

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



July 11, 2021
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Live Streaming and In Person Worship
8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor
for Discipleship and Adult Faith Formation
Gloria Johnson, Associate Pastor for Outreach
David Kim, WMPC Duke Divinity Summer Intern
Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music
Timothy W. Sparks, tenor

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1873-1958)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who have been filled with food and joy,

All: here we will find humility and focus.

One: Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens,

All: here we will find rest.

One: Come, all who are injured and weighed down by yesterday,

All: here we will find hope.

One: For the mercy of God is sure,

All: and Christ's peace will fill our hearts forever.

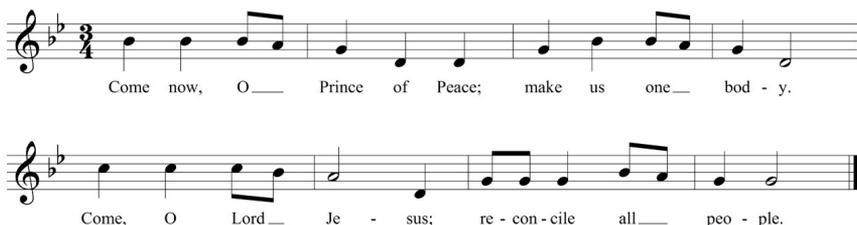
HYMN 364

Lift Up the Gates Eternal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth and justice, we know that being faithful to you often means disturbing “the way things are.” But we confess our reluctance to live that out. We long to live your love, yet we often fall short. Sometimes confusion reigns inside us despite our faith. Anger, pride, bitterness, and envy distort our vision. Our minds sometimes worry small things all out of proportion. We forget who we are, and we forget whose we are. Forgive us, Lord. We trust you are able to change us and that you long to make our hearts your home. So pour out your mercy and courage upon us. Help us do what we proclaim, and lead us on your path of truth and righteousness. Amen.

RESPONSE TO CONFESSION



Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

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

(10:30) **Kennedy Kathryn Black**, child of Julia and Stephen Black
Julia Anne Phoenix, child of Kelly and Bob Phoenix

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 24

¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

²for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

³Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

⁵They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

⁶Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known.
Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead;
and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said,
"It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said,
"John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him,
and put him in prison on account of Herodias,
his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.

¹⁸For John had been telling Herod,
"It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him.
But she could not,

²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man,
and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed;
and yet he liked to listen to him.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday
gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced,
she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl,
"Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it."

²³And he solemnly swore to her,
"Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

²⁴She went out and said to her mother,
"What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."

²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested,
"I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths
and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard
with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,

²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl.
Then the girl gave it to her mother.
²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body,
and laid it in a tomb.

SERMON

"When No Good News is Actually Great News"

MUSICAL OFFERING

God Understands

R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Humanity is free to seek its life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use one's creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)

JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Faye Nye Ostrom – June 10, 2021

William James "Jim" Monroe, Jr. – June 30, 2021

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Wade, Kelly, Jackson and Elizabeth Monroe,

on the death of Wade's uncle, Emery Dameron,

June 26, Birmingham, AL.

Staff member, Alex Guevara, on the death of his mother,

Juanita T. Guevara, July 1, Ft. Wayne, IN.

Carl and Susan Hibbert, Carl Hibbert Jr., and Madeleine Roberts,

on the death of Carl's brother, George

Wilfrid Hibbert III, July 7, Atlanta, GA.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN

Caroline Shek Bowman, born July 4,

child of Marianne and Andrew Bowman,

grandchild of Daryl and Susan Bowman.

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364 Lift Up the Gates Eternal

(Psalm 24)

Refrain Em A

Lift up the gates e - ter - nal; lift up your voic - es;

Em Bm C D Em *Fine*

the King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.

G C G D7 G C

- 1 See, all the earth is God's, its peo - ple and na - tions;
- 2 Who can go up this moun - tain, who stand in prais - ing?
- 3 Come, lift your voic - es high; be lift - ed to glo - ry;
- 4 Who is this glo - rious one, for whom we are wait - ing?
- 5 Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tow - er;
- 6 Who is this King of glo - ry of whom we're sing - ing?

G Cmaj7 D7 G

God built it on the deeps and laid its foun - da - tions.
 Those who are pure, who come with clean hands up - rais - ing. (R)
 the Lord our God ap - proach - es; come, shout the sto - ry.
 We wait the might - y Lord, our God cel - e - brat - ing. (R)
 the King of glo - ry comes in full might and pow - er.
 Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the vic - tory is bring - ing. (R)

Gradually increasing tempo can heighten the sense of joy and power in this psalm.

This engaging paraphrase of Psalm 24 gains much of its energy from the Israeli folk song for which it was written. This territorial connection adds another dimension to a many-layered text that speaks both to the themes of Advent and to those of Christ's entry into Jerusalem.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

What's happening this week at WMPC

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE (Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend)

Sunday, July 11, 18 & 25
August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. | Main Hall

MONDAY | JULY 12

T'ai Chi for Exercise

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. Classes are on Mondays from 5:30- 6:30 p.m. in Pickard Hall. Classes will run every Monday (except August 2, and August 16) through the summer. Social distancing will be observed. For more information, contact Honey Music at honeyjmusic@gmail.com.

TUESDAY | JULY 13

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

7:30 a.m. | Zoom

[Registration required](#)

THURSDAY | JULY 15

Keenagers

11:30 | Relish

Keenagers will share a meal at Relish on Creedmoor Road at 11:30 a.m. Come and join us. Please let Mary Ann Turner, maturner2.mat@gmail.com know if you plan to attend.

SATURDAY | JULY 17

Oberlin Cemetery Clean-Up

9:00 a.m. - noon | Oberlin Cemetery

Join the Friends of Oberlin Village and the Community Service Committee of WMPC for a clean-up day at the Oberlin Cemetery on Saturday, July 17 from 9:00 a.m.-noon rain or shine. The cemetery is located behind the Interact Building at 1014 Oberlin Road. If you have a weed-eater to bring that will be helpful. Light refreshments and water provided. This is a great opportunity for youth to gain community service hours as well. For more information contact Cam Lewis, clewis153@nc.rr.com.

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.

Major Mission 2021: TLC (Tammy Lynn Center)

We are excited to be supporting TLC through our Major Mission program for 2021. Over the course of the next few months, you'll be hearing more about TLC and their goals for the future. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 for TLC. Please support this year's Major Mission. Your generosity can help families right here in our neighborhood! [Gifts can be made online or by check.](#)