

# WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 26, 2021  
8:30 & 10:30

## 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 who comes to us as a child, come to us anew this day. As we marvel at the birth of our Savior, help us to marvel at the gifts of grace all around us. United together, may we rejoice with wonder at your great love for us. Amen.*

### Prelude – *Fantasia on Adeste, fideles*

David Blackwell (b. 1961)

### Christian Welcome and Announcements

Grier Booker Richards

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

### Call to Worship

(from Psalm 148)

*One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights.*

**All: Praise the God of angels; the God of sun and moon and shining stars.**

*One: God created and established us, therefore we will praise God's holy name.*

**All: Praise erupts from all creation, from the depths of the sea to the mountain tops.**

*One: All manner of living things shall praise the Lord – animals that crawl and birds that fly, people young and old.*

**All: Let us worship our God who is faithful, whose glory is above heaven and earth.**

### \*Hymn 133 – *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and Holy God, we were created to take delight in praising you, yet so often our lips fall silent. When we look at the beauty of your creation, we should be moved to praise, but we are more willing to name our criticisms than our gratitude. Seeking your forgiveness, we confess that we look to the wrong things as the objects of our confidence and praise. With repentant hearts, we ask this day that you would turn our attention towards you. Inspire us to put ourselves in the path of your wisdom and to position ourselves to grow in your grace. Amen.**

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Passing of the Peace

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

**All: And also with you.**

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

*in the manner of Christ*

**\*Response Hymn 113 – Refrain**

GLORIA

Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

(10:30) **Harper Montgomery Worth**, child of Catie and Graham Worth.

**Old Testament Lesson** – Psalm 148; pew Bible, p. 50

**New Testament Lesson** – Luke 2:41-52; pew Bible, p. 54

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**(10:30) A Time With Young Disciples**

Children will remain in service.

**Sermon** – “*For He is Our Childhood’s Pattern*”

Anne Galliher

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn 132 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

Gloria Johnson

**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**

**Musical Offering – Prelude on Irby**

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

**\*Offertory Response Hymn 121 – stanza 3**

ST. LOUIS

How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given! So

God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven. No

ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin, where

meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

From the PC(USA) Study Catechism

*One: What is the significance of affirming that Jesus is truly God?*

**All Only God can properly deserve worship. Only God can reveal to us who God is. And only God can save us from our sins. Being truly God, Jesus meets these conditions. He is the proper object of our worship, the self-revelation of God, and the Savior of the world.**

*One: What is the significance of affirming that Jesus is also truly a human being?*

**All: Being truly human, Jesus entered fully into our fallen situation and overcame it from within. By his pure obedience, he lived a life of unbroken unity with God, even to the point of accepting a violent death. As sinners at war with grace, this is precisely the kind of life we fail to live. When we accept him by faith, he removes our disobedience and clothes us with his perfect righteousness.**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn 134 – Joy to the World**

ANTIOCH

**\*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 – Carillon on Antioch**

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

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**2022 GENEROSITY UPDATE**

As of Wednesday, December 22, we have received 600 pledges totaling \$3,041,436.29.  
If you have not already, please consider making a pledge at [www.whitememorial.org/generosity](http://www.whitememorial.org/generosity).

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS**

Please note that all year-end contributions must be received in the Finance Office  
by 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2021 or postmarked by December 31, 2021  
to be claimed as a 2021 donation.

**NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEW OFFICERS**

The Churchwide Nominating Committee starts meeting in mid-January to consider nominations for church Elders and Deacons, class of 2025. Nominations are now being accepted. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination for these critical leadership roles. The nomination form can be found online: [www.whitememorial.org](http://www.whitememorial.org). All recommendations must be received by January 12, 2022.

**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](http://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](http://whitememorial.org).
- **Radio**, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: next broadcast is today, December 26.
- **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.

**PASTORAL & PROGRAM STAFF:**

**CHRISTOPHER EDMONSTON**, Pastor  
**ANDREW AMODEI**, Executive Director  
**CYNTHIA BAGGETT**, Director of Weekday School  
**GENEVIEVE BROOKS**, Director of Youth Ministry  
**CATE CHURCH NORMAN**, Associate Pastor  
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**JUDY YATES SIKER**, Parish Associate  
**LYNN SPRINGFIELD**, Director of Elementary Ministry  
**MARTHA STEVENSON**, Educator Emerita  
**JEAN WILLIAMS**, Parish Nurse  
**KARL ZINSMEISTER**, Director of Music

**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.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

**Doyle Long**, on the death of her brother,  
Joseph Hubert Jernigan, Jr., December 1,  
Graceville, FL.

### NEW PRESBYTERIAN

**Mary Mitchell Richards**, born December  
20, child of Margaret and Greer Richards,  
grandchild of Ann and Glenn Matteson.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Debbie and John Day**, on the birth of  
grandchild, Eva Day Scott, December 13, to  
Ashley and Austin Scott, Charlotte, NC.

### WEDDINGS

**Jacques Pierre Oury and  
Kristine Ryneska**, November 6,  
Melrose Knitting Mill, Raleigh, NC.

**Rebecca Katelin Camak and  
Daniel Joseph Geiger**, December 18,  
Sacred Heart Church, Raleigh, NC. Rebecca  
is the daughter of Holly and Neal Camak.

**Linda Joan Leith and David Sean Naber**,  
December 18, WMPC, Davidson Chapel.  
Linda is the daughter of Carolyn Leith.

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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**Please note:** Church offices will be closed Monday, December 27,  
Saturday, January 1 and Monday, January 3.

### SUNDAY | DECEMBER 26

*Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40*

### MONDAY | DECEMBER 27

*Psalm 148; Jeremiah 31:15-17;  
Matthew 2:13-18*

### Church Offices Closed

### TUESDAY | DECEMBER 28

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation  
21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46*

### WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 29

*Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:5-15; Matthew 12:46-50*

### THURSDAY | DECEMBER 30

*Psalm 148; Proverbs 9:1-12; 2 Peter 3:8-13*

### FRIDAY | DECEMBER 31

*Psalm 148; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19*

### SATURDAY | JANUARY 1

*Psalm 148; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18*

### SUNDAY | JANUARY 2

**Combined Holiday Worship Service  
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. in the Main Hall**

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### SAVE THE DATE

**2022 Women's Retreat:  
Breath for the Bone-Tired  
Saturday | January 29  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | WMPC campus**  
We invite all women to join us on Saturday,  
January 29 for the 17th annual Women's  
Retreat, featuring Meg Peery McLaughlin  
from University Presbyterian in Chapel Hill,  
NC. For more details and to register, visit  
[whitememorial.org/register](http://whitememorial.org/register).

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## O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

## Refrain

born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed!  
 glo - ry in the high - est! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

# 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
 He has o-pen-ed heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

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Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.