

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 11, 2018
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

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude - *Out of the Depths, I Cry to You, O Lord*

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

(8:15) Jason Jones, French horn; (9:30 & 11) Edwin Nealis, tuba

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Jim Ferry

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 107

One: Give thanks to the Lord!

All: For God is good—and God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: God has gathered us in, offered us redemption, and called the faithful from every end of the earth.

All: God is good—and God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Give thanks to the Lord with our gifts of worship and praise!

*Hymn 424 - *Out of the Depths*

AUS TIEFER NOT

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess today that we are searching. We search for answers. We search for reasons. We search for the center of faith. We confess that these searches are frustrating, and when our expectations are not met we fail to still ourselves and breathe in the grace which God alone provides. Still us. Jesus, calm us. Teach us through your Holy Spirit to trust that we are yours and that your goodness will overcome the world. In the name of our Savior, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response Hymn 414 - *Be Still and Know*

PSALM 46

Sing twice.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(9:30) Jonah Rex Craven, child of Mandy Hayes and Lee Craven

(11:00) Olivia Speight West, child of Ivy and Mark West

Be Still
and Know
That I
am God.

Our theme for Lent is "Be Still." You will hear this in our worship today as we sing and preach about the blessing of stillness.

This hymn reminds us of our need for God in the "deep" places of our lives. It is a common refrain of scripture that we cry to God from the depths of our loss and anguish (Psalm 130).

Confession is near the heart of worship. Today our confession is an admission that we do not enjoy delays in our plans and is a prayer to Jesus to help us be still and learn the spiritual discipline of trust in the midst of the spiritual disciplines of confession and repentance.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE
in the manner of Christ

Is there a more famous verse in the Bible than John 3:16? We make a mistake when we race to the conclusion that we know exactly what it means—or that it has always meant the same to people of faith across the ages. Even if you know John 3:16, do you know John 3:17? What happens to our well worn understandings if we cannot truly understand one verse without the other?

What does the phrase “sovereign love” mean to the church and to you? Can you find all the biblical references in this Affirmation of Faith taken from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, a confessional document written in the 1980’s? This affirmation is a great reminder of the central claim of our text from the Gospel of John today: for God does indeed love the world.

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

pew Bible, p. 559

Anthem - “Be Not Afraid” from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Be not afraid, saith God the Lord. Be not afraid; thy help is near. God, the Lord thy God sayeth unto thee, “Be not afraid!” Though thousands languish and fall beside thee, and tens of thousands around thee perish; yet still it shall not come nigh thee. Be not afraid!

New Testament Lesson - John 3:14-21

pew Bible, p. 94

(11:00) A Time with the Younger Church

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

Sermon - *Sitting Still at the Center of Faith*

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn 792 - *There is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

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 - *God so Loved the World*

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that who so believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that who so believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. God so loved the world. Jn. 3:16-7

*Offertory Response Hymn 822 - *When We Are Living*, stanza 2

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

**Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.**

*Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God’s commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God’s condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.**

(continued)

Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn 750 - Goodness is Stronger than Evil**

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

***Charge and Benediction**

During the season of Lent, the congregation is invited to be seated for the postlude.

Postlude - "Con Moto Maestoso" from *Sonata in A Major, Op. 65 No. 3* F. Mendelssohn
See Hymn 424.

The first movement of Mendelssohn's third organ sonata is based on the chorale AUS TIEFER NOT. The middle section of the movement is a brilliant double fugue, under which you will hear the chorale melody in the pedals. This fugue is sandwiched by two stunning Maestoso sections in A Major, each with a trumpet call reminiscent of the opening phrase of the chorale, "Out of the depths I cry to you."

Chiming of the Trinity

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Glenn Franklin Bitler, Sr., by his family.

Greeters: 9:30 - Dana Hunt, Sid Hunt, Claire Glover, Gray Glover, Christian Fellowship Class, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Jan Ross, Ann Rosar, David Rosar.

Ushers: 8:15 - Gregg Thompson, chair, Bill Turner, Linda Turner, Ann White, James White, Kristen Beightol; 9:30 - Gregg Thompson, chair, Cindy Canning, Timothy Canning, Celeste Chapman, Chris Chapman, Heath Chapman; 11:00 - Gregg Thompson, chair, Gary Pendleton, Laura Pendleton, Abby Pressel, Adam Reeder, Julia Reeder.

Service Assistants: 9:30 - Nate Albertson; 11:00 - Brayden Crowder.

Treasurer's Assistants: Carter Grimes, Elizabeth Saylor

Shuttle Drivers: Bill Hodges, Mel Honeycutt.

A Taste of Russia

The WMPC Russia Committee invites you to a taste of Russia on Wednesday, March 14, during the Wednesdays Together Dinner from 5:00-6:45 p.m. Macy Aguirre will feature a Russian dish, and we will write nametags using the Cyrillic alphabet and a few other culturally-focused opportunities. No registration is needed other than your regular Wednesday dinner reservations.

Seniors Helping Seniors With Technology

It's back! Get ready for another great opportunity to enjoy lunch while learning more about your iPhone, iPad or laptop. Senior high school students will be on hand to help senior adults. Join us Sunday, March 25, from noon - 1:15 p.m. in C200. Register by March 21 with Tonya Higgins at 919-834-3425, ext. 216, or thiggins@whitememorial.org.

