

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Live Streaming and In Person Worship

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

Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry

Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Jim Ferry, Parish Associate

(8:30) *Brian and Aimee White, Louise McCoy*;

(10:30) *Wyatt Gold, McKay Brackett*

Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music

Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music

Members of the WMPC Youth and Adult Choirs

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata in f minor, Op. 2 No. 1

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, to whom shall we go?

All: You have the words of eternal life!

One: You are like the sun.

All: You treat us with kindness and with honor.

One: Help us now to hear and obey what you say to us today.

All: And let us worship the Lord our God!

HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have called us to be a new community in Christ, and yet we remain divided. We confess our dislike towards those whose actions bewilder us, whose sorrow burdens us, or whose good fortune somehow detracts from our lives. Our compassion is limited to those like ourselves, and our kindness is reserved for those kind to us. Strengthen our common bonds and deepen our resolve to promote unity of your church.

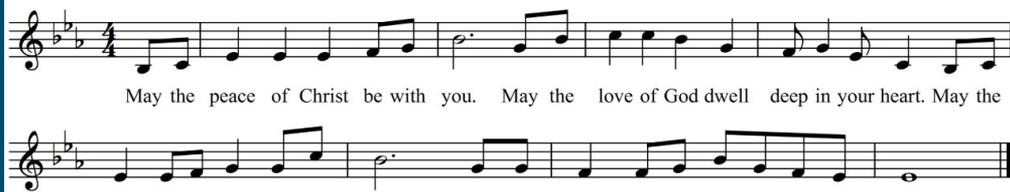
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 84

¹How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

²My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

⁹Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 6:56-69

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father,
so whoever eats me will live because of me.

⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your
ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said,

“This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?”

⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it,
said to them, “Does this offend you?”

⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man
ascending to where he was before?

⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless.

The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.”

For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe,
and who was the one that would betray him.

⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one
can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back
and no longer went about with him.

⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?”

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

SERMON

“A Very Strange Calling”

MUSICAL OFFERING

Lord, for thy Tender Mercy's Sake

John Hilton (d. 1608)

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge;
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in an upright heart before thee this day and evermore.*

Amen.

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 A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
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!"
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or
in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

HYMN 402

How Lovely, Lord

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

*Allegro assai from Piano Concerto No. 23 in A Major, K. 488
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*

JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Mark Allen Bond – August 18, 2021

WMPC family members: wife, Barbara Bond
and children Allen and Elizabeth Bond.

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Bo, Elizabeth, Jack and Kate Dempster, on the death of Bo's father,
Joseph B. Dempster, August 12, Winston Salem, NC.

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Music included in today's service:

Adagio from *Sonata in f minor, Op. 2 No. 1*; Ludwig van Beethoven
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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27 / Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

GATHERING

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How Lovely, Lord

(Psalm 84)



1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

The author of this text, a Presbyterian minister and educator, was humming this tune as he began to create a paraphrase of Psalm 84 that would emphasize the beauty and peace of God's house. The tune is named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.

TEXT: Arlo D. Duba, 1984

MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983

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MERLE'S TUNE

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What's happening this week at WMPC

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

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

MONDAY | AUGUST 23

Pickleball at WMPC!

**Mondays (2-4 p.m.) &
Wednesdays (6-8 p.m.)**

Pickard Hall

Fun, social and friendly. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn. Whether you are new to the game or an experienced player, come join the fun! Paddles and balls are available for use. Pickleball is played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes and combines many of the elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. This is fun for all ages and skill levels and can be played as doubles or singles. No open play on September 6 & 8. [Click here to learn more about Pickleball.](#)

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 honeyjmusic@gmail.com.

TUESDAY | AUGUST 24

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
7:30 a.m. | In-person or Zoom**
[Registration is required for either.](#)

Churchwide 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.

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

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.](#)

WMPC Chair Campaign Edinburgh Building

As we conclude the Imagine Campaign, we invite you to purchase a chair in honor of or in memory of someone. This is an excellent opportunity to participate in the Imagine Campaign. Chairs may be purchased for \$500 each: www.whitememorial.org/register

SAVE THE DATES

Kickoff Sunday

Sunday | September 12

Worship times

Sanctuary 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

OnPoint@1704 in the Main Hall 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for children and adults: 9:30 a.m.

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

after 11:00 a.m. worship

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. | Zoom

[Registration required](#)

This class 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