

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 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

from WMPC Advent Devotional Card

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us the desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prelude - Magnificat

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Welcome and Announcements

Gloria Johnson

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, v. 4; text: Shirley Erena Murray; music: Carlton Young



1. Star - Child, earth - Child, go be - tween of God, love Child, Christ Child, hea - ven's light - ning rod,
2. Street child, beat child, no place left to go, hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
3. Grown child, old child, mem - 'ry full of years, sad child, lost child, sto - ry told in tears,
4. Spared child, spoiled child, hav - ing, want - ing more, wise child, faith child, know - ing joy in store,
5. Hope for peace Child, God's stu - pen - dous sign, down to earth Child, Star of stars that shine,



this year, this year, let the day ar - rive when Christ - mas comes for ev - ery - one, ev - ery - one a - live!

One: Look! The young woman is with child;

All: she will call him Emmanuel, for God is with us.

One: The mystery of the ages is now revealed.

Isaiah 7:14

Romans 16:25

All: Child of Peace, come into our souls that we, like Mary, might magnify you.

(lighting of Advent candles)

One: Let us pray.

**All: God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us
when Mary placed her life at the service of your will.**

**Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service,
that we may receive the coming of his kingdom for the sake of Jesus Christ,
the ruler of all, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Hymn 99 – My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of mystery and wonder, you call us to peace, but we are restless. You ask us to pursue justice, but we prefer security. You offer us faith as a gift that we exchange for fear. Help us trust the promises you make in Scripture. Forgive us when we are distracted and are not present to you or one another. Give us abiding faith, and guide us in your ways of justice and peace. Help us receive with joy the gifts you offer us in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace**

***Response Hymn 137**

HE CAME DOWN

He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.

Sing twice.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

(11:00) Sacrament of Baptism

William James Albritton, child of Jennifer and Benton Albritton
Grady Wayne Long, child of Jessica and Zac Long

Old Testament Lesson - Micah 5:2 -5a

pew Bible, p. 815

Anthem - *Sicut locutus est* from *Magnificat*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Sung in Latin: Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini ejus in saecula. Translation: According to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.



New Testament Lesson - Luke 1:39-45

pew Bible, p. 53

(11:00) Worship Enrichment for the Younger Church

Following the New Testament Lesson, four-year-olds through second graders will meet Cynthia Baggett at the door near the baptismal font; to be joined by Laura Lilly Baggett from the OnPoint service for Worship Enrichment in L201.

Sermon - *Blessed Among Women: Mary*

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 97 - *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ABERYSTWYTH

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 - *I Will Be a Child of Peace*

arr. Elaine Hagenberg (pub. 2013)

O Holy Father I will be a child of peace and purity for well I know thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.

***Offertory Response Hymn 145 – stanza 3**

GREENSLEEVES

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

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

***Affirmation of Faith**

from *Nicene Creed*

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.
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 79** – *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

TEMPLE OF PEACE

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude - *Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL*

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

Chiming of the Trinity

In his play *Merry Wives of Windsor*, William Shakespeare refers to the tune GREENSLEEVES (as used in the Offertory Response Hymn) twice, which in turn dates this melody in the sixteenth century. This tune stands between the sacred and the secular, but was paired with the Waits' Carol, "The old year now away is fled" in 1642. William Dix (1837-1898) was an Anglican layman who lived in Bristol, England. He spent most of his life as a businessman working as a manager for the Maritime Insurance Company in Glasgow, Scotland. Just like *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, the text is a condensed version of Luke 2:8-16, which paints a picture of the Christ Child sleeping on Mary's lap.

Today's bulletin artwork was drawn by Reed Raynor, a WMPC 3rd grader, as an interpretation of the Luke 1:39-45 scripture passage.

Lighting the Advent wreath today are: 8:15 - Anna & Sandy Hattaway, Carole Sawicki, Martha Coffey; 9:30 - Celeste & Chris Chapman, children Cooper & MacCallan; Celeste & Robert Allen; 11:00 - Carol & Richard Battle, Cameron & Conner Leonard and son Turner.

Greeters: 9:30 - Julie Lyons, Tracey McDowell, Claire Glover, Gray Glover; 11:00 - Heather Horton, Melinda Fox, Paul Fox.

Ushers: 8:15 - Cindy Carter, Bonnie Elam, Chris Ingram, Susan Ingram, Jim Graham; 9:30 - Glenn Matteson, Ann Matteson, John O'Neal, Parham McNair, Andy Morison; 11:00 - Jim Newman, Judy Newman, Keith Parks, Laura Pendleton, Alex Flynn.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Mimi Peterson; 9:30 - Keenan McIntyre; 11:00 - Annie Frances Reece.

Treasurer's Assistants: Betsy Reade Creech, Lydia Pickard.

Shuttle Drivers: Mike Carter, Dan Daniel.

