WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Greeting One: The joy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. All: And also with you. One: Let us prepare for worship.

HITE MEMORL

Preparation for Worship

Âlmighty God, you send your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from chaff and wickedness clings even to what is good. Let the fire of your Spirit purge us of greed and deceit, so that, purified, we may find our peace in you and you may delight in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, 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

(8:15 & 9:30) Love Came Down At Christmas WMPC Handbell Choir; Lindsey Tomlinson, flute

(11:00) Savior of the Nations, Come

Welcome and Announcements

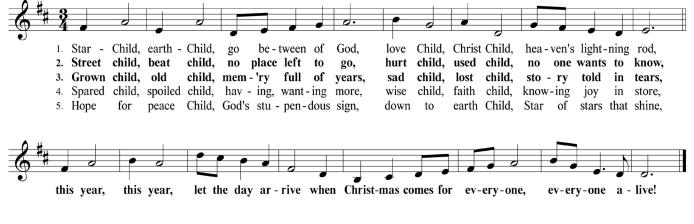
See Hymn 102.

Jim Ferry

Children through fifth grade will be invited forward for the lighting of the Advent Wreath, after which they may return to their seats. Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor, include all requested information.

Call to Worship and Advent Wreath Lighting (all singing)

Star-Child, verses 2 & 3; text: Shirley Erena Murray; music: Carlton Young



continued . . .

One: Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

All: Rejoice and exault with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

One The Lord, your God, is in your midst,

All: the Lord will renew you in love.

[lighting of Advent candles]

Zephaniah 3:14, 17

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

The Service for the Lord's Day Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 16, 2018 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 а.т.

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski (b. 1950)

J.S. Bach, trans. Wilhelm Kempff

Kirsten Homdrom

One: Let us pray

All: Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve and honor you. Lift our voices to sing your praises, rejoicing always. We give you thanks, O Lord, and call on your name, as we seek to live in peace and love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn 106 - Prepare the Way, O Zion

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we confess that we have not recognized you in our midst nor listened to your voice. Our fears make us defensive instead of loving. We have doubted what we cannot explain. Without you, we have become tiny islands of self-concern. You have offered us light, yet we have chosen to live in the shadows. Forgive us we pray, and come and reestablish your rule in a waiting world. Come to reign among us and find a dwelling place in every heart. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Response Hymn 137 He came down that we may have joy: he came down that we may have joy: he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.

Sing twice.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson - Zephaniah 3:14-20

Anthem

(8:15 & 9:30) Carol of the Bells

(11:00) Ding Dong! Merrily on High Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, and io, io, io, by priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; may you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

New Testament Lesson - Luke 3:7-18

(11:00) Worship Enrichment for the Younger Church Following the New Testament Lesson, four-year-olds through second graders will meet Liisa Ogburn at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by Aidan, Livia & Sarah Colvin from the OnPoint service for Worship Enrichment in L201.

Sermon - Tips for Avoiding Membership in the Brood of Vipers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 357 - The Days Are Surely Coming

Pravers of the People and The Lord's Praver

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.

HE CAME DOWN

pew Bible, p. 826

arr. Cathy Moklebust (b. 1958)

arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

pew Bible, p. 56

Christopher Edmonston

LLANGLOFFAN

Cate Church Norman

BCW p.178, adapt.

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem - Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The Bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry. The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near; go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear. The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand. Arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand. The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore, shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold; in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free! Rejoice!

*Offertory Response Hymn 113 - verse 3 and refrain Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

***Affirmation of Faith**

Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle.
The people of God have often misused God's promises as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.
But in Christ the new world has already broken in and the old can no longer be tolerated.
We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.
But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives.
Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 105 - People, Look East

*Charge and Benediction

The congregation is invited to be seated for the Postlude during the season of Advent.

