



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

Reformation Sunday October 31, 2021 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Greeting Kirsten Homdrom

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us prepare for worship.

Preparation for Worship

O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude - *Little Prelude in C Major*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Anne Galliher

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor and include all requested information.

Minute for Generosity

(8:00) William Silverman; (9:30) Chester Allen; (11:00) Vic Bell

Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 46 and 65)

One: From where does our help come?

All: God is our refuge and strength. Help for every kind of trouble.

One: Take heart! Be still and know that the Lord is God.

All: The God of salvation has promised grace, mercy, hope, and deliverance.

One: The whole earth sings with joy - joy to the God of our past and our future. Let us worship with the hopes of our hearts and lives.

*Hymn 711 – Lord of All Good

TOULON

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Our errors are too many to number. Our regrets are too abundant to remember. We have turned our ears away from the call to righteousness. Hear our confession, God of mercy. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, extend your grace to us and renew us for lives of service and celebration. Help us to live like we have good news to share and a gospel to proclaim. Renew our thinking and our minds that we might be ambassadors of your love, hope, and grace. In the name of the Trinity, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

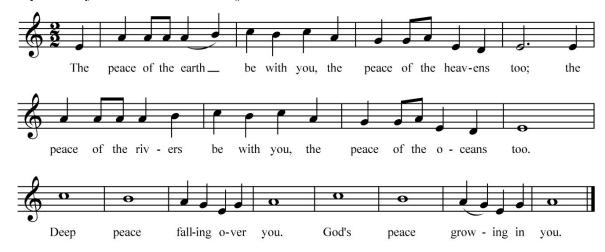
One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Today is Reformation Sunday. Our church is part of the Presbyterian Church (USA), which is a member of the larger Reformed Church tradition. We date our origins to the early 16th century. In the United States, most Presbyterian congregations locate their origins in the Church of Scotland (which is why our newest building is named the Edinburgh Building).

Our Reformed ancestors employed the Psalms as a "worship book" to lead them in liturgy and song. This is the reason why many weeks we use the words of a Psalm as our Call to Worship.

Confession is part of our worship each week. One of the hallmarks of our theological tradition is the admission of our shortcomings when compared to the majesty of God. God alone is sovereign. God alone can claim perfection. As Romans 3:23 says: "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."



WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(8:00) **AnnaLee Haines Viohl,** child of Randi and Rob Viohl (11:00) **Evelyn Lenox Doak,** child of Ally and John Doak

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 146; pew Bible, p. 549

(11:00) Anthem – In Faith I Calmly Rest

Bach

WMPC Adult Choir

In faith I calmly rest, and put my trust in God, Although oft sore opprest with anxious care and dread; His friendship my reward, in him my joy I find; He keepeth watch and ward over me and over my house.

Therefore I thank my God, and joy to do His will; I know, whatever befall, His love doth lead me still. So, like a little child who clasps his father's hand, Serene I take my way, in faith untroubled stand.

Great peace they surely have who in the Lord confide, Who cast on Him all care, and in His love abide.

This simple Bach chorale was used on Reformation Sunday October 24, 1948

New Testament Lesson - Mark 12:28-34; pew Bible, p. 46

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(11:00) A Time With Young Disciples

At the 11:00 service, Kindergartners through 2nd Graders will meet with Eliza Sloop at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by Kristen Sloop from the OnPoint service for Worship Enrichment in L201.

Sermon – "Taking the Test of Love"

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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*Hymn 203 – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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For early Presbyterians, the sermon was at the heart of worship services. John Calvin, one of our founders once said, "The true church is one where the word of God is surely preached and the sacraments rightly administered"

In the 21st century, most Reformed Christians live in Asia and Africa. This hymn is reminder of our connection to them. If you follow the text closely, you will see that its words are part prayer to Jesus and part a reminder of the call to serve those in need around us.

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Responding in Faith – Fifth Sunday Hunger Offering

Musical Offering

(8:00) Come, Ye Blessed

John Prindle Scott (1877-1932)

GREAT COMMANDMENT

Jeanine Wagner, soprano; Margaret Simmons, piano

Then, then shall the King Say unto them upon his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, *Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.* I was anhungered, and ye gave me meat; I was athirst, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ve clothed me: I was sick, sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Therefore, come, ye blessed of my Father, *Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.* Come, ve blessed of my Father, come, come, come.

(9:30 & 11:00) The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) WMPC Adult Choir; Alan Menius, Van Zimmerman, Renee Todd; trumpets

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, Come ve before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know; is God indeed, Without our aid he did us make; We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore, From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

This piece was used at the 25th anniversary celebration service on October 10, 1971

*Offertory Response Hymn 62 – Love the Lord Your God

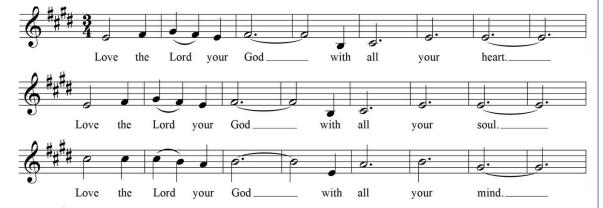
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This monument known as the Reformation Wall is on the grounds of the University of Geneva which was founded by John Calvin. Geneva was the center of Calvinism during the Reformation. While the larger wall commemorates several reformers, the four central figures pictured here include (l to r) William Farel, John Calvin, Theodore Beza, and John Knox.

Hymn 62 is a musical setting of the great commandment of Jesus found in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Presbyterians have been described as "people of the book," meaning that we use scripture in liturgy and song to shape our theology and worship.

