: both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit call the church to dream dreams, have bold visions, and witness to the wonder of God’s grace. Too frequently we dream little, vision less, and fail to witness as we bow to the idols of low expectations. This Pentecost may our commitment be renewed and may our faith be restored. Giving thanks for the gift of mercy, focus our eyes upon the miracles of plenty that Jesus provides to each of us and to the world. Forgive our sin, and renew our lives for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:1-4

¹When the day of Pentecost had come,
they were all together in one place.

²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound
like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled
the entire house where they were sitting.

³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,
and a tongue rested on each of them.

⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other languages,
as the Spirit gave them ability.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.

²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him,
“They have no wine.”

⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me?
My hour has not yet come.”

⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the
Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.”

And they filled them up to the brim.

⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.”
So they took it.

⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine,
and did not know where it came from

(though the servants who had drawn the water knew),
the steward called the bridegroom

¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first,
and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk.

But you have kept the good wine until now.”

¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee,
and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON

“Miracle of Plenty”

HYMN 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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

Pentecost Offering

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from “*A Brief Statement of Faith*”)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

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JOYS & CONCERNS

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Elizabeth Daniels Watkins, born May 4,
child of Caki and Andrew Watkins.

Ann Tennant Olls, born May 17,
child of Courtney and Adam Olls.

WEDDING

Lacy Chowning Towles and William Hodges Tulloss,
May 15, WMPC. Lacy is the daughter of Kim and John Towles.

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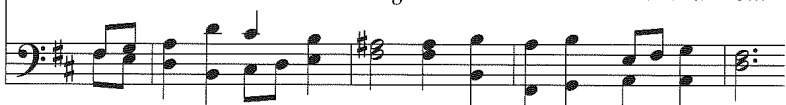
289 On Pentecost They Gathered



1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.



This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day. our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

What's happening this week at WMPC

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend)

Sunday | May 30

Combined Holiday Worship Service

8:30 a.m. - Main Hall | 10:30 a.m. - Main Hall

June 6, 13, 20 & 27

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. - Main Hall | OnPoint @1704

SUNDAY | MAY 23

**Meaning as Millennials | End of Year Picnic
After 11:00 am Worship**

Carol Copeland Courtyard

If you have questions or would like to learn more about Meaning as Millennials, please contact Pastoral Resident Anne Galliher at agalliher@whitememorial.org.

MONDAY | MAY 24

T'ai Chi

5:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall

T'ai Chi is a gentle art that is physically rewarding and mentally stimulating, and brings a feeling of well-being, as well as relaxation, improved balance and coordination. For more information, contact Honey Music at honeyjmusic@gmail.com.

TUESDAY | MAY 25

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

WEDNESDAY | MAY 26

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!

THURSDAY | MAY 27

Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom

Join us for Social Connection Time with a Group Gathering at North Hills Park picnic shelter. More information to follow. Please contact Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org with questions.

HELP WANTED

Snacks for VBS Children and Helpers

Our Vacation Bible School children, youth, and adults appreciate having their bodies and spirits fed with snacks during our fun week of growing in faith! This summer instead of providing homemade goodies or fresh fruit, we will be providing purchased, individually packaged treats in adherence to safety protocols. We invite our church family to join in by purchasing items from our snack menu and delivering them the week before VBS. [If you would like to help in this way, please sign up here.](#) Information about dropping off the snacks is given on the sign-up. Please contact Betsy Green at bggreenjd@gmail.com if you have questions.

VBS Youth Helpers

Middle and high school youth, join us August 2- 6 for a fun week of growing in faith with our younger church while earning community service hours! Most youth helpers are needed from 9:15 a.m. to noon, with some needed at 8:30 a.m. for early arrival and for the nursery. Please contact Ashley Silverman at silverman.ashley@gmail.com.

The Weekday School is Hiring!

We are looking for lead and assistant teachers to work between two and five mornings each week during the 2021-2022 school year. If you love children and want to work in a fun, exciting community, please contact Cynthia Baggett at cbaggett@whitememorial.org.

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