

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 21, 2021
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

One: Let us prepare for worship.

Kirsten Homdrom

Preparation for Worship

Govern everything by your wisdom, O Lord, so that my soul may always be serving you in the way you will and not as I choose. Let me die to myself so that I may serve you; let me live to you who are life itself. Amen.

Prelude

(8:00) *Prelude in G Major, Op. 37*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

(9:30 & 11:00) *Concertato on O God Beyond All Praising*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

WMPC Handbell and Brass Choirs

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Cate Church Norman

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

Call to Worship

One: We gather together to worship the Lord of grace and the King of heaven.

All: May our songs and our prayers express our hopes and joys.

One: Joy is a gift from God and a light in every darkness.

All: We offer today our gifts of worship as we proclaim Jesus Christ the Lord of living.

One: On this Christ the King Sunday, may we share in the joy of our Savior, and may our joy find its foundation in our belief that in life and in death we belong to God.

All: Let us praise God this day!

***Hymn 265 – Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

DUKE STREET

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy: we confess before you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that having real and abiding faith is very hard. You require of us patience and endurance. Often we have little of either. You have shown us the pathway to life abundant and abundant joy. Yet we remain distracted by the trappings of the world. You have called us to rely upon you when the headlines are terrifying and the state of the world is in flux. Yet we rely upon the quasi-securities which consume our thinking and planning. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our King, forgive us. By your Spirit, renew us to live the lives of trust and faithfulness you have called us to live. Hear our prayer, we pray. Amen.

Today is Christ the King Sunday. It is the “final” Sunday of the Christian year. The Christian liturgical year starts with Advent and runs through the season of Pentecost which begins with Pentecost Sunday. On Christ the King Sunday we celebrate in our liturgy and hymns the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

This is a hymn by the great hymn writer Isaac Watts who famously took Psalm texts and set them to music with Christian themes. His most well-known adaptation is *Joy to World*, which is based on Psalm 98. Hymn 265 is based around Psalm 72. This is a Christ the King hymn as shown by the first phrase: “his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.”

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace**

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

All: And also with you.

***Response Hymn 581 – Glory Be to the Father**

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Welcoming New Members

(11:00) Believing & Belonging Class Joins

Epistle Lesson – Romans 14:7-12; pew Bible, p. 152

(8:00) **Musical Offering – Serenata from Pergolesi Suite**

Jean Oelrich (pub. 1975)

Ruth and Roman Mock, oboes; Martin Brinkley, english horn

Gospel Lesson – John 2:1-11; pew Bible, p. 87

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(11:00) **A Time With Young Disciples**

Children will remain in service.

Sermon – “Proof of Joy”

Anna Rainey Dickson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN 270 – O Lord, You Are My God and King**

JERUSALEM

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Christopher Edmonston

**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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Thanksgiving Children’s Hope Alliance Offering

Musical Offering – Sing Praise to God with One Accord

Haydn/Field

WMPC Adult Choir

*Sing praise to God with one accord, All nations join to praise the Lord,
Sing to the Lord who reigns above, The God of power, the Lord of love.*

***Offertory Response Hymn 609 – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Affirmation of Faith**

from the Study Catechism (PCUSA)

One: What does it mean to say that Jesus Christ is the image of God?

All: Despite our turning from God, God did not turn from us, but instead sent Jesus Christ in the fullness of time to restore our broken humanity. Jesus lived completely for God, by giving himself completely for us, even to the point of dying for us. By living so completely for others, he manifested what he was — the perfect image of God. When by grace we are conformed to him through faith, our humanity is renewed according to the divine image that we lost. This is our faith and our trust.

Our preacher today is Anna Rainey Dickson. Anna is a former Pastoral Resident at WMPC and currently serves at First Presbyterian Charlotte. Today, she will be preaching from Romans 14, our 75th Anniversary text, and the Gospel of John. Please extend a warm welcome to her as she returns to White Memorial.

This is another Christ the King paraphrase; this time from Psalm 145. Psalms 100-150 are “psalms of ascent” and the predominant theme of them is “praise.” Set to one of the great tunes of hymnody, this hymn captures the spirit of the day: “Eternal is your kingdom, Lord, forever strong, forever sure; while generations rise and die, your dominion will endure.”