Volunteers Needed for Easter Lily Delivery

White Memorial delivers Easter lilies to our homebound and sick members. Our members appreciate the lovely flowers, the personal visit and that they are remembered by White Memorial. If you can help make these special visits on Easter Sunday, April 1, or the week after, call Amy Claprod at 919-834-3425, ext. 210, to sign up. Even one visit would make a great impact.

In the Church Triumphant

Glenn Franklin Bitler, Sr. – March 3, 2018

WMPC family members: son and daughter-in-law - Geff and Dorothea Bitler;
grandchildren and their families - Brooke, Tyler and Andrew Poole; Amanda and Ken Smith;
Glenn Bitler III; and Mary Morgan and Robert Keyser

Broxie Jay Nelson – March 6, 2018
wife, Janet Nelson



"Ethiopian Cross" Linoleum block print by Elizabeth Steele Halstead. Reprinted by permission from *Visuals for Worship*, © 2006, Faith Alive Resources. The interlocking lines symbolize our unity with Christ in his death and resurrection. The Greek cross in the center has arms of equal length to remind us that Christ's sacrifice reaches to the four corners of the earth.

Please join us this evening at 7:00 in the sanctuary for a concert of choral music by the famed Westminster Schola Cantorum of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey. Director James Jordan will lead the 70-voice ensemble in a program entitled *Journey – Crossing the Bar*. The choir will present music by Pärt, Brahms, Bernaducci, Erb, Schmidt, MacMillan, Wilberg and Meador. The program is open to the public. A freewill offering will be received. Thank you to all the WMPC members who will host these college students overnight!

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.
- Sunday 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 and March 25.
- 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, March 11 (*Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; John 3: 14-21*)

- Daylight Saving Time Begins
Worship (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary; 11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)
9:30 a.m. - OnPoint House Band (Pickard); Worship Workshop (L309A, L310, S300)
12:30 p.m. - Lenten Pysanky Worship for Adults (Geneva)
4:30 p.m. - Cancer Companions (C203)
4:45 p.m. - 5th Connection (K100)
5:00 p.m. - Youth Impact Groups (Off Site)
5:30 p.m. - Session Meeting (K200)
6:00 p.m. - Youth Choir Rehearsals (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. - Schola Cantorum Choir Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, March 12 (*Ps. 145; Gen. 49:1-28; 1 Cor. 10:14-11:1; Mark 7:24-37*)

- Presbyterian Women Circles: See feature in Feb. 28 newsletter.
noon - Women's Fellowship Luncheon (Pickard)
5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard)
6:00 p.m. - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
6:30 p.m. - Lenten Study: Final Words from the Cross (C304)
6:45 p.m. - Ross Bible Study (C203)
7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Handbell Choir (S300);
Stephen Ministry Training (K302)
7:10 p.m. - Jim Gale Bible Study (K100)
8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

Tuesday, March 13 (*Ps. 146; Gen. 49:29-50:14; 1 Cor. 11:2-34; Mark 8:1-10*)

- 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)
10:30 a.m. - Lenten Study: Final Words from the Cross (C304); Tues. Morning Bible Study (C301)
noon - Senior Adult Ministry Committee (W400)
3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
4:30 p.m. - StepUp Board Meeting (C200)
5:30 p.m. - Property Care Committee (C204); Service Committee (W400)
6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir (L304/S300)
7:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 395 (Pickard)

Wednesday, March 14 (*Ps. 147:1-11; Gen. 50:15-26; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Mark 8:11-26*)

- 9:15 a.m. - FYC Ministry Team (W400)
9:30 a.m. - Bible Belles (Off Site)
10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga (C200)
4:30 p.m. - Carol Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (S300); Cherub Choir (L311)
5:00 p.m. - Wednesdays Together Dinner: A Taste of Russia (Pickard)
6:15 p.m. - Youth Band (K100)
6:30 p.m. - Disciple I (K307)
6:45 p.m. - OnPoint House Band (K100)
8:00 p.m. - AI-Anon (C100)

Thursday, March 15 (*Ps. 147:12-20; Ex. 1:6-22; 1 Cor. 12:12-26; Mark 8:27-9:1*)

- 8:30 a.m. - Cancer Companion Leaders (K200)
9:30 a.m. - Thurs. A.M. Bible Study (W400); T'ai Chi (C200); Lilies of the Field (C301)
10:30 a.m. - Keenagers Trip to Ruby Theater (Off Site)
11:55 a.m. - Nursery for Worship (L102)
12:10 p.m. - Lenten Midweek Worship (Chapel)
12:30 p.m. - Lenten Lunch (Geneva)
4:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
5:30 p.m. - EWST Board Dinner (Geneva)
6:00 p.m. - NAMI Peer to Peer (C301); Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (W400)
6:30 p.m. - 2018 Haiti Mission Trip Orientation #1 (C200)
7:30 p.m. - Webelo Scouts (K304-307); Sanctuary Choir (L304/S300)

Friday, March 16 (*Ps. 148; Ex. 2:1-22; 1 Cor. 12:27-13:3; Mark 9:2-13*)

- 9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)
8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, March 17 (*Ps. 149; Ex. 2:23-3:15; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Mark 9:14-29*)

- 8:00 a.m. - International Book Club (C200)
8:30 a.m. - Sunday School Setup (Classrooms)
9:00 a.m. - NAMI Family to Family (C301)