

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found. Touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love. Grant us delight in the mercy that has found us, and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiveness. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude - Adagio and Allegro risoluto from *Concertino*

Guiseppe Tartini; arr. G. Jacob

Earle Dhus, clarinet

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Tracey Daniel

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

Introduction of Jim Ferry

Call to Worship

from Romans 14

One: Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Who are you to pass judgement on others?

All: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

One: For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

All: This is our hope, our trust, our faith. Let us worship God with praise and thanksgiving.

*Hymn 268 - *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful and righteous God, hear our prayer and grant us your forgiveness. We do not do what we say we are going to do. We do not pray enough; nor do we trust or believe enough in your promises. Your son, our Savior Jesus the Christ taught us to pray when we are gathered together. And yet, the trappings of the world are ever a distraction. In the name of Jesus, forgive us, make us whole. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

**Gloria Patri* - Hymn 581

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(9:30) Parker Thomas White, child of Hillary and Matt White

(11:00) Ansley Grace Youst

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE
in the manner of Christ



Epistle Lesson - Romans 14:1-12

pew Bible, p. 152

Anthem - Hallelujah! Sing Praise to the Lord (Psalm 150)

Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

Hallelujah! Sing praise to the Lord. Praise God in the holy house. Praise God in the highest heaven. Praise God for such mighty deeds. Praise God for such power and greatness. Praise God with the sound of the horn. Praise God with the psaltery and harp. Praise God with drums and dance. Praise God with the sounding cymbals. Praise God with the crashing cymbals. Let all that breathes praise the Lord.

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 18:21-35

pew Bible, p. 19

(11:00) A Time with the Younger Church

Following our time together, four-year-olds through second graders will meet Aidan, Livia and Sarah Colvin at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by Liisa Ogburn from the OnPoint service, for Worship Enrichment in L215.

Sermon - Why the Church Matters: Forgiven to Be Forgiving

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 444 - Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**

DETROIT

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Jim Ferry

**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

Offertory Anthem - O Praise the Lord (Psalm 67)

Adam Gumpeltzhaimer (1559-1625)

O praise the Lord, all ye people praise him, for he is good, alleluia! With all the saints and angels join now and sing to God a joyful song.

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed**

hymnal, p. 35

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he arose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.*

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 822 - *When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

***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 - *Psalm 42* (GENEVAN)**

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

original tune by Louis Bourgeois from the Genevan Psalter, 1551

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sara Lowe Robinson Bitler, by her family. Today would have been Sara's 93rd birthday.

Today's bulletin artwork was drawn by Lilly Pemberton, a WMPC sixth grader, as an interpretation of the Romans 14:1-12 scripture passage.

Greeters: 9:30 - Tracey McDowell, Mike Mullins, Emily McNair, Parham McNair, Christian Fellowship Class, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Joe Sullivan, Kelli Sullivan, Elizabeth Thompson.

Ushers: 8:15 - Betsy Reade Creech, chair, Nan Hannah, Elaine Mason, Steve Lilly, Frank Littrell, Henry Lowder; 9:30 - Betsy Reade Creech, chair, Chris Chapman, Heath Chapman, Chris Combs, Gena Combs, Beth Comer; 11:00 - Rob Wyatt, chair, Butch Gunnells, Gail Gunnells, Toni Hutto, Pete Harris, Julia Harshbarger.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Walker McDowell; 9:30 - Rosemary Raynal; 11:00 - Parker Rowan.

Treasurer's Assistants: Don Munford, Duval Fisher.

Shuttle Driver: Eric Schwall, Steve Frazier.

Disaster Assistance Update

If you would like to make a contribution to the hurricane relief in Texas and Florida, please make a check payable to White Memorial and designate disaster relief in the subject line. Our contributions will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which works with local agencies in affected areas of devastation. The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina will send food relief to Texas in the near future, so please take food donations to the Food Bank drop-off bins at 1924 Capital Blvd., Raleigh, NC. Specific items needed are pop-top cans of fruit, veggies, beans, meat and soups, as well as peanut butter, cereals and rice or pasta; household items (detergents/cleansers, paper products); and hygiene items.

Welcoming Children to the Lord's Supper Workshop

Children in third, fourth and fifth grades and their parents are invited to our Welcoming Children to the Lord's Supper Workshop in C200 on Sunday, September 24, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. To register for the workshop and childcare for younger siblings, register at whitememorial.org or call Tonya Higgins at 919-834-3425, ext. 216, by September 19. Baptized children who attend the workshop will be invited to share in communion with their families on World Communion Sunday on October 1 at the 11:00 a.m. OnPoint@1704 service, including an opportunity for baptism on that day. Questions? Contact Lynn Springfield at 919-834-3425, ext. 232.

