

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

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Prelude – Prelude in C Major, WTC I

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Anne Galliher

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

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 29)

One: Worship the Lord beings of heaven and earth! Sing to the glory of God's name.

All: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

One: The voice of God rules the floods, the waters, and the streams of the earth.

All: May the Lord give strength to the people! May the Lord bless the people with peace.

One: On this Baptism of the Lord Sunday, let us worship the God of baptism and grace.

*Hymn 163 – Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

ABERYSTWYTH

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord and God: we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have already forgotten our resolutions. We have already been tempted by the false trappings of the world, even though the year is new. We have done the wrong thing and failed to do the right thing. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Renew us to live like those newly baptized: filled with the living water of grace and mercy. In the name of Jesus, hear our prayer. 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 Baptism of the Lord Sunday in which we remember the Baptism of Jesus. The Baptism of Jesus sets the model for all subsequent baptisms. For many reasons it is one of the most important moments in all of the Bible.

Psalm 29 is about the sovereignty of God over all things, including water itself. The human connection to water is paramount as we depend upon it for physical life and as we depend upon the waters of baptism for sacramental life.

Our confession acknowledges the year just begun. It also hints toward our middle hymn in worship today (Hymn 479) which is about thirsting for the water and grace of baptism itself. The phrase "living water" is an ancient one. When you hear this phrase, Jesus himself should come to mind.

***Response Hymn 583 – GLORIA (Taizé)**

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

New Testament Lesson – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; pew Bible, p. 56

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 43:1-7; pew Bible, p. 631

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 Lucy Whitford at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by Ashlyn Whitford from the OnPoint service for Worship Enrichment in L201.

Sermon – “*What to do when God says, ‘I will be with you’*”

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn 479 – Ho, All Who Thirst**

JACOB’S WELL

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

(8:00) Grier Booker Richards; (9:30 & 11:00) 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

(8:00) *Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized*

arr. K. Lowenberg

Kathy Hart, soprano

(9:30 & 11:00) *Shall We Gather at the River*

arr. John Ferguson

***Offertory Response Hymn 150 stanza 3 (All singing)**

DIX

*As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,
 so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,
 all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav’nly king.*

As a church we are currently in Year C of our Revised Common Lectionary. Year C is focused mostly upon Luke’s gospel. Our theme of the necessity of water is repeated in our Old Testament reading from Isaiah 43.

As you heard in Luke 3 this morning, we have a moment of *theophany*: when the voice or presence of God is so clear it is unmistakable. Our sermon this morning is drawn largely upon promises Isaiah received from God and the prophet’s oracles of protection and provision. In verse 2 we are told that God says, “I will be with you.” How should this promise shape our discipleship as followers of Jesus?

***Affirmation of Faith**

(adapted from Philippians 2)

God has called us to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than ourselves. God has called us to look not to our own interests, but to the interests of others. We desire to share in the same mind that was in Christ Jesus: who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave in human likeness. Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death on a cross. God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

Presbyterians are people of affirmation: we dedicate time in our worship to stating our beliefs. Among the oldest affirmations of faith is the “Christ hymn” from Philippians 2, which is our affirmation today.

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

Hymn 482 – *Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

***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.

Set to the tune of “*Morning Has Broken*” this hymn expresses our gratitude for our baptisms as it expresses our sacramental understanding of God’s gift of baptism to all Christian peoples.

Postlude – *Fugue in a minor*

J. S. Bach

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JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Angelyn “Angie” Stokes McMillan – December 25, 2021

Cecillia Hamrick Reeder – December 31, 2021

WMPC family members: husband, John Reeder; son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Julia Reeder and granddaughter, Eliza Reeder.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Ann Hanley Barnett, born December 7, child of Beth and Will Barnett, Atlantic Beach, NC, grandchild of Betsy and Bill Barnett, Jr., great-grandchild of Ruth and Bill Barnett.

Jack McCabe Willingham, born December 16, child of Maddy and Evan Willingham, Washington, DC, grandchild of Carol and Ed Willingham, great-grandchild of Pat Toole.

Warren Newell Hynson, born December 21, child of Janie and Warren Hynson, grandchild of Martha and Jody Moore.

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Richard, Claire, Catherine, Patrick and Elizabeth Bryant, on the death of Richard’s father, Douglas Armour Bryant, December 27, Raleigh, NC.

