

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

DECEMBER 29, 2019
8:00 & 10:00 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 *The British Council of Churches*

Almighty God, you have chosen us as your own and you give us new life in Christ. Fill us with his spirit of compassion and love, and may his peace always reign in our hearts. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

Gathering Hymns

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Christopher Edmonston

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

Call to Worship

One: We recount the gracious deeds of God, all the praiseworthy acts the Lord has done for us:

All: Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Emmanuel.

One: Praise God for the good news of Jesus, the pioneer of our salvation.

All: Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Emmanuel.

One: Praise God who is present with us still, lifting us up and carrying us.

All: Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Emmanuel.

*Hymn 119 - Hark the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

*Act of Confession

*One: Brothers and sisters,
Jesus became like us in every respect
so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest.
As we confess our sins,
we come before the one who was also tested by what
he suffered,
confident that he is able to help us.*

**All: Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us
as your children.**

We confess that we have not loved you as we should.

We have not loved our brothers and sisters as you intend.

**Complacent in the presence of injustice and violence,
we fail to recognize our own complicity.**

Forgive us. Set us free from fear that we may wholly trust in you. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*One: Children of God,
it is clear that Jesus Christ came to help sinners.
He is our Savior in all our distress,
and it is his presence that saves us.
Declare with me the good news of the gospel:*

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Response Hymn 583**

GLORIA

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia! (repeat in canon)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(10:00) Weston Glenn Dunn Walcott, child of Helen Dunn and Charles Walcott

New Testament Lesson - Matthew 2:13-23

pew Bible, p. 2

5th Sunday Hunger Offering

Instrumental Solo - *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 148

pew Bible, p. 550

(10:00) A Time with Young Disciples

Following our time together, children will return to the pews for the remainder of the service.

Sermon - *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Tracey Daniel

***Hymn 14** - *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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.

Offertory - *Greensleeves*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

***Offertory Response Hymn 143** - verse 4 and refrain

REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!**

***Affirmation of Faith**

a portion of *The Brief Statement of Faith* 1983

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**
(continued)

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

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 134 - *Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

***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.

Postlude - *Festive Gloria

A. D. Miller

Greeters: 10:00 - Heather Horton, Tiffany Lund, Julie Nau.

Ushers: 8:00 - Kathy Hart (DIC), Steven Lilly, Frank Littrell, Henry Lowder, Elaine Mason, Stacy Miller;
10:00 - RobWyatt (DIC), Jim Newman, Judy Newman, Keith Parks, Gary Pendleton, Laura Pendleton.

Service Assistant: 10:00 - Grady Mock.

Treasurer's Assistants: 11:00 - Tracey Hall; Olivia Edwards.

Generosity Campaign 2020 Update

As of Tuesday, December 24, we have received 807 pledges totaling \$3,640,739.23. Thank you for your support of the ministry of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. If you haven't already, please consider making a pledge at www.whitememorial.org/generosity.

**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 attending
Believing & Belonging @WMPC 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 on the hallway to Jane Bell Gathering Space on the Pulpit side and also on the first floor of the Luther Building.
- **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 today December 29.
- **Bulletins** left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation.



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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AFTER HOURS PASTOR ON CALL: 919-605-4593

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 29 (*Matthew 2:13-23; Psalm 148*)

Worship (8:00 & 10:00 a.m. - Integrated Sanctuary/OnPoint @1704 Worship)
8:00 a.m. - Fifth Sunday Hunger Offering - Both Services
9:15 a.m. - Greatest Generation (W400)

Monday, December 30 (*Psalm 148; Proverbs 9:1-12; 2 Peter 3:8-13*)

7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S300)

Tuesday, December 31 (*Psalm 148; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19*)

9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard Hall)

Wednesday, January 1 (*Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Matthew 25:31-46*)

ALL DAY - Church Facilities Closed for Holiday

Thursday, January 2 (*Psalm 148; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18*)

9:30 a.m. - Thursday Morning Bible Study (W400)
1:30 p.m. - Cancer Companion Leaders (C203)
3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)

Friday, January 3 (*Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14*)

9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard Hall)
5:45 p.m. - First Friday Movie Night (C200)
6:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry Opening Retreat (Geneva Hall)
8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, January 4 (*Psalm 110; Proverbs 3:1-12; James 4:11-17*)

8:30 a.m. - Sunday School Set-Up (Classrooms)
6:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry Opening Retreat (Geneva Hall);
Communion Preparation (Sacristy)
10:00 a.m. - Let's Do Lunch (C100); Show Up & Serve (C102)

Each Sunday, we offer four opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial (8:00, 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.

Toys & CONCERNS

WHITE MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Lois Newton Wilson – December 18, 2019

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Julie, Aaron, Hunter and Cooper Leon, on the death of Aaron's mother, Donna Olsen Leon, December 12, Loveland, CO.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Lynn and Bob Womble, on the birth of grandchild, Elizabeth Lea Womble, born December 4, to Katherine and Robert Womble, Atlanta, GA.

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

january outreach



SATURDAY, JANUARY 4
C100 & C102
10:00-11:00 A.M.

WMPC provides 70 sack lunches once a month for Raleigh Rescue Mission's Sunday Sack Lunches program. All we need are willing hands to make and pack the lunches. Everything will be provided.



On Saturday, January 4, we hope you will join us as we make flu kits for Alliance Medical, put together a mailing for Transitions LifeCare (Hospice) and make fleece scarves for Oak City Outreach.



CHURCH FACILITIES CLOSED
Happy New Year!

Church facilities will be closed Wednesday, January 1 and reopen 8:00 a.m. Thursday, January 2.



DECEMBER 29
FIFTH SUNDAY
HUNGER OFFERING

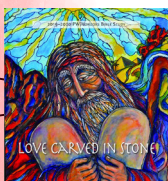
The collection offering on Sunday, December 29 will help provide grants to hunger agencies in our Presbytery and is one way to make a difference in the lives of those who struggle with food insecurity.

Sippin' & SEEKING

Where: North Hills Club Lounge
4824 Yadkin Dr. | Raleigh, NC 27609
When: Tuesday | January 14 | 7 pm



Please join us for a glass of wine & conversation as we offer a casual environment to continue studying *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. Copies of the study lessons will be available.



Please RSVP by 1/13 to
Olivia Edwards 252-525-8108
or Julie Leon 919-475-0861
**You can just show up too...
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

RUSSIA KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

Gather around and enjoy fellowship and friends while knitting and crocheting on Tuesday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m. in W400. We have plenty of yarn, patterns, hooks and needles. Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee, snacks and lots of conversation. Any questions call Faye Senter 919-805-0897 or fsenter@bellsouth.net.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT WHITE MEMORIAL?

The next *Believing & Belonging* @WMPC class for new and prospective