

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Live Streaming and In Person Worship

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Jim Ferry, Parish Associate

Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry

Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and
Adult Faith Formation

Kelly Gold, Director of Children's and Youth Music

Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music

Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music

Sydney Coll, soprano

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue No. 21 in Bb Major
from *Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I*
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

All: Everything old has passed away; see everything has become new.

One: Let us worship God.

HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
it has been a time of loss.**

So many have lost jobs and lost self-esteem.
Too many have missed graduations and birthday parties,
missed grandparent hugs, and friendship gatherings.
We have lost hundreds of thousands to COVID,
and we have grieved alone.
We have lost our nerve.
We have come to doubt the future,
found it hard some days to even keep on trusting You.
Have mercy, Lord God.
Come, O Spirit, into our woundedness and gather us up
that the good of this life will not be lost forever.

(Silent Prayer)

RESPONSE TO CONFESSION

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

Come, O Lord Jesus; re-con-cile 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) **Camden Lynwood Dunn**, child of Kaitlyn and Bradley Dunn

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-10

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?"
I answered, "O Lord God, you know."

⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them:
O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones:
I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you,
and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live;
and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied,
suddenly there was a noise, a rattling,
and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them,
and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal,
and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds,
O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them,
and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

John 20:24-28; Ephesians 3:14-21

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.”
But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands,
and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side,
I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house,
and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut,
Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands.
Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”

²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.
¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be
strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit,

¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish
abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,

²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

"Precious Scars"

MUSICAL OFFERING

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

arr. Paul Langford (pub. 2014)

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.*

*But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness with a zeal God will not own.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of one's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

*Was there ever kinder shepherd, half so gentle, half so sweet,
as the Savior who would have us come and gather at his feet?
If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word;
and our lives would be more loving in the likeness of our Lord.*

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 our reach. Human thought
ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.**

**But God reveals his 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 women and men. The power of God's love in Christ to
transform the world discloses that the Redeemer and Creator
made all things to serve the purpose of his love.**

**Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope and
preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.
With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks
and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the
kingdom of God on earth nor does it despair in the face of disappointment
and defeat. In steadfast hope the church looks beyond all partial
achievement to the final triumph of God.**

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

HYMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

W.H. Pachelbel (1686-1764)

JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Louise “Lou” Moore Bryan – July 20, 2021

WMPC family members: husband, Charlie Bryan; and son, daughter-in-law and grandson, Bill, Andrea and William Bryan.

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Christopher, Colleen, Patrick, Gabe and Amelia Edmonston,

on the death of Christopher’s grandmother,

Ruby G. Argrave Edmonston, July 18, Gonzales, LA.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mary and Jack Clayton on the birth of grandchild, Mary Katherine Clayton, born June 3, to Katie and Zach Clayton, Raleigh, NC.

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sanford “Sam” Webb Thompson III, by his wife Nancy, and their children. Sam would have celebrated his birthday on July 27th.

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Music included in today’s service:

Prelude and Fugue No. 21 in Bb Major from *Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I;*

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645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al - might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be



heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,



mur - mur stilled:
 all is right:
 cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 take your part:



Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

What's happening this week at WMPC

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

Sunday, July 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 26

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. For more information, contact Honey Music at honeymusic@gmail.com.

TUESDAY | JULY 27

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

7:30 a.m. | In-person or Zoom

Registration is required for either

WEDNESDAY | JULY 28

Youth Summer Jam

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Carol Copeland Courtyard

The Youth Music Team invites rising 6th-12th graders to sing and play instruments in the courtyard. Bring your own chair and instrument if you play one. We will move into Pickard Hall in case of rain. Masks optional for outdoors, required for Pickard Hall. Register online! Please contact Kelly Gold with any questions at kgold@whitememorial.org.

SAVE THE DATES

Healing Through Grief

Tuesdays | August 3-31

7:00 -8:30 p.m. | Zoom | Registration required

Whether you have suffered the recent loss of a loved one or are struggling with a loss in the past, you are invited to come together in August for a series of five sessions to help you along your journey of grief. This class is led by Associate Pastor Cate Church Norman and Parish Associate Jim Ferry.

MORE presents the Summer Challenge

Building upon the *21 Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge*, the MORE (Ministry of Racial Equity) Ministry Team has compiled a list of resources for you to dive into over the summer. We hope you'll enjoy and share these books, movies and podcasts. You can find a complete list of resources on our website: www.whitememorial.org.

Vacation Bible School 2022

It's not too soon to mark your calendar for VBS 2022! June 13- 17, 2022

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! 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.

Major Mission 2021: TLC (Tammy Lynn Center)

We are excited to be supporting TLC through our Major Mission program for 2021. Your generosity can help families right here in our neighborhood! [Gifts can be made online or by check.](#)

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