

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
STEWARDSHIP KICK-OFF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Greeting

Karl Zinsmeister

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

O God, you are rich in love for your people. Show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, remind us of your lavish mercy. Call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude - On freudt verzer

Paulus Hofhaymer (1449-1537)

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Gary Fulton

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

Minute for Stewardship: A Time to Be Generous

Brooks Jordan, William Silverman

Call to Worship

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: God has called us to trust and follow. God has chosen to give us the gift of wisdom.

All: From the wisdom of God may we learn to trust. May we be inspired to both give and receive healing and refreshment this very day. Amen!

*Hymn 711 - Lord of All Good

TOULON

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Jesus, our Lord, there is so much we do not understand. We can see that we are blessed with our eyes, we can know it in our minds, and yet anxious feelings still creep in. We are afraid we will not have enough. This fear of inadequacy clouds our judgment and it violates the trust by which God has called us to live. Through your words of healing and your words of refreshment, forgive us. By your hand, make us whole. For it is in your holy and perfect name that we pray these things, and confess our sin. 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.

Instrumental and choral music pre-dating the Reformation (1517) is not often included in present day worship services. Preparing to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on October 29, WMPC music ministry has planned several representative works to be shared over the next eight weeks. The prelude selection is an example of a work for organ elaborating a sacred song. Hofhaymer (or Hofhaimer) was an Austrian composer and was considered the best organist of his age. As such, he helped train a generation of organists and church musicians that composed and led music during and after the Reformation.

Stewardship is a word for care-taking. Our stewardship of resources at WMPC is integral to who we are and what we can accomplish in ministry together. While we are currently in our first capital campaign in 20 years, it is also time to begin building our operating budget for annual expenses next year in the life of this church. Our Stewardship theme this year is "a time to be generous in response to God's promises." How has God been generous to you? How have you responded?

Prior to the Reformation, worship and liturgy were led in Latin. Vocal ensembles offered music sung in Latin. Today, our choirs offer two Latin *motets* – a form of music, most often for voices, established in the medieval period and still used by contemporary composers. The multiple voice parts sometimes sing in synchronized harmony (sounding like a hymn in parts), contrasted by sections in which the parts imitate one another in staggered entrances. Although the two motets sung today were both written after the Reformation, they represent the nature of music heard in the church prior to that time.

Proverbs 3 is believed by some to be among the “golden” texts of the Old Testament. Memorized by generations of Christians, the call to trust in our providential God found in Proverbs 3 is one of the special places of the Bible.

Today’s sermon is the first in a five week series titled, “God Keeps Promises.” Each week we will consider one of the many promises that God has made on our behalf.

The use of instruments in the church has varied from age to age and from place to place. When instruments were prohibited in the context of worship, voices sang unaccompanied, that is, in accordance to the guidelines of the chapel (Italian: *capella*). This is how the term *a capella* came to mean unaccompanied voices: singing as in the practice in the chapel, *a capella*.

A Brief Statement of Faith comes from a time of great reunion and great hope in the church. This hope and optimism is echoed in the phrase, “we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.” Perhaps this is a manifestation of stewardship itself—that all aspects of our lives would be given and dedicated to the God who has given us so very much.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

New Testament Lesson - 2 Corinthians 9:3-6

pew Bible, p. 172

Anthem

(8:15 & 9:30) *Cantate Domino*

Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

Sung in Latin; English translation: *Sing to the Lord a new song, God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.*

(11:00) *Draw the Circle Wide*

Mark A. Miller (pub. 2008)

Draw the circle wide. Let this be our song: no one stands alone, we’ll stand side by side.

Youth Choir - Kelly Gold, director; Lora Zinsmeister, accompanist

Old Testament Lesson - Proverbs 3:3-10

pew Bible, p. 553

(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 - God Keeps Promises: Healing and Refreshment

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn 692 - Spirit, Open My Heart**

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

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

Offertory Anthem - Exsultate Justi

Lodovico Viadana (c. 1560-1627)

Sung in Latin; English translation: *Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to God with the harp of ten strings. Sing to the Lord a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.* Ps. 33:1-3

***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**

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,

praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

**ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.*

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 837 - *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

SHOWALTER

***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 - *All Glory Be to God on High

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712)

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Quinton Maynard by his family.

Greeters: 9:30 - Brandy Vannoy, Carol Vassey, Sandi Williams, Carol Willingham, Christian Fellowship Class, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Parker Wright, Sam Worley, Jane Worley.

Ushers: 8:15 - Gregg Thompson, chair, Bob Mason, Bonner Jones, Stacy Miller, Helen Mitchell, Henry Mitchell; 9:30 - Gregg Thompson, Jonathan Broyles, Lisa Garrett, Walt Garrett, Bob Gates, Carol Gates; 11:00 - Gregg Thompson, chair, Mary Beth Helton, Todd Helton, David Hoke, Lolly Holt, Scott Horton.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Caitlin Fountain; 9:30 - Sara Martin; 11:00 - Lillie Sherman.

