

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



August 8, 2021

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Live Streaming and In Person Worship

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

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Members of the Adult Choirs

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Prelude VIII, Book I

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: Jesus will give us rest.

One: Come, take what is offered to you here: love, forgiveness, and grace,

All: Christ will give us peace.

One: Come, let us worship God together, and let us be transformed.

**All: Let us follow our Shepherd, who leads us into life and promises
rest for our souls.**

HYMN 30

O God, in a Mysterious Way

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the spaces between us and
God of the fractures within us,
In the gap between what is and what should be,
there is room for much empathy and learning.
There are truths we don't yet see,
but could come to understand
if we cared enough to ask—
if we paused for a moment to imagine the reality of others;
if we showed up with the courage
and the willingness to change.
May we enter that space knowing well
you are there and are waiting patiently for us to
join you in your holy work of re-creation.
Where we have abused your good and gracious
gifts of imagination and intellect,
reason and freedom—Lord, have mercy upon us.
Heal us and forgive us, and feed us
with the sustenance of your presence.
Set us free from our desires to control outcomes,
to control people, and to try and control you —
that instead, we might be freed for loving and following you.

A brief period of silence is reserved for personal 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

RESPONSE



May the peace of Christ be with you. May the love of God dwell deep in your heart. May the



Spir - it en-light - en your way. May you walk in the com-fort of God's care.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

²Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

³If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

⁴But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will
never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said,
“I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph,
whose father and mother we know? How can he now say,
‘I have come down from heaven’?”

⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves.

⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me;
and I will raise that person up on the last day.

⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’
Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.

⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God;
he has seen the Father.

⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

⁴⁸I am the bread of life.

⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that one may eat of it and not die.

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Whoever eats of this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

SERMON

"Control Issues: Who's With Me?"

MUSICAL OFFERING

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.*

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 *Belonging to God: A First Catechism, PC(USA) 1998*)

Who are you? I am a child of God.

What does it mean to be a child of God? That I belong to God, who loves me.

What makes you a child of God? Grace: God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Don't you have to be good for God to love you? No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

Why do we pray "Give us today our daily bread"? Because all good things come from God. Even in our most ordinary needs, God cares for us completely.

Why does our prayer end with "Amen"? "Amen" means "so be it" or "let it be so." It expresses our complete confidence in God, who makes no promise that will not be kept and whose love endures forever.

HYMN 714

God of the Fertile Fields

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Maestoso

John Williams (b. 1932)

JOYS & CONCERNS

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Harrison James Hall, born May 14, child of Lila and Kevin Hall,
grandchild of Meredith and Philip Miller.

Henry Grant Davis, born July 19, child of Allison and Ben Davis.

Campbell Holden Hunt, born July 31, child of Dalton and Brandon Hunt,
grandchild of Fran Carruthers.

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Music included in today's service:

Prelude VIII, Book I (...la fille aux cheveux de lin); Claude Debussy
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30 O God, in a Mysterious Way

1 O God, in a mys - te - rious way great won - ders you per - form.
2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill,
3 O fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take. The clouds you so much dread
4 Our un - be - lief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.

You plant your foot - steps in the sea and ride up - on the storm.
you trea - sure up your bright de - signs and work your sov - ereign will.
are big with mer - cy and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
You are your own in - ter - pret - er, and you will make it plain.

This classic text gains renewed energy and focus from its recasting here: despite our fear and confusion, we can trust that God's providential purposes will eventually be revealed. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned to a specific hymn.

God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

What's happening this week at WMPC

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

Sunday, August 8, 15, 22 and 29
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. | Main Hall

MONDAY | AUGUST 9

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 | AUGUST 10

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

[Registration is required for either.](#)

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.

Church wide Summer Collection for August

The collections for August will be pet food which will go to the SPCA (who supplies Meals on Wheels with pet food) and school supplies which will go to various agencies that work with school age children. Drop off pet food and/or school supplies in the red bins outside of the Witherspoon building.

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.](#)

SAVE THE DATES

Kickoff Sunday

Sunday | September 12

WMPC 75th Anniversary Celebration & Dedication of the Edinburgh Building Sunday | September 19

Join us for BBQ, live music, games, children's activities, fellowship and much more as we celebrate our 75th anniversary and dedicate the Edinburgh Building. RSVP is required. whitememorial.org/register.

Cancer Companions

Sunday | September 12 - November 14
4:30-6:00 p.m.

This support group uses Cancer Companions devotionals, videos and Bible lessons to explore how we can draw closer to God as we go through difficult times.

Vacation Bible School 2022

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

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