

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



August 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Live Streaming and In Person Worship

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

Judy Yates Siker, Parish Associate

Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident

Christopher Edmonston, Pastor

Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music

Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music

Members of the Adult Choirs

Timothy Sparks, tenor

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Simple Song from *Mass*

Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)

Sing God a simple song: Laude, Laude

Make it up as you go along: Laude, Laude

Sing like you like to sing, God loves all simple things,

For God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song...

With praises, with blessings, to bless the Lord.

I will sing God's praises while I live

All of my days.

Blessed is the one who loves the Lord,

Blessed is the one who praises God, Lauda, Lauda, Laude

And walks in God's ways.

I will lift up my eyes

To the hills from whence comes my help.

I will lift up voice to the Lord

*Singing Lauda, Laude,
For the Lord is my shade,
Is the shade upon my right hand,
And the sun shall not smite me by day
Nor the moon by night.*

*Blessed is the one who loves the Lord,
Lauda, Lauda, Laude,
And walks in God's ways.*

*Lauda, Lauda, Laude,
Lauda lauda di da di day...
All of my days.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Creator of the world, eternal God,

All: We come from many places for a little while.

One: Redeemer of humanity, God with us,

All: We come with all our differences seeking common ground in you.

One: Spirit of unity, sustaining God,

All: Let us take time together now to share and celebrate and worship.

HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Holy One, we come quietly before you and open our hearts to you, hearts that long to love you as you love us, hearts that long to love one another as you have taught us to love. In our quiet moments of reflection, we admit that our intentions to be your faithful ones do not always guide our actions. We confess that we allow outside pressures and ideas to define our actions rather than be led by your spirit into the truth.

Forgive our misjudgments; strengthen our resolve, that we might speak and act and live and love according to your will.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(10:30) **Camille Durham Nelms**, child of Samantha and Frank Nelms

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say,

“Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!”

⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him?

⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him,

²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them,

“Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,

²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

SERMON

“The Heart of the Matter”

MUSICAL OFFERING

Almighty Father from Mass
Bernstein

*Almighty Father, incline Thine ear;
Bless us and all those who have gathered here.
Thine angel send us who shall defend us all.
And fill with grace all who dwell in this place.
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
Fifth Sunday Hunger Offering

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
(The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 744
Arise, Your Light Is Come!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE
Prelude in C Major
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Margaret Cathey Milliken – August 18, 2021
WMPC family members: daughter and son-in-law,
Jeanne Milliken Bonds and Bob Bonds.

Ann Elizabeth LeSturgeon Harris – August 19, 2021
WMPC family member: husband, Jack Harris.

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.

Julie, Marc, Mary Mac and Elizabeth Lyons, on the death of Julie's mother,
June Miller Land, August 7, Kannapolis, NC.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN

Thea Douglas Hadley, born August 19, child of Meghan and Ben Hadley,
grandchild of Tricia and Scott Hadley,
great-grandchild of Douglas Jamerson.

WEDDINGS

Lee Miller Clark and Ellis Edwards Minton,
August 21, The Beaufort Hotel, Beaufort, NC.
Ward is the son of Gina and Wes Minton.
Lee is the granddaughter of Stacy Miller.

George Henderson Goodwin and Sarah Mills Sullivan,
August 21, The Merrimon-Wynne House, Raleigh, NC.
George is the son of Bettie Goodwin.

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Helen Sealy Kiser, by her children.
The service of Witness to the Resurrection was held yesterday.

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Music included in today's service:

Simple Song from *Mass*; Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990);

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



- 1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.



Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

What's happening this week at WMPC

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

Sunday, August 29

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

10:30 a.m. | Main Hall

COMBINED HOLIDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, September 5

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

MONDAY | AUGUST 30

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! This is fun for all ages and skill levels and can be played as doubles or singles. No open play on September 6 & 8.

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 31

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

[Registration is required for either.](#)

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 1

Clothing Closet Open

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | W100

You can drop off clean and gently used clothing, socks, shoes and handbags. The clothing is picked up by our partner agencies. They also accept bed linens and towels. Please do not bring housewares or other items as there is no way for them to be distributed. And, please do not drop off items at other times as there is no one to accept them.

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

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