Evening Prayer and Bluegrass Music

Join us at the end of your weekend for a time of prayer, reflection and bluegrass music on Sunday, September 24, at 5:30 p.m. in Davidson Chapel! Bring your friends and bring your voices, as together we sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. (Col. 3:16)

In the Church Triumphant

Nurry Ann Nixon Dodge – September 7, 2017

WMPC family members: son and daughter-in-law - Will and Elizabeth Dodge; grandchildren - Mary Catherine Dodge and Ann Dodge

Thomas Harvey Holmes – September 8, 2017

WMPC family members: wife - Billie Holmes; son and daughter-in-law - Scott and Dottie Holmes; grandchildren - Wesley Holmes and Dylan Holmes

John Henry Steinbaugh – September 9, 2017

WMPC family members: wife - Barbara Steinbaugh; son - Alex Steinbaugh

Carol Coghlan Allen – September 10, 2017

WMPC family members: daughter and son-in-law - Barbara and Ronan Cates; grandchildren - Justin Cates and Spencer Cates; nephew - Robert Allen

WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC(USA)

We are glad you are worshipping with us.
Visiting? Stop by the Welcome Table in Jane Bell
Gathering Space for information, directions and a
friendly greeting. New members are received after a
one-day Beginnings Class.
Visit whitememorial.org/join
or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206
for details, class dates and registration.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Shuttle buses run every Sunday at five- to ten-minute intervals, 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., from Carolina Place, 2626 Glenwood Avenue, across from Glenwood Village Shopping Center.
- Restrooms are located in the Luther Building immediately behind the sanctuary/Jane Bell Gathering Space.
- Childcare is available for children up to four years old.
- Church School is offered at 9:30 a.m. for all ages.
- Refreshments are served in Carol Copeland Courtyard or Pickard Hall on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- Hearing Assistance: 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.: September 24.
- Bulletins left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation. WMPC is a certified Earth Care congregation of the PC(USA).
- We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 17 *(Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35)*

- Worship (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary; 11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)
- 9:00 a.m. - Nursery Training (S104)
 - 9:30 a.m. - Confirmation Day Retreat (Off Site); OnPoint House Band (Pickard)
 - 10:30 a.m. - Beginnings Class Meets with Session (Chapel)
 - 11:00 a.m. - Beginnings Class Joins (Pickard, Sanctuary)
 - 3:00 p.m. - Youth Band (K100)
 - 4:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (S300)
 - 4:30 p.m. - Cancer Companions Support Group (C203)
 - 5:00 p.m. - Middle School PYC (C100, C102-103); High School PYC (K100)
 - 6:30 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting (K200)

Monday, September 18 *(Ps. 135; 1 Kings 21:1-16; 1 Cor. 1:1-19; Matt. 4:1-11)*

- 9:30 a.m. - Russia Sewing Group (C200)
- 5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard)
- 6:30 p.m. - Young Adult Leadership Team (C303)
- 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Stephen Min. Continuing Ed./Supervision (K200); Handbell Choir (S300)
- 7:15 p.m. - Ross Bible Study (C203)
- 8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

Tuesday, September 19 *(Ps. 123; 1 Kings 21:17-29; 1 Cor. 1:20-31; Matt. 4:12-17)*

- 6:30 a.m. - High School Prayer Breakfast (Bruegger's Bagels, Creedmoor Rd.)
- 7:00 a.m. - Men's/Women's Breakfast Bible Study (Geneva/K100)
- 8:30 a.m. - Yoga for Exercise (C100)
- 9:30 a.m. - Fit after Fifty (Pickard)
- 11:00 a.m. - Study: Short Stories by Jesus (C103)
- 3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
- 5:30 p.m. - Middle East Committee (C204)
- 6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva); Centering Prayer (W400)
- 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 395 Patrol Leaders (K307)
- 7:00 p.m. - Seasonal/Chancel Choir (L304, S300)
- 7:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 395 (Pickard)

Wednesday, September 20 *(Ps. 15; 1 Kings 22:1-28; 1 Cor. 2:1-13; Matt. 4:18-25)*

- 6:45 a.m. - High School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-Fil-A, Cameron Village)
- 8:00 a.m. - Clothing Closet (W100)
- 9:30 a.m. - Bible Belles (Off Site)
- 10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga (C200); Building Committee (W400)
- 11:15 a.m. - Yin Yoga (C200)
- 4:30 p.m. - Carol Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (S300); Cherub Choir (L311)
- 5:00 p.m. - Wednesdays Together Dinner (Pickard); Men's Retreat Committee (C204)
- 5:30 p.m. - Widows of White Memorial (Geneva)
- 6:00 p.m. - Women's Retreat Meeting (Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m. - Disciple I (K307)
- 6:45 p.m. - OnPoint House Band (K100)
- 7:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study (C102)
- 7:30 p.m. - Officer Training (C200)
- 8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

Thursday, September 21 *(Ps. 36; 1 Kings 22:29-45; 1 cor. 2:14-3:15; Matt. 5:1-10)*

- 8:00 a.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. - Keenager Field Trip: Morehead Planetarium (Off Site)
- 9:30 a.m. - Lilies of the Field Bible Study (C301); Thursday Morning Bible Study (W400); T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200)
- 7:00 p.m. - Thursday Evening Bible Study (C301); Weekday School Parent Visitation (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. - Webelo Scouts (K304-307); Sanctuary/Seasonal Choir (Off Site)

Friday, September 22 *(Ps. 130; 2 Kings 1:2-17; 1 Cor. 3:16-23; Matt. 5:11-16)*

- 7:30 a.m. - Habitat Home Preservation Project (Off Site)
- 9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)
- 8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, September 23 *(Ps. 56; 2 Kings 1:2-17; 1 Cor. 4:1-7; Matt. 5:17-20)*

- 7:30 a.m. - Habitat Home Preservation Project (Off Site)
- 8:30 a.m. - Sunday School Setup (Classrooms)
- 9:00 a.m. - NAMI Basics: Child/Teen Mental Health (C303)