Our affirmation today once again comes from a catechism. Catechisms are tools for teaching the Christian faith. This selection reminds us of why we follow Jesus: his life, death, and resurrection form the pattern for his Lordship and for our trust and faith through him.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn – *O God Beyond All Praising*

THAXTED



O God be - yond all prai - sing, we wor - ship you to - day and
Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, and that
sing the love a - ma - zing that songs can - not re - pay; for we can on - ly
we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King; and wheth - er our to -
won - der at ev' - ry gift you send, at we'll bles - sings with - out num - ber and
mor - rows be filled with good or ill, at we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and
mer - cies with - out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait u - pon your
rise to bless you still: to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your
word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and migh - ty Lord.
ways, and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*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

(8:00) *Fanfare*

John Cook (1918-1984)

(9:30 & 11:00) *Fanfare and Chorale*

Karl Zinsmeister

This piece was commissioned for the 75th anniversary of WMPC.

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2022 GENEROSITY UPDATE

As of Wednesday, November 17, we have received 463 pledges totaling \$2,499,595.00. If you have not already, please consider making a pledge at www.whitememorial.org/generosity.

UNIDENTIFIED STOCK

Will the generous donors of Microsoft Corp. and Welbilt Inc., stocks please call Jody Grayson at 919-834-3425 ext. 204 to identify your gift so that we can give you proper credit?



Throne; linoleum block print by Elizabeth Steele Halstead. Reprinted by permission from *Visuals for Worship*, © 2006, Faith Alive Resources. In the center is a "quatrefoil" a design used in architectural detail since medieval times. The four points depict the four gospels, which tell the story of Christ's life and ministry.

JOYS & CONCERNS

WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

We are glad you are worshipping 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 28.
- **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.

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT William Alexander "Kirk" Kirkland III – November 12, 2021

WMPC family members: children, Coley, Mimi and Kate Kirkland.

WEDDINGS

Dora Anne Underwood and Robert Lee Underwood III, November 14, Davidson Chapel.

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PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO John, Ashlyn, Emmy, Cole and Lucy Whitford, on the death of John's mother, Jeanne Moye Whitford, November 5, Savannah, GA.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Please note: Church offices will close at noon on Wednesday, November 24 and be closed Thursday, November 25 - Saturday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 21

Psalm 46; Luke 1:68-79

Healing Through Grief

3:00-4:30 p.m. | Zoom

This workshop is for those who have suffered the recent death of a loved one. If you have registered, you will have received a Zoom link.

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 26

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 14:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 27

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Micah 2:1-13; Matthew 24:15-31

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MONDAY | NOVEMBER 22

Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:1-17; Revelation 21:5-27

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 23

Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:18-24; Revelation 22:8-21

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.](#)

Women's Breakfast & Fellowship

7:00-8:00 am. | 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.

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 24

Psalm 117; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Luke 1:1-4

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 25

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 13:1-9; Revelation 14:6-13

SAVE THE DATES

Midweek Advent Evening Worship Services

Wednesday | December 1, 8, 15 & 22
Sanctuary | 6:30 p.m.

Joy Gift

Sunday | December 5
Sanctuary | 5:30 p.m.

A WMPC Family Worship Tradition

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Advent/Christmas Memorials

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.

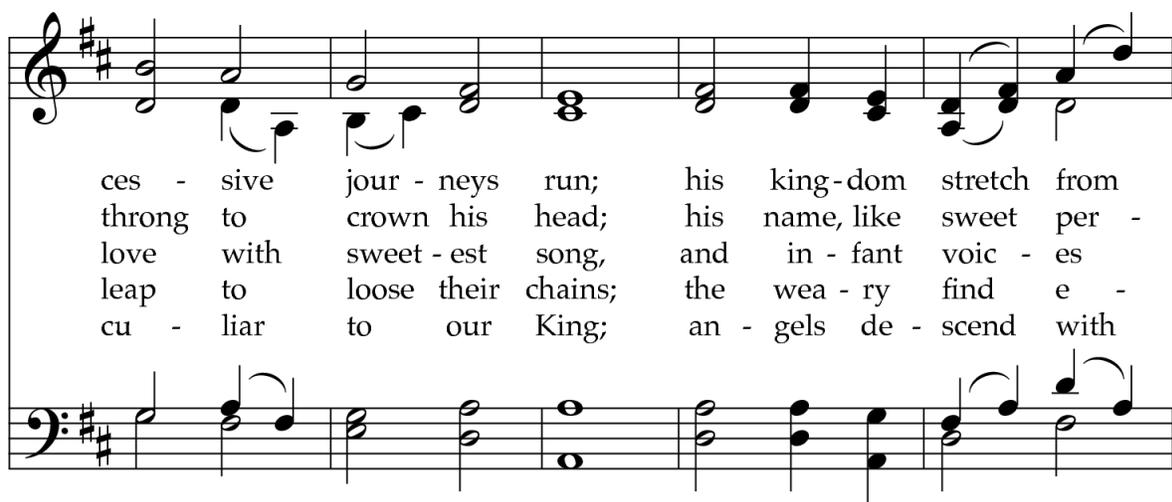
Youth Fundraiser

Commemorative ornament and note cards are available for you and everyone on your gift list! \$20 each. [Purchase online](#) or in-person on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment of chords and single notes.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The treble staff shows the vocal melody with lyrics, and the bass staff shows the harmonic support.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The treble staff shows the vocal melody with lyrics, and the bass staff shows the harmonic support.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