Postlude - Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL

Chiming of the Trinity

Angels We Have Heard on High (as used in the Offertory Response Hymn) is an invitation carol from Christians to others to come celebrate Christ's birth with them. Every version stems from the same source and is inspired by Luke 2:6-20. This hymn was published in North America in *Nouveau recueil de cantiques* (New Hymnal) for the Diocese of Quebec in 1819. The original hymn appeared in French – *Les anges dans nos campagnes* – as a traditional French carol that originated as early as the 18th century. The English translation was done by James Chadwick (1813-1882), Roman Catholic Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle.

Lighting the Advent wreath today are: 8:15 - Chancel Choir Members: Nancy Sumner, Bill Preston, and Nancy Honeycutt; 9:30 - Anna Vaughn & Hatcher Kincheloe, Mary & Nelson Freeman, children Eliza & Worth; 11:00 - Confirmation Class Members: Lucy Brimberry, Mimi Kirkland, Manning Lasso, Ethan Perry & Robert Walker.

Greeters: 9:30 - Carol Vassey, Ashlyn Whitford, Cal Cunningham, Heather Garrabrant; 11:00 - Elizabeth Zimmerman, Meg Groves. **Ushers:** 8:15 - Betsy Reade Creech, Roy Teel, Ann White, Mary Ward Boerner, Bill Fairfax, Susan Fairfax; 9:30 - Reed Fountain, Toni Hutto, William Kimbrell, Linda Mahan, Ned Mangum, Robin Mangum; 11:00 - Stan Lambeth, Rob McMillen, Kerri McMillen, Garrison Miller, Kelly Miller, Barry Millward.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Amelia Mehr; 9:30 - Elizabeth Holderness; 11:00 - Nat Moody.

Treasurer's Assistants: Caroline McCullen, Margaret Weaver.

Shuttle Drivers: Bill Hodges, Nancy & Frank Baird.

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

GLORIA

from a Brief Declaration of Faith

BESANÇON

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

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. - 11:15 a.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.
- 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.: next broadcast December 16.

- **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 16 (Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26)

Advent III

Worship (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary;

11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard Hall)

- 8:00 a.m. Christmas Turkey Dinner Collection (Courtyard) ends at 11:00 a.m.
- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Share Sales (Connector)
- 9:30 a.m. Aging Well (Chapel); College Coffee Hour (Geneva Hall);

OnPoint House Band Rehearsal (Pickard Hall); Parents of Young Teens Christmas Coffee Hour (C302)

- 10:30 a.m. Christmas Share Sales (Connector)
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Sunday Meeting Preachers (C200)
- 4:30 p.m. Cancer Companions Christmas Gathering (C200)

Monday, December 17 (Psalm 125; 1 Kings 18:1-18; Ephesians 6:10-17)

- 5:30 p.m. T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph (C301)
- 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)
- 8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball (Pickard Hall)

Tuesday, December 18 (Psalm 125; 2 Kings 2:9-22; Acts 3:17-4:4)

7:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Geneva Hall)

- Women's Breakfast & Study Circle M (K100)
- 8:30 a.m. Yoga for Exercise (C100)
- 10:30 a.m. Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph (C301)
- 3:00 p.m. Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
- 5:30 p.m. StepUp Holiday Party (Pickard Hall)

Wednesday, December 19 (Psalm 125; Malachi 3:16-4:6; Mark 9:9-13)

- 8:00 a.m. Clothing Closet (W100)
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Belles (Off Premises)
- 11:30 a.m. WDS Christmas Chapel Service (Sanctuary)
 - 4:30 p.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal (S300); Cherub Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (K304)
 - 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays Together Dinner (Pickard Hall)
- 5:30 p.m. Caroling (Geneva Hall); Widows of White Memorial (Geneva Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. Disciples: Invitation to John Bible Study (K307);
 - OnPoint House Band Rehearsal (K100); Young Adult Bible Study (C102)
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Thursday, December 20 (Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Samuel 6:1-11; Hebrews 1:1-4)

- 8:00 a.m. Labryinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
- 9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study (W400)
- 5:30 p.m. T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Combined Adult Choirs Rehearsal (S300)
- 7:30 p.m. Webelo Scouts
- Friday, December 21 (*Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Samuel 6:12-19; Hebrews 1:5-14*) 8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, December 22 (Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Judges 13:2-24; John 7:40-52) 9:00 a.m. - Advent Wreath Lighting Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Generosity Campaign 2019 Update

As of Wednesday, December 12, we have received 694 pledges totaling \$3,012,841. Thank you for your support of the ministry of White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Each Sunday, we offer four opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial (8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and 11:00 a.m. OnPoint@1704 in Pickard Hall). While you will notice differences in music, location and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our liturgy. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture and Affirmation of Faith.





PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Nina Page, on the death of her daughter, Margaret "Peggy" Ellen Page, December 2, Ann Arbor, MI.

Carol and Lynn Wiggs, and Matthew, CarolAnn, Cooper and Cole Wiggs, on the death of Carol's mother, Melba Blackmon Golightly, December 5, Raleigh, NC.

Dan, Pam and Andrew O'Connor, on the death of Dan's mother, Fran O'Connor, December 9, Raleigh, NC.

John, Kristin, Tate, Grace, Sarah and Emmy Replogle, on the death of John's mother, Jeanne Lonnquist Replogle, December 9, Cohasset, MA. HOSPITALS (*designates discharged) Rex: *Al Hamrick, Andy Pittman Morningside: Nancy Dils

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT Judy Carol Bright – December 6, 2018

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church, email Rebecca Turner at <u>rturner@whitememorial.org</u>. If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized, call the church office or email Amy Claprood at<u>aclaprood@whitememorial.org</u> so our pastoral staff can reach out. If you have a pastoral care need outside of regular business hours, call our after hours pastor on call at 919-605-4593.



CHURCHWIDE NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Nominations are being accepted for new ruling elders and deacons. The Churchwide Nominating Committee starts meeting in late January to consider nominations for new church officers, class of 2022. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination for the office of Elder or Deacon. The Officer Nomination Form car be found on our website: www.whitememorial.org/about.

GIFTING STOCK OR IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

Gifting appreciated stock or IRA distributions are great ways to make your contributions to the church. Please contact Jody Grayson with your gifting details, or for more information.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note that all year end contributions must be received in the Finance Office by 5 p.m. on December 31, 2018 or postmarked by December 31, 2018 to be claimed as a 2018 donation.

LOST SOMETHING?

The Lost and Found bin in The Connector is overflowing with various items that people have misplaced. If you think you've lost something, please check the bin. At the end of the year, any unclaimed items will be distributed to various charities. THE HOLY SPIRIT SHOWS UP HOW? WHEN? WHY?

WMPC WOMEN'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 8-10 2019 | PINEHURST

The Holy Spirit Shows Up...How? When? Why? Romans 8:6 NRSV

Have you ever wondered what or who the Holy Spirit is or how the Holy Spirit works in and through us? Don't miss this year's retreat and hear how Leslie Klingensmith will address these questions and more.

15TH ANNUAL WMPC WOMEN'S RETREAT

There is still space available. Don't miss out! REGISTER NOW!

FEBRUARY 8-10, 2019 PINEHURST

Join us as we welcome back for the third time - Leslie Klingensmith, pastor of St. Matthew Presbyterian Church in Silver Spring, MD.

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WESTMINSTER CONCERT BELL CHOIR

We hope you'll join us for Sounds on Oberlin's next concert Sunday, January 13 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary as the Westminster Concert Bell Choir performs under the direction of Kathleen Ebling Shaw. Celebrating their 41st anniversary

season, Westminster Concert Bell Choir is comprised of students performing on the largest range of handbells in the world.



FIRST THROUGH FIFTH GRADE SKATING PARTY

Children in first through fifth grades are invited to our church's skating party at Jellybeans at 1120 Buck Jones Road on Saturday, January 12 from 10:00 a.m.–noon. Parents are welcome to leave or to stay. No reservations

are necessary. Call Lynn Springfield at 834-3425, ext. 232 with questions.