Reformed worship always includes an Affirmation of Faith: a statement of our theological core values and beliefs. In our history we have used catechisms as teaching tools for believers of all ages. Today in our worship we continue this tradition.

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WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

We are glad you are worshiping with us. Visiting? Deacons can be found in the Narthex to offer a friendly greeting, answer questions and provide directions. New members are received after attending Believing & Belonging @WMPC Class. Visit whitememorial.org/join or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206 for details, class dates and registration.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Restrooms are located on the hallway to Jane Bell Gathering Space on the Pulpit side and also on the first floor of the Luther Building.
- Childcare is available for children up to four years old.
- Sunday School is offered at 9:30 for all ages.
- Refreshments Coffee stations are located in The Connector and Main Hall
- The sanctuary has a loop hearing aid system and an FM system.
- Live-streamed services are at whitememorial.org.
- Radio, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: next broadcast is today, October 31.
- Bulletins left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation.



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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AFTER HOURS PASTOR ON CALL: 919-605-4593

Each Sunday, we offer four opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and 11:00 a.m. OnPoint@1704 Edinburgh - Main Hall). While you will notice differences in music, location and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our scripture, liturgy and sermon. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture and Affirmation of Faith.

*Affirmation of Faith (from the Presbyterian Church Study Catechism)

One: What is God's purpose for our lives?

All: God wills that we should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

One: How do we live for the love of God?

All: We love because God first loved us. God loves us in Christ with a love that never ends. We entrust ourselves to God's care: giving thanks each day for the wonderful goodness of God. Amazed by grace, we no longer live for ourselves. We live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death. Therefore, we take those around us to heart, especially those in need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for us.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 275 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*Charge and Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

The worship service ends with the Chiming of the Trinity. Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

Postlude – Allegro from Symphony No. 6 in g minor, Op. 42, No. 2 Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

David Lee Barham - June 21, 2021

Michael Scott Petty Jr. – October 19, 2021

WMPC family members: parents, Amy and Mike Petty, and brother, Campbell Petty; grandparents: Ann and Don Campbell; aunts and their families; Meredith, Philip, Hannon, Ford and Donald Miller, and Lila, Kevin and Harry Hall; and Harris, Randy, Ben, Sussie and Barnes Mason.

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Beth and Eddie Williford, on the death of Beth's father, William Ray Cochrane, October 16, Concord, NC.

Henry, Caroline, Henry and Charlie Carrison, on the death of Henry's father, Henry James Carrison III, October 21, Greensboro, NC.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Georgia Marguerite Worth, born September 10, to Shannon and Bryce Worth, London, England, grandchild of Salli and Randy Worth.

Ayden Jackson Vaglio, born September 17, child of Adriene and Andrew Vaglio, grandchild of Agnes Vaglio.

Flora Elizabeth Daniel, born October 14, child of Clare and Wallace Daniel.

The flowers in the chancel today are the wedding flowers of Rebecca Dean Shavlik and John Christopher Gauss Jr., whose marriage was celebrated yesterday. They are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: Ronald Dean Shavlik, Reca Sanders Hines, John Christopher Gauss Sr., and Kenneth Dexter Randolph; and in honor of Evelyn Lenox Doak, who is being baptized at the 11:00 service today. Becca is the daughter of Barrie and Dean Shavlik.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Please note: The City of Raleigh is working on Oberlin Road between Wade Avenue and Fairview Road for the foreseeable future. You can find a map on our website to help navigate the church campus. Please allow yourself 10 extra minutes before and after programming and services in case there are delays related to new traffic patterns. We will keep you up-to-date on progress so you can prepare and continue to participate in the life of the church with as little inconvenience as possible.

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SUNDAY | OCTOBER 31

Psalm 32:1-8; Luke 19:1-10

Cancer Companions

4:30-6:00 p.m. | Zoom | Registration required.

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 1

Psalm 142; Habakkuk 2:12-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13

Pickleball at WMPC!

2-4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Whether you're new to the game or an experienced player, come join the fun!

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 2

Habakkuk 3:1-16; Jude 1:5-21

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Breakfast Line | 7:00 a.m. | Main Hall Bible Study | 7:30 a.m. | In-person or Zoom Registration required.

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 3

Habakkuk 3:17-19: Luke 19:11-27

Planned Giving Seminar

6:00 p.m. | C204

Planned giving is more than raising money for White Memorial's future needs. It allows church members to establish their own legacy to support the ministries and witness of Jesus Christ. Please join us in learning about the best ways to plan for your future and the future needs of the church on Wednesday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in C204. The WMPC Foundation is hosting this event and registration is required.

Wednesdays Spaghetti Dinner

5-6:30 p.m. | Main Hall-Edinburgh Building
Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship with our
WMPC family. Reservations not required, but if you
prefer you can pay online in advance.

Pickleball at WMPC!

6-8:00p.m. | Pickard Hall

Why not pick up a game (or watch) after Wednesdays Together Dinner?

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 4

Zechariah 1:1-17; Acts 22:22-23:11

Keenagers

10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall & Zoom

Join us this week for "Sharing about United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants" and what WMPC is doing and how you may be able to help presented by Ellen Graden. For Zoom link, please contact Leigh Ann Dailey at ldailey@whitememorial.org.

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 5

Zechariah 6:9-15; Acts 24:10-23

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 6

Haggai 1:1-15a; Luke 20:1-8

SAVE THE DATE

Evensong Worship Service

Sunday | November 7 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary



A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

