



The Service for the Lord's Day Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

> Dedication Sunday November 7, 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

Almighty God, you have chosen us as your own and you give us new life in Christ. Fill us with his spirit of compassion and love, and may his peace always reign in our hearts. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

Prelude – Chant de paix (Song of Peace) Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

This piece was played in 1971, WMPC's 25th Anniversary year.

Christian Welcome and Announcements

(8:00 & 11:00) Chip Pope; (9:30) Andrew Amodei Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor and include all requested information.

Call to Worship

One: Today is a day for worship and song, prayer and sacrament.

All: We raise our voices and hearts to praise the God of creation, love, and mercy.

One: Let us dedicate ourselves to the God of grace.

All: May we share the blessings of God with people all around us.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made. All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn 700 – I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Long ago the prophet Malachi challenged his people — calling them to be generous. That call has also been given to us. Knowing that this was your dream, we confess before you, our God, that we have too frequently failed to follow this path. God of mercy, we confess our sin before you. We lack the day-to-day dedication to follow your Son who says to us, "follow me." Help us to keep vigilant, to maintain our energy, and to offer ourselves and our gifts in devotion to your grace. Help us to find our way back to you, and the love and justice, peace and hope that Jesus calls us to practice and enjoy. Through your Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus Christ, forgive our sin and set us on right paths. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Today is Dedication Sunday, the final Sunday of our generosity-emphasis Sundays. We also share the Lord's Supper today. In the Presbyterian Church, all baptized people from any Christian tradition are invited to share in the sacrament.

This joyful hymn is a song of dedication. All that we possess comes from the heart of God. We live our lives for God, generously sharing our gifts so God can "use" us every day of our lives.

*Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also with you.

*Response Hymn – Draw the Circle Wide

Mark A. Miller





WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(9:30) **Henry Grant Davis**, child of Allison and Ben Davis **Parker Wright Riddick**, child of Elizabeth and Stephen Riddick

(11:00) **Taylor Anne Draper**, child of Anna Honeycutt Nocjar and Matthew Draper **Winslow James Rollins**, child of Lacy and Matt Rollins

Old Testament Lesson – Ruth 3:1-5; pew Bible, p. 231

New Testament Lesson – Mark 12:38-44; 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 – "Blessed to Give"

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

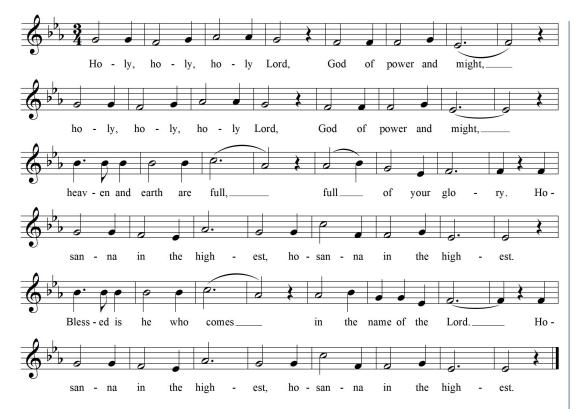
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ...

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

We truly are blessed to be able to give and share. Our generosity is crucial to the health of the church and the world around us. Christians have the opportunity each day to express their gratitude to God through the generosity of our lives.



Words of Institution ... Great is the mystery of faith.



Serving of Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion 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.

Minute for Generosity

(8:00) Peter Williams; (9:30) SuSu Lilly; (11:00) Liz McKee

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

(8:00 & 9:30) Prelude from Suite No. 1 in G Major

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Gloria Johnson

Clara Yang, cello

(11:00) Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

WMPC Youth and Adult Choirs

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, As I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM.

And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly over those waters to the city far away.
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM.

Prayer stands at the center of a Christian's devotional life. This prayer is one of intercession, where we pray for the needs of the world around us.

The charge is a word of inspiration for faith and life in the week ahead. A benediction is a "good word" – a final blessing at the conclusion of worship.

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 November 14.
- 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.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest; And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM!

This piece has been done several times including during the 50th anniversary year.

*Affirmation of Faith

(from The Study Catechism (PCUSA)

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 316 – Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

*Charge and Benediction

*Response Hymn

BEACH SPRING



*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 – Tu Es Petra

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Thomas Badger IV.