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 is December 30.
- **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 23 (*Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26*)

Advent IV

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

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

9:00 a.m. - Christmas Share Sales (Connector)

9:30 a.m. - OnPoint House Band Rehearsal (Pickard Hall)

10:30 a.m. - Christmas Share Sales (Connector)

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

5:00 p.m. - Middle & High School Sabbath Sunday (Off Premises)

Monday, December 24 (*Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14*)

3:00 p.m. - Bell Service (Sanctuary)

4:00 p.m. - Bell Service (Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. - OnPoint House Band Rehearsal (K100)

5:30 p.m. - Combined Adult Choirs (S300)

5:40 p.m. - Nursery for Christmas Eve Service (L102)

6:00 p.m. - Candlelight Lessons & Carols (Sanctuary)

OnPoint @1704 Candlelight Lessons & Carols (Pickard Hall)

7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

10:00 p.m. - College Student Christmas Eve Drop-In (K100)

11:00 p.m. - Candlelight Lessons & Carols (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, December 25 (*Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20*)

Church Facilities Closed for Holiday

Wednesday, December 26 (*Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); John 1:1-14*)

Church Facilities Closed for Holiday

Thursday, December 27 (*Psalm 148; Jeremiah 26:1-9, 12-15; Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60*)

8:00 a.m. - Labryinth Open for Walking (Chapel)

5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard Hall)

Friday, December 28 (*Psalm 148; Jeremiah 31:15-17; Matthew 2:13-18*)

8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, December 29 (*Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:5-15; Matthew 12:46-50*)

Church Facilities Closed

Generosity Campaign 2019 Update

As of Wednesday, December 19, we have received 730 pledges totaling \$3,190,781.

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.

Joys & CONCERNS

WHITE MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

UPCOMING BAPTISM - December 23

11:00 William James Albritton, child of Jennifer and Benton Albritton

Grady Wayne Long, child of Jessica and Zac Long

HOSPITALS (*designates discharged)

Duke Raleigh: Kathy Edwards

Rex: *Frank Littrell, *Andy Pittman

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

James Finley Boney – December 9, 2018

WMPC family members: son, David Boney; grandchildren and their families: Annie, Jim Elizabeth, Fin, William and Parker Brewer, Daniel Boney and Allie Boney.

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church, email Rebecca Turner at rturner@whitememorial.org. If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized, call the church office or email Amy Clapood at aclapood@whitememorial.org 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.



THE CHILD
OF GOD

CANDLELIGHT LESSONS & CAROLS

Join us Christmas Eve for Candlelight Lessons and Carols. Services are 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 in Pickard Hall, and 11 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Childcare is available during the 6 p.m. service(s).

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.



POP UP PAGEANT



This year, children are invited to dress as shepherds or angels to participate in an on-the-spot pageant! For those dressed in their Christmas best, there will still be another way to be a star.

Don't forget to bring a bell to accompany the singing of carols.

Listen to the anthems of children's choirs, hear the Christmas story and worship with joy!

Service is for all ages.



Christmas Eve Bell Services

December 24

3:00 or 4:00 pm





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

Don't miss out!

LAST DAY
TO REGISTER IS
JANUARY 5!

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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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 can be found on our website: www.whitememorial.org/about.



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.

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 mmould@bellsouth.net or call 919-303-5318.



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.



STEPUP MINISTRY 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA JANUARY 26, 2019



STEPUP'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY: YOU'RE INVITED!

In 2019, StepUp Ministry will celebrate 30 years of serving courageous men, women, and children in the Raleigh community. We hope you will join us for StepUp's 30th Anniversary Gala, presented by First National Bank! The event will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center.

We will have music from DJ Joe Bunn, inspiring stories, delicious food, and a paddle auction with guest emcees Rev. Christopher Edmonston and Rev. Greg Jones.

Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased at www.stepupministry.org/30th or by mailing a check to StepUp Ministry.

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 www.whitememorial.org/register by January 7, 2019.



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 rgalloway@whitememorial.org or call 919-834-3425, ext. 251.



INTERNATIONAL BOOK CLUB - A WRINKLE IN TIME

Why do we look out to the universe to seek heaven and God? Fifth through eighth graders are invited to join us Sunday, January 13, 2019 from noon-1:30 p.m. in Calvin 301. We are discussing the book *A Wrinkle in Time* and Dr. Schmidt, Professor of Physics at Meredith College will speak on how science and faith empower each other. Lunch and book are provided. Registration is required:

www.whitememorial.org/register

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.



110,000 BOOKS
13 SCHOOLS

10 BOOKS FOR EVERY CHILD

WAKE Up and Read is collecting new and gently-used books for children ages birth-12. Our goal is to collect 110,000 books to share at 13 schools, community centers and child care facilities across Wake County. Help us to ensure that every child in our community has the opportunity to develop a love for reading.

January 5th - February 15th

Drop off books in the Connector

For more info or to donate:

<https://wakeupandread.org/>

Christmas Share

Contribute now

Sundays through December 23

The Connector

Through December 24

Gloria Johnson's office



- Sabbath Sunday
December 23, No Sunday night programming at the church. Family devotion emailed out
- Christmas Parties
December 24, Christmas Eve College Drop-In, 10-10:30 p.m. K-100
- Mini Kick-Off, January 6
5-7 p.m., Parents and Students
- Youth Sunday, January 27
8:15 a.m.-noon, multiple worship services

LOOKING AHEAD

- 2019 LOCKOUT! January 18 7 p.m.-7 a.m., Middle and High School Students
- 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 dsmith@whitememorial.org to be added to the contact list.

faith & education flowing together

Come see all that's going on
at the WDS!

OPEN HOUSE

for prospective families

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

9:30 A.M. | Sanctuary

Join us for the Weekday School Open House.
It's a great opportunity to meet faculty, tour the facilities
and get answers to any questions you may have.

**White
Memorial
Weekday
School**



First Friday Movie Night

When: Friday, January 4

Who: K - 5th grade

Registration: \$5 per child = pizza and bottled water

Time: Drop off and pizza dinner 5:45 p.m.
followed by movie. Pick up at 8:00 p.m.
Bring a sleeping bag or blanket!

Register and pay online at
whitememorial.org/register.

Registration is required no later than
Thursday, January 3 at midnight.

**families
with young
children**