

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

MARCH 18, 2018
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

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 - Wondrous Love

arr. Daniel S. Pinkston (pub. 2000)

Earle Dhus, clarinet

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Robert Galloway

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

(11:00) Weekday School Minute

Suzanne Dorsey

Introit

(9:30) *God of Great and God of Small*

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all, God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong, sing together, sing together, praise be to your name. God of silence, God of sound, God in whom the lost are found, God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right, sing together, sing together, praise be to your name.

Cherub Choir - Cindy Sharp, director; Cheryl McLean, accompanist

(11:00) *Guide Us, Lord*

Mark Patterson (b. 1969)

See insert.

Carol Choir - Lee Baker, director; Kirsten Homdrom, accompanist

Georgia Schmidt, viola

Call to Worship

from Psalm 51

One: Have mercy upon us, O God. Have mercy upon us by the wonder of your steadfast love.

All: By your mercies, wash us and cleanse us. Help us in our worship to learn the power of your love.

One: God desires truth from us—in our most inward places.

All: May God teach us wisdom—may we know joy and gladness.

One: In your mercy, teach us the way of your Son as we worship and praise your holy name.

*Hymn 209 - My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

Stanza 1: Choir; St. 2: Organ; St. 3: Women; St. 4: Men; St. 5: All

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess today that we are blinded by many things: envy, greed, shame, anxiety and temptation. Making matters worse, we run from activity to activity with such speed that we are never still long enough to see Jesus for who and what he truly is. Open our eyes, forgive our sins, and heal our hearts in order that we might know your love and know that love as completely as possible. In the name of Jesus, the one whom we long to see, we make this our prayer of confession. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE
in the manner of Christ

***Passing of the Peace**

Response Hymn 414 - *Be Still and Know

PSALM 46

Sing twice as directed.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD



Old Testament Lesson - Jeremiah 31:31-34

pew Bible, p. 691

New Testament Lesson - John 12:20-33

pew Bible, p. 100

**(11:00) A Time with the Younger Church
& Welcoming Second Graders to Worship**

Tracey Daniel, Victoria Rectanus

Children will remain in the sanctuary for the entire service.

Sermon - *Stilling Ourselves Long Enough to See Jesus* Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn - *Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth

VATER UNSER

See insert.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Gary Fulton

**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 - "Lacrymosa" from *Requiem*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91)

Sung in Latin; English translation: *Day of weeping, day of sorrow, day when they from dust shall rise to face their Judge eternal. Gentle Jesus, Holy One, grant unto them eternal peace and rest. Amen.*

***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.**

(continued)

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.**

Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
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 692 - *Spirit, Open My Heart*

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude - "Chorale and Variation 1," from *Sonata VI, Opus 65*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

See insert hymn, *Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth* / VATER UNSER

Chiming of the Trinity

Today's bulletin artwork was drawn by Harrison Seale, a WMPC second grader, as an interpretation of the John 12:20-33 scripture passage.

Greeters: 9:30 - Sandi Williams, Cal Cunningham, Celeste Chapman, Chris Chapman, Christian Fellowship Class, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Caroline Farmer, Melinda Fox, Paul Fox.

Ushers: 8:15 - Glenn Matteson, chair, Henry Lowder, Elaine Mason, Stacy Miller, Helen Mitchell, Henry Mitchell; 9:30 - Betsy Green, chair, H. H. Hancock, Mel Honeycutt, Toni Hutto, Duncan Jennings, James Joyner; 11:00 - Betsy Green, chair, Tom Elam, Jane Elkins, Carolyn Elliott, Tim Ellis, Cindy Goins.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Abigail Robertson; 9:30 - Trace Alphin.

Treasurer's Assistants: Julie Hardesty, Cameron Baird.

Shuttle Driver: Gwinn Moss.

Volunteers Needed for Easter Lily Delivery

White Memorial delivers Easter lilies to our homebound 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 will make a great impact.

Faith Foundations Reads Borg's *Convictions*

Learn and grow in faith with the Faith Foundations class as we discuss Marcus Borg's book *Convictions*. We meet on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in K301, and we welcome visitors! Questions? Contact John White at ncjohnwhite@gmail.com or Susan Hibbert at susanhib22@gmail.com.

Interested in Membership at White Memorial?

The next Beginnings Class for new and prospective members will meet on Sunday, April 22. Register at whitememorial.org/join.

Batter Up!