**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 today, January 9.
- **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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY | JANUARY 9

*Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7;
Mark 1:4-11*

MONDAY | JANUARY 10

*Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Genesis 17:1-13;
Romans 4:1-12*

Women's Monthly Fellowship Luncheon

12:00 p.m. | Main Hall
All are invited to attend the Women's Fellowship Luncheon at noon on Monday, January 10 as Katherine Andrew presents *Nourish to Flourish*.

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 | JANUARY 11

Exodus 30:22-38; Acts 22:2-16

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 | JANUARY 12

Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Isaiah 41:14-20; John 1:29-34

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.](#)

Wednesdays Together Dinner

5-6:30 p.m. | Main Hall-Edinburgh Building
Make your reservations by 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 9. [Registration required.](#)

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

THURSDAY | JANUARY 13

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:6-15; 2 Corinthians 10:1-11

WDS Virtual Tour Online Now

The Open House scheduled on January 13 has been canceled. We invite you to take a virtual tour of the Weekday School and contact [Cynthia Baggett](#) or [Blair Miller](#) with any questions. Registration for the 2022-23 school year begins Monday, January 24-Friday, January 28 at 1:30 p.m. [Applications can be completed online.](#)

Keenagers

10:00-11:00 a.m. | Via Zoom
Join us for Game Day with Chip! with Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry. Contact Leigh Ann Dailey at ldailey@whitememorial.org for Zoom link.

FRIDAY | JANUARY 14

Judges 2:16-23; Acts 13:16-25

SATURDAY | JANUARY 15

1 Samuel 2:21-25; Matthew 25:1-13

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SAVE THE DATE

Six Stages of Parenting

Sunday, January 23 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, January 24 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Join Christopher Edmonston as he leads a class on the Six Stages of Parenting. Registration is required. www.whitememorial.org/register. Childcare will be available.

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.

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163 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

1 Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes through the des - ert still,
 2 "Bear the fruit re - pen-tance sows: lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
 3 With such preach-ing, stark and bold, John pro-claimed sal - va - tion near,

call - ing us to make a choice, bid - ding us to do God's will:
 Trust no oth - er claim than those; set your heart on things a - bove.
 and his time-less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear.

"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
 Soon the Lord will come in power, burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor:
 So we dare to jour-ney on, led by faith through ways un - trod,

Quit-ting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's con - trol.
 then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
 till we come at last like John to be - hold the Lamb of God.

While all four gospels identify John the Baptist with the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3, this text (well set to a vigorous Welsh tune) draws on the report of his preaching in Matthew 3:1-12. The final lines recall that he was the first to name Jesus "the Lamb of God" (John 1:29, 36).

Ho, All Who Thirst

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Come Now to the Water

Capo 3: (D) (A) (G) (Em7) (A)
 Refrain F C B^b Gm7 C
All

Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and

(D) (Bm) (G) (Em) (G) (A)
 F Dm B^b Gm B^b C

all whose souls are parched and wea - ry, come and drink!

(D) (A) (G) (Em7) (A)
 F C B^b Gm7 C

Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and

(D) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 F Dm B^b F C Fsus F *Fine*

from your heart will flow a nev - er - fail - ing spring!

(Bm) (A) (G) (Bm) (A)
 Dm C B^b Dm C
Leader or All

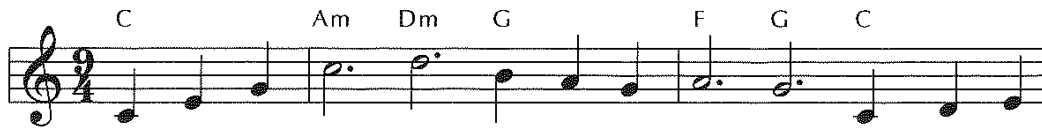
- 1 Why for - sake the Lord, the fount of liv - ing wa - ter,
- 2 For the Lamb will be our shep - herd and will guide us
- 3 All who come may take this gift of liv - ing wa - ter.

(Bm) (C) (Bm) (A) (A7)
 Dm E^b Dm C C7
to Refrain

choos - ing bro - ken cups that can - not be filled?
 to the well - springs of the wa - ter of life.
 They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled.

This song brings together many biblical references that help to enlarge an appreciation of the water of baptism. The refrain is based on Isaiah 55:1, stanza one adapts Jeremiah 2:13, stanza two draws on Revelation 7:17, and the third stanza condenses the imagery of John 4:10-14.

Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.