OAK CITY OUTREACH COLLECTION

Help the WMPC Young Adults collect donations for Oak City Outreach. Items needed are: soap, washcloths, lotion, shaving cream, deodorant, (men and women), toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, hand sanitizer, disposable razors and over the counter pain relievers. Items need to be NEW and preferably travel size. Drop off items in the marked bins located in The Connector. If you are interested in volunteering with the Young Adults contact Robert Galloway at rgalloway@whitememorial.org.

CHAIR YOGA FOR 2019

Come for a free trial class of chair yoga on January 2 from 10-11 a.m. in C-200. 8-week sessions are \$40 for all 8 classes (January 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 20 and 27) or drop-ins are always welcome any time for only \$8/class. Questions? email Margie Mould at <u>mmould@bellsouth.net</u> or call 919-303-5318.



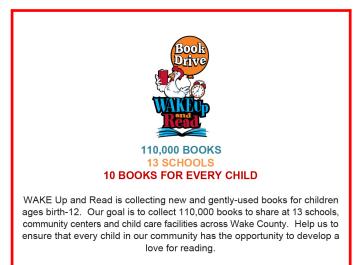
STEPUP'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY: SAVE THE DATE

This year, StepUp Ministry is celebrating 30 years of serving the Raleigh community, in large part because of the support we have received from White Memorial. We hope you will save the date and join us for our 30th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, January 26, 2019, with our guest emcee, Christopher Edmonston.

Our 30th celebration will begin by honoring Art Ross, a longtime friend of StepUp, in a pre-event for our host committee. If you are interested in joining our host committee, please contact Lydia Pickard, <u>lpickard@stepupministry.org</u> or (919) 781-0156 ext. 122. Host Committee tickets are \$250 per person. General tickets are \$100 and will go on sale early in December.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT WHITE MEMORIAL?

The next Beginnings Class for new and prospective members will meet on Sunday, January 27 and join Sunday, February 3. To register, visit <u>www.whitememorial.org/register</u> by January 7, 2019.



January 5th - February 15th Drop off books in the Connector For more info or to donate: https://wakeupandread.org/



Are you experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation? Do you feel overwhelmed? Would you welcome someone to walk along side you to speak with about this journey?

Stephen Ministers are Christian men and women—trained to provide confidential one-to-one care. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

To learn more about how you can speak confidentially with a trained Stephen Minister contact Robert Galloway, Pastoral Resident, at <u>rgalloway@whitememorial.org</u> or call 919-834-3425, ext. 251.



During Sunday School in our A.C.T.S.* of Faith Theater, fourth graders reenacted the story of Samuel being called by God.



*ACTIVE CHILDREN TELLING STORIES



Contribute now

Through December 24 Gloria Johnson's office

Sundays through December 23 The Connector



- Christmas Parties December 16 - Sunday School 9:30-10:30
- various classrooms - College Student Coffee
- 9:30-10:30 a.m., Geneva Hall

December 24, Christmas Eve College Drop-In, 10-10:30 p.m. K-100

• Youth Group@ White Memorial December 16, no meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

- Mini Kick-Off, January 6
 5-7 p.m., Parents and Students
- 2019 LOCKOUT! January 18 7 p.m.-7 a.m., Middle and High School Students
- Youth Sunday, January 27 8:15 a.m.-noon, multiple worship services
- 2019 MS Cross Mission Trip February 1-3. Registration is full. To be added to the wait list email Deb Smith

WEEKLY YOUTH EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Do you want to receive the weekly youth email newsletter that's full of great information? Contact Deb Smith at <u>dsmith@whitememorial.org</u> to be added to the contact list.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS GREENERY 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 bulletin inserts on December 23 and Christmas Eve services.

Flowers, greenery and poinsettias will adorn our worship spaces throughout Advent and Christmas. Small poinsettias will 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@1704 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 17. Send your contribution to Rebecca Turner, and call her at 919-834-3425, ext. 222, with questions.

Advent/Christmas Greenery Memorials and Honoraria

Please Print.

DEADLINE: Noon on Monday, December 17

| Name of Donor: | Phone: |
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| Given: in honor of or | in memory of (first and last names only — no titles, please) |
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