The WMPC Softball team is actively recruiting new team members as we seek to recapture our City of Raleigh Church League Championship. The season starts in early April and our games are Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are interested in playing competitive softball and building strong relationships with fellow WMPC members, contact Nick Salvatore at nick.salvatore@jmp.com.

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Howard Thomas Edwards – March 6, 2018

WMPC family members: daughters and their families - Laura, Darby, Cameron and Parker Orcutt,
and Vee Vee, Chris, Reese and Hartley Vick

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.: 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 18 (*Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33*)

- 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)
11:00 a.m. - Welcoming Second Graders to Worship (Sanctuary)
2:00 p.m. - CPR Training (C301)
3:30 p.m. - Carlen Maddux: Spiritual Odyssey-Alzheimers (C200)
4:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (S300)
4:30 p.m. - Cancer Companions (C203)
5:00 p.m. - Middle/High School PYC (C100, C102-103/K100)
6:30 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting (K200)

Monday, March 19 (*Ps. 6; Ex. 4:10-31; 1 Cor. 14:1-19; Mark 9:30-41*)

- 9:15 a.m. - Toddler Open Gym/Worship (Pickard)
9:30 a.m. - Russia Sewing Group (C200)
5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard); Worship Committee (S300)
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); Stephen Min. Continuing Ed./Supervision (K200)
7:10 p.m. - Jim Gale Bible Study (K100)
8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

Tuesday, March 20 (*Ps. 91; Ex. 5:1-6:1; 1 Cor. 14:20-33a, 39-40; Mark 9:42-50*)

- 7:00 a.m. - Men's/Women's Breakfast Bible Study (Geneva/K100)
9:30 a.m. - Fit after Fifty (Pickard); God Talk (W400)
10:30 a.m. - Lenten Study: Final Words from the Cross (C304); Tues. A. M. Bible Study (C301)
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 Troop Leaders (K307)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir (L304/S300)
7:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 395 (Pickard)

Wednesday, March 21 (*Ps. 51; Ex. 7:8-24; 2 Cor. 2:14-3:6; Mark 10:1-16*)

- 7:45 a.m. - StepUp Employment Week (C100)
8:00 a.m. - Clothing Closet (W100)
9:30 a.m. - Bible Belles (Off Site)
10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga (C200)
1:15 p.m. - Midsummer Celebration Committee (Geneva)
4:30 p.m. - Carol Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (S300); Cherub Choir (L311)
5:00 p.m. - Wednesdays Together Dinner (Pickard)
5:30 p.m. - Widows of White Memorial (Geneva)
6:00 p.m. - Russia Comm. Putin Country Book Read (K302); Sunday School Comm. (C301)
6:15 p.m. - Youth Band (K100)
6:30 p.m. - Disciple I (K307); Healing Prayer (Chapel)
6:45 p.m. - OnPoint House Band (K100)
7:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study (C102); Adult Faith Formation Committee (C302)
8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

Thursday, March 22 (*Ps. 102; Ex. 7:25-8:19; 2 Cor. 3:7-18; Mark 10:17-31*)

- 7:45 a.m. - StepUp Employment Week (C100, C102-103)
9:15 a.m. - Library Committee (C203)
9:30 a.m. - Thurs. A.M. Bible Study (W400); T'ai Chi (K100); Lilies of the Field (C301)
10:45 a.m. - Keenagers: Eugene "Gene" Boyce-"Watergate and its Coincidences" (C200)
11:55 a.m. - Nursery for Worship (L102)
12:10 p.m. - Lenten Midweek Worship (Chapel)
12:30 p.m. - Lenten Lunch (Geneva)
12:45 p.m. - Praying Our Church into Its Future (Chapel)
4:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
6:00 p.m. - NAMI Peer to Peer (C301); Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (W400);
Concert Series Comm. (C203); High School/College Min. Director Search (C100)
7:30 p.m. - Webelo Scouts (K304-307); Sanctuary Choir (L304/S300)

Friday, March 23 (*Ps. 130; Ex. 9:13-35; 2 Cor. 4:1-12; Mark 10:32-45*)

- 7:45 a.m. - StepUp Employment Week (C100, C102-103)
9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)
8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, March 24 (*Ps. 143; Ex. 10:21-11:8; 2 Cor. 4:13-18; Mark 10:46-52*)

- 8:30 a.m. - Sunday School Setup (Classrooms)
9:00 a.m. - NAMI Family to Family (C301); Easter Celebration (Pickard)
10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary/Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)