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JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

William McConnell Jones, Jr. – October 29, 2021

Cornelia Johnson Vick – October 31, 2021

WMPC family members: daughter and son-in-law, Miller and Bobby Stanley and grandson Jimbo Stanley; and granddaughter Holden Clark and husband John.

WEDDINGS

Rebecca Dean Shavlik and John Christopher Gauss Jr.,

October 30, WMPC. Becca is the daughter of Barrie and Dean Shavlik.

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

The family of former Interim Pastor, **Roland Powell Perdue III**, who died October 29, Austin, TX.

Anne Beaman, on the death of her mother, Peggy Beaman, October 31, Raleigh, NC.

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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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 7

Isaiah 12; Isaiah 65:17-25

Evensong Worship Service

4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 8

Psalm 76; Isaiah 60:17-22; Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Women's Fellowship Luncheon

12-1:00 p.m. | Main Hall

All are invited to attend the Women's Luncheon. Our friend Nadege Gay will be here to provide an update on Haiti Outreach Ministries.

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 9

Isaiah 66:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

Women's Breakfast & Fellowship

7:00-8:00 a.m. | The Hub

Women of all ages are invited to come for a hot breakfast, fellowship, study and prayer. This group studies the PW Bible lesson once a month and on other weeks they study a variety of topics. Hosted by Circle M.

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.

Lectio Divina & Centering Prayer

11:00 a.m. - noon | Zoom

We'll begin with Lectio Divina, a contemplative way to read the Bible, followed by Centering Prayer. You are welcome to come for one or stay for both. Register to receive your Zoom link.

Aging Well

12:30-1:30 p.m. | Zoom

Stories from the Trenches: Practical Advice for Families Caring for Aging Loved Ones. To get your Zoom link, please contact Liisa Ogburn at liisaogburn@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 10

Isaiah 66:14-24; Matthew 23:37-24:14

Wednesdays Together Dinner

5-6:30 p.m. | Main Hall-Edinburgh Building

Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship with our WMPC family. Reservations required.

Don't forget to order your holiday pie, too. Macy and her team are baking Chocolate Chess Pie, Pumpkin Pie and Pecan Pie. Pies are \$12.00 each and must be ordered no later than 8:00 p.m. Sunday, November 14. Pick up will be Wednesday, November 17.

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

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

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 11

Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 21:1-14; Hebrews 9:23-2

Keenagers

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

It is Veteran's Day! Bryan and Aimeé White will share their roots – Louisiana Culture -and perhaps an update on current recovery from Ida. For Zoom link, please contact Leigh Ann Dailey at ldailey@whitememorial.org.

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 12

Jeremiah 22:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 13

Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17

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Advent/Christmas Memorials and Honoraria

We hope you will consider making a contribution to provide greenery and arrangements for Advent/Christmas. Forms can be found online; deadline is Monday, November 29.

Christmas Share

An alternative giving program that has put over one million dollars in our community and international partnerships in the 30 years since it was founded by Presbyterian Women. To purchase cards and designate your donation, stop by Gloria Johnson's office (W301), M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Youth Fundraiser

Commemorative ornament and note cards are available for you and everyone on your gift list! \$20 each. <u>Purchase online</u> or inperson on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

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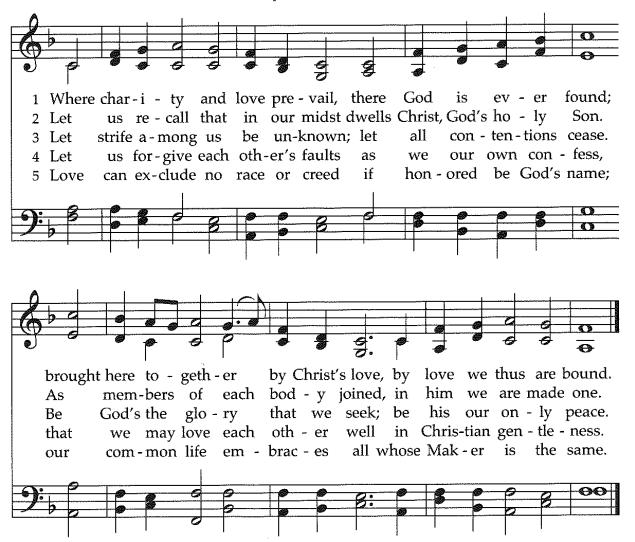
REGISTRATION FOR MOST EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/REGISTER

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

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TWENTY-FOURTH

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