Treasurer's Assistants: Peggy Baughman, Kendra Allen.

Shuttle Drivers: Harry Montgomery, Scott Hadley.

Welcoming Children to the Lord's Supper Workshop

Children in third, fourth and fifth grades and their parents are invited to participate in our Welcoming Children to the Lord's Supper Workshop today from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in C200.

Evening Prayer and Bluegrass Music

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

Weekday School Book Collection

During the week of September 25, the Weekday School will collect new and gently used books to support the NC Reads initiative. These books will be distributed to preschoolers and elementary students. As we look to increase the percentage of students reading on grade level, access to books at home from birth plays a key role.

Recognition of Ruth Ann Pulley

The recognition of Ruth Ann Pulley on her retirement will be October 4 at Spaghetti Supper. To make a contribution to her retirement gift, please make a check payable to White Memorial and note on it "Pulley Retirement Gift."

Celtic Worship Service

All are welcome to a brief Celtic Worship Service on October 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. We will discuss the first two chapters of *Christ of the Celts* by J. Philip Newell at 6:30 p.m. in C301. This is part of a three-class/worship series looking at Celtic Christian spirituality. Contact Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org with questions.

In the Church Triumphant

Rosemarie "Penny" Wilks Fitzgerald – September 3, 2017
WMPC family member: husband, Earl Fitzgerald

William Quinton Carlyle Maynard – September 15, 2017
WMPC family members: wife, Jesse Maynard and children, Allen and Benny

Nancy Jean Moser – September 19, 2017



A symbol of the Reformation: the Luther rose, All Saint's Church, Wittenberg, Germany.

Disaster Assistance Update

If you would like to make a contribution to the hurricane relief in Texas and Florida, 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/cleaners, paper products); and hygiene items.

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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.
- 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.: today, October 8 and 22.
- 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 24 (2 Corinthians 9:3-6; Proverbs 3:3-10)

- Stewardship Kick-Off
Worship (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary; 11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)
9:30 a.m. - Parents of Twos Meet & Greet (Geneva); OnPoint House Band (Pickard)
11:00 a.m. - Cancer Companions Alumnae Group (C203)
3:00 p.m. - Welcoming Children's to the Lord's Supper Workshop (C200)
4:30 p.m. - Cancer Companions Support Group (C203)
5:00 p.m. - Middle & High School Sabbath Sunday (Off Site)
5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer & Bluegrass Music (Chapel)

Monday, September 25 (Ps. 57; 2 Kings 5:1-19; 1 Cor. 4:8-21; Matt. 5:21-26)

- 5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard); Worship Committee (S300)
6:45 p.m. - Ross Bible Study (C203)
7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Handbell Choir (S300)
8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

Tuesday, September 26 (Ps. 54; 2 Kings 5:19-27; 1 Cor. 5:1-8; Matt. 5:27-37)

- 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); God Talk (W400)
11:00 a.m. - Study: Short Stories by Jesus (C103)
3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva)
7:00 p.m. - Seasonal/Chancel Choir (L304, S300); Weekday School Committee (C204)
7:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 395 (Pickard)

Wednesday, September 27 (Ps. 65; 2 Kings 6:1-23; 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11; Matt. 5:38-48)

- 6:45 a.m. - High School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-Fil-A, Cameron Village)
8:00 a.m. - StepUp Ministry Jobs Team (C100)
9:30 a.m. - Bible Belles (Off Site)
10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga (C200); StepUp Ministry Alumni (C203)
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)
6:30 p.m. - Disciple I (K307); Healing Prayer (Chapel); Poland Committee (C203)
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 28 (Ps. 143; 2 Kings 9:1-16; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18)

- 8:00 a.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel); StepUp Jobs Workshop (C100)
9:15 a.m. - Library Committee (C203)
9:30 a.m. - Lilies of the Field Bible Study (C301); Thursday Morning Bible Study (W400)
T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200)
10:45 a.m. - Keenager Program: Microbes and Bacteria on Our Skin (K100)
noon - Keenager Lunch (Geneva)
12:30 p.m. - Praying Our Church Into Its Future (Chapel)
1:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. - Thursday Evening Bible Study (C301)
7:30 p.m. - Webelo Scouts (K304-307); Sanctuary/Seasonal Choir (S300)

Friday, September 29 (Ps. 88; 2 Kings 9:17-37; 1 Cor. 7:1-9; Matt. 6:7-15)

- 8:00 a.m. - StepUp Ministry Jobs Team (C100)
9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)
7:30 p.m. - Kirsten Homdrom Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, September 30 (Ps. 122; 2 Kings 11:1-20a; 1 Cor. 7:10-24; Matt. 6:19-24)

- High School Fall Beach Retreat (Off Site)
8:30 a.m. - Adult Faith Formation Team Planning Retreat (W400);
Sunday School Setup (L307, L309a, L310-312)