

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

DECEMBER 31, 2017
8:30 & 10:00 A.M.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Greeting

(8:30) Kirsten Homdrom; (10:00) Rich Richards

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, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Hymns

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Chip Pope

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

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 148

One: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights!

All: Praise God, all God's angels; praise God, all God's host!

One: Let us praise the name of the Lord,

All: for God commanded it and we do so gladly.

One: The Lord alone is exalted,

All: God's glory is above earth and heaven. Praise the Lord!

***Hymn 133 - O Come, All Ye Faithful**

ADESTE FIDELES

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you have given us all things. You have granted us peace, salvation, and righteousness. Yet, often we turn away from these gifts in our weakness. We are called to proclaim our faith, but at times we are silent. We are not witnesses to your glory and your place as our Lord. Help us to recognize your gifts and your eternal presence. Your son, Jesus Christ, is a gift to us and our source of forgiveness and redemption. Allow us to be your children and accept your love and grace. Help us be as a child and an heir to your Kingdom. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

***Declaration of Good News**

***Passing of the Peace**

***Response Hymn 132 - stanza 2**

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

(10:00) Sacrament of Baptism

Clara Martha Gibbons, child of Will and Ashley Gibbons

Old Testament Lesson - Isaiah 61:10-62:3

pew Bible, p. 650

New Testament Lesson - Galatians 4:4-7

pew Bible, p. 178

(11:00) A Time with the Younger Church

Children through fifth grade are invited to come forward. Following our time together, children will return to their pews for the rest of the service.

Sermon - *Proclaim God's Gift to Humankind*

Robert Galloway

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 113** - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

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 - *In Dulci Jubilo*

(8:30) arr. James Vivian (b. 1974); (10:00) arr. R. Richards

***Offertory Response Hymn 141** - verse 4

PERSONENT HODIE

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.
Ideo-o-o, ideo-o-o, ideo Gloria in excelsis Deo!

***Affirmation of Faith** - Nicene Creed

hymnal, p. 34

We Believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

(continued)

*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 136 - *Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

***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.

(8:30) Postlude - *Joy to the World*

arr. Jay Rouse (pub. 1991)

Ushers: 8:30 - Stan Lambeth, chair, Bill Fairfax, Susan Fairfax, Gwinn Moss, Jim Graham, Bill Gwyn; 10:00 - Stan Lambeth, chair, Cindy Goins, Butch Gunnells, Gail Gunnells, Pete Harris, Julia Harshbarger.

Service Assistants: 8:30 - Sara Martin.

Treasurer's Assistants: Glenn Matteson, Cheryl McLean.

Shuttle Drivers: Louis Case, Bill Pollock.

Year-end Contributions

Please note that all contributions in the Sunday, December 31, offering plates will be 2017 tax-deductible gifts. All year-end contributions must be received in the Finance Office by December 31, 2017, or postmarked by December 31, 2017, to be claimed as a 2017 donation.

End-of-year Stock Donations

Gifting appreciated stock is a great way to make your contributions to the church. If you are gifting stock as part of your contributions to the church, please write, fax or phone Jody Grayson, ext. 204, when you make the transfer so we can comply with your instructions and give you credit for your gift. We need to know the brokerage firm you are using, the number of shares, the name of the stock and how you would like your gift allocated.



The collection today will help provide grants
to hunger agencies in our Presbytery
and is one way to make a difference
in the lives of those who struggle
with food insecurity.

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, January 14 and 28.
- 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, December 31 *(Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians 4:4-7)*

- Fifth Sunday Hunger Offering
8:30 a.m. - Worship - Holiday Schedule (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. - Fellowship Time; No Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704 Worship - Holiday Schedule (Sanctuary)
1:00 p.m. - Church Facilities Closed after Services

Monday, January 1 *(Ps. 8; Isa. 62:1-5, 10-12; Rev. 19:11-16; Matt. 1:18-25)*

- Church Facilities Closed - Holiday
7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Tuesday, January 2 *(Ps. 29; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Eph. 4:1-16; John 6:1-14)*

- 7:00 a.m. - Men's/Women's Breakfast Bible Study (Geneva/K100)
9:30 a.m. - Fit after Fifty (Pickard); Russia Knitting/Crocheting Group (C200); Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (K200)
3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
4:00 p.m. - Montreat College Conference (Off Site)
6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir (S300); Personnel Committee (K200)

Wednesday, January 3 *(Ps. 15; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Eph. 4:17-32; John 6:15-27)*

- 8:00 a.m. - Clothing Closet (W100)
9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Bible Moderators (W400)
10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga: Try It for Free (C200)
4:30 p.m. - Carol Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (S300); Cherub Choir (L311)
5:00 p.m. - First Wednesday Spaghetti Supper (Pickard)
6:00 p.m. - Women's Retreat Meeting (C301)
6:15 p.m. - Youth Band (K100)
6:30 p.m. - Disciple I (K307); Russia Ministry Committee (C203)
6:45 p.m. - OnPoint House Band (K100)
8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

Thursday, January 4 *(Ps. 97; Josh. 3:14-4:7; Eph. 5:1-20; John 9:1-12, 35-38)*

- 9:30 a.m. - Thursday Morning Bible Study (W400); T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200); Lilies of the Field Bible Study (C301)
10:45 a.m. - Keenager Program: *White Memorial is Building for the Future* (K100)
noon - Keenager Lunch (Geneva)
4:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
6:00 p.m. - Middle/High School Basketball Practice (Pickard)
7:00 p.m. - Community Allocations (W400); Thursday Evening Bible Study (C301)
7:30 p.m. - Webelo Scouts (K304-307); Sanctuary Choir (S300)

Friday, January 5 *(Ps. 110; Jonah 2:2-9; Eph. 6:10-20; John 11:17-27, 38-44)*

- 9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)
5:45 p.m. - First Friday Movie Night (K100, Pickard)
6:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry Opening Retreat (Geneva)
8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, January 6 *(Ps. 67; Isa. 49:1-7; Rev. 21:22-27; Matt. 12:14-21)*

- 8:30 a.m. - Sunday School Setup (Classrooms)
9:00 a.m. - Communion Preparation (Sacristy); NAMI Family to Family (C301); Stephen Ministry Opening Retreat (Geneva)
10:00 a.m. - Let's Do Lunch (C100); Show Up & Serve (C102)