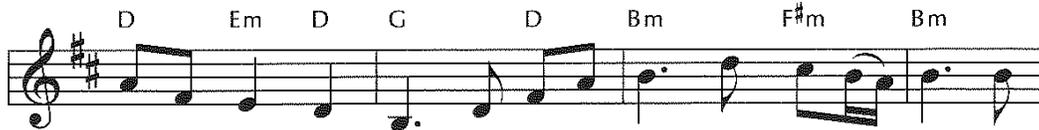
The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff shows the vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff shows the piano accompaniment. The piece ends with a double bar line.

O Lord, You Are My God and King 270

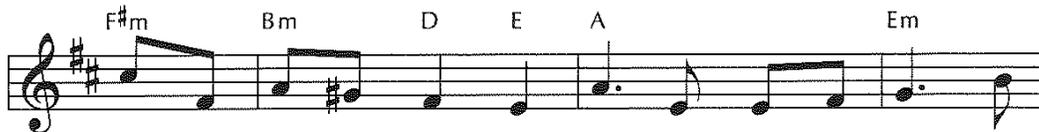
(Psalm 145)



1 O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will
 2 How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of com -
 3 Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your



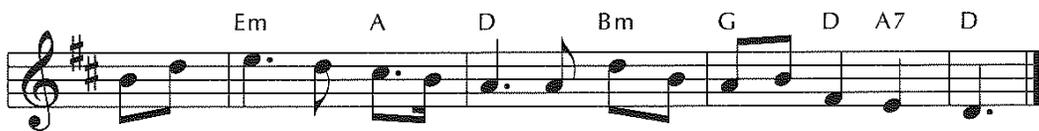
ev - er bless your name; I will ex - tol you ev - ery day, and
 pas - sion, mer - ci - ful, your an - ger al - ways slow to rise; your
 might - y acts will show, till all the peo - ples of the earth your



ev - er - more your praise pro - claim. You, Lord, are great - ly
 stead - fast love you show to all, for you are good in
 king - dom, pow - er, glo - ry know. E - ter - nal is your



to be praised; your great - ness is be - yond our thought; all
 all your ways; your crea - tures know your con - stant care. To
 king - dom, Lord, for - ev - er strong, for - ev - er sure; while



gen - er - a - tions shall tell forth the might - y won - ders you have wrought.
 all your works your love ex - tends; all souls your ten - der mer - cies share.
 gen - er - a - tions rise and die, your high do - min - ion will en - dure.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

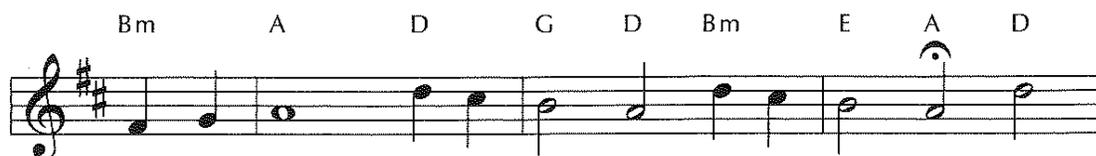
Although this paraphrase of Psalm 145 is abbreviated (the original psalm has a verse for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet), it maintains the tone of praise that characterizes the final six psalms. In fact, the whole book takes its Hebrew name, *Tehillim* (praises), from them.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



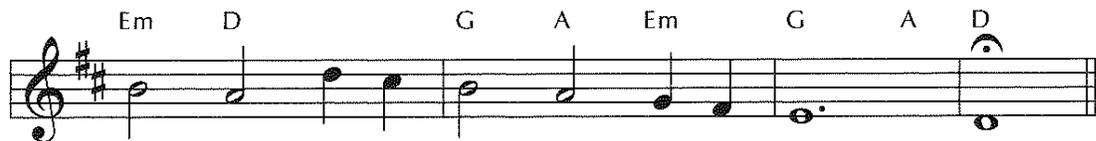
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!