

WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 2017
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Gluten-free wafers are available in the narthex and Jane Bell Gathering Space.

Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

One: Let us prepare for worship.

Karl Zinsmeister

Preparation for Worship

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude - Gathering Hymns

Christian Welcome and Announcements

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

Children through fifth grade will be invited forward for the lighting of the Advent Wreath, after which, they may return to their seats.

Gary Fulton

Stewardship and Finance Update

Brooks Jordan

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle

One: I am about to do a new thing, says the Lord.

All: God will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

One: O sing to the Lord a new song,

All: for God has done marvelous things.

(lighting of candle)

One: Let us pray.

All: While we are waiting, come;

with power and glory, come;

come, Savior, quickly, come;

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel. Amen.

Isaiah 43:19; Psalm 98:1

Glory to God, Hymn 92

*Hymn 348 - *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

HELMSLEY

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that we like our faith in digestible portions. When Jesus asks too much, we shy away. When you demand the maximum, we negotiate for the minimum. All the while we negotiate, we are missing the glory of your providence and love. Forgive us for trusting so little. Forgive us when you call us from the slumber of small belief and we close our eyes to sleep some more. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Hymn 583

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

(11:00) Sacrament of Baptism

John Worth Freeman, child of Mary and Nelson Freeman
Meenakshi Hanes Hare, child of Ransom and Alat Hare

Old Testament Lesson - Isaiah 64:1-9

pew Bible, p. 652

New Testament Lesson - Mark 13:24-37

pew Bible, p. 47

(11:00) A Time with the Younger Church

Following our time together, four-year-olds through second graders will meet Chandler Lilly at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by SuSu Lilly from the OnPoint service, for Worship Enrichment in L215.

Gwen Whiteman

Sermon - *Refusing to Snooze on the Apocalyptic Jesus*

Christopher Edmonston

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(8:15 & 11:00) Robert Galloway; (9:30) Judy Pidcock

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Serving of Bread and Cup

8:15 & 11:00 - Communion will be served in the pews. Please hold each element until invited to partake together. As you pass the elements, remember that by the grace of God, Christ calls us and equips each of us to minister to each other.

9:30 - The elders will stand at the four corners of the sanctuary. Ushers will direct you from the side aisles to the station nearest you to receive the elements. Return to your pew by way of the center aisle. Those seated in the balcony and chancel will begin. Any who cannot come forward will be served in the pew.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 - *Creator of the Stars of Night*

arr. Daniel Nelson (pub. 2010)

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call. When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, chosen mother mild. At your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow; all things on earth with one accord, like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

text: 9th century Latin hymn; translated by John Mason Neale, 1851

*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.

(continued)

**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.**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn 88 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

VENI EMMANUEL

***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 - Postlude on HELMSLEY**

James Vivian (b. 1974)

See Hymn 348.

Greeters: 9:30 - Cal Cunningham, Irene Cunningham, Bill Fairfax, Susan Fairfax, Christian Fellowship Class, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Parker Wright, Joe Sullivan, Kelli Sullivan.

Ushers: 8:15 - Gregg Thompson, chair, Celia Poole, Grey Poole, Ernie Simons, Muriel Summers, Roy Teel; 9:30 - Gregg Thompson, chair, Katie Schottmiller, Blair Schrum, Bruce Sharpe, Bill Smith, Roy Teel; 11:00 - Gregg Thompson, chair, Bill Barnett, Sr., Glenn Bitler, Nancy Brawley, Janie Chiles, Dan Daniel.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Marvin Koonce; 9:30 - Emmy Replogle; 11:00 - Lillie Sherman.

Treasurer's Assistants: Margaret Weaver, Wesley Jones.

Shuttle Driver: Jim Newman.

Advent Wreath Lighters: 8:15 - Men's Retreat Planning Committee Members; 9:30 - Marshall and Cara Kuremsky, Rivers and Berkley; 11:00 - 2018 Confirmation Class Members.

The Advent Banner is a gift of the Sanctuary Choir in honor of Brock Downward, Director of Music Emeritus.



POINSETTIA MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

Contributions in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family member, friend, or

member of the church family are welcomed. Contributions may be for any amount; suggested gift is \$20 or more.

All those honored or memorialized will be listed in the bulletins on December

17, December 24 at the 8:30 a.m. service, and the 5:30, 8:00 and 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services.

The poinsettias will stay at the church through Christmas and then, whenever possible, be delivered to homebound members or members in nursing homes.

Contributions will go into a fund used for all decorations in the sanctuary, chapel and OnPoint worship space for Advent and Christmas and to fund other Advent

activities. Contributions received in excess of the cost for Advent and Christmas flowers, greenery, and related events will be used to supply flowers on other Sundays during the year.

Use the form below to list who is being memorialized or honored and who is making the gift. All requests must be in the church office by noon on Monday, December 11. Send your contribution to Rebecca Turner, and call her at 919-834-3425, ext. 222, with questions.

Poinsettia Memorials and Honoraria

Please Print.

DEADLINE: Noon on Monday, December 11

Name of Donor: _____ **Phone:** _____

Given: _____ **in honor of** _____ **or** _____ **in memory of** (first and last names only — no titles, please)

(Name) _____

(Name) _____

Amount of donation: _____

Mail to the attention of Rebecca Turner, WMPC, 1704 Oberlin Road, Raleigh NC 27608

**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.
- 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, December 17 and 31.
- 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.

PASTORAL & PROGRAM STAFF:

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Russia Knitting & Crocheting Group

Join Russia, Etc. Knit and Crochet on December 5 at 9:30 a.m. in C200. We have plenty of yarn, patterns, hooks and needles. All are welcome for coffee, snacks and conversation. Contact Faye Senter at fsenter@bellsouth.net with questions.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 3 (*Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37*)

Advent I

Worship/Communion (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary; 11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)

- 8:00 a.m. - Christmas Share (Connector)
- 9:30 a.m. - OnPoint House Band (Pickard); Cover to Cover (C302)
noon - International Book Club (C301)
- 4:30 p.m. - Youth Choir Warm-up for Joy Gift Service (S300)
- 5:15 p.m. - Nursery for Joy Gift Service (L102-104)
- 5:30 p.m. - Joy Gift Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 4 (*Ps. 145; Amos 2:6-16; 2 Peter 1:1-11; Matt. 21:1-11*)

- 9:15 a.m. - Toddler Open Gym/Worship (Pickard)
- 9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (K200)
- 5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200); WMPC Foundation Meeting (W400)
- 6:00 p.m. - Gift Wrapping Project (Geneva); Stephen Ministry Leaders (K202)
- 6:30 p.m. - Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem (C301)
- 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Handbell Choir (S300)
Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed/Supervision (K200)
- 8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

Tuesday, December 5 (*Ps. 146; Amos 3:1-11; 2 Peter 1:12-21; Matt. 21:12-22*)

- 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 (Off Site); Russia Etc. Knitting/Crocheting (C200)
- 10:00 a.m. - Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem (C301)
- 3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
- 5:00 p.m. - Budget Committee (W400)
- 5:30 p.m. - StepUp Ministry Santa's Workshop (Pickard)
- 6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva); StepUp Co-Partner Training (C200)
- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir (S300); Boy Scout Troop 395 Court of Honor (Sanctuary)
Personnel Committee (K200)

Wednesday, December 6 (*Ps. 147:1-11; Amos 3:12-4:5; 2 Peter 3:1-10; Matt. 21:23-32*)

- 6:45 a.m. - High School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-Fil-A, Cameron Village)
- 8:00 a.m. - Clothing Closet (W100); StepUp Ministry Job Team (C100)
- 9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Bible Moderators (W400)
- 4:30 p.m. - Carol Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (S300); Cherub Choir (L311)
- 5:00 p.m. - First Wednesday Spaghetti Supper (Pickard)
- 5:30 p.m. - Grief Support and the Holidays (C300)
- 6:15 p.m. - Nursery for Advent Worship (L102)
- 6:30 p.m. - Advent Midweek Service (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study (C102); Outreach Committee (C204); Disciple 1 (K307);
OnPoint House Band (K100)
- 8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

Thursday, December 7 (*Ps. 147:12-20; Amos 4:6-13; 2 Peter 3:11-18; Matt. 21:33-46*)

- 8:00 a.m. - StepUp Jobs Workshop (C100)
- 9:30 a.m. - Thursday Morning Bible Study (W400); T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200)
- 10:45 a.m. - Keenager Program: Martin Luther/Social Time with Christmas Cookies (K100)
noon - Keenager Lunch (Geneva)
- 4:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. - Community Allocations (W400)
- 7:30 p.m. - Webelo Scouts (K304-307); Sanctuary Choir (S300)

Friday, December 8 (*Ps. 148; Amos 5:1-17; Jude 1-16; Matt. 22:1-14*)

- 8:00 a.m. - StepUp Ministry Jobs Team (C100)
- 9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)
- 6:30 p.m. - Healing Prayer Practice Support (Chapel)
- 8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, December 9 (*Ps. 149; Amos 5:18-27; Jude 17-25; Matt. 22:15-22*)

- 8:30 a.m. - Sunday School Setup (Classrooms)
- 9:00 a.m. - Advent Wreath Lighting Practice (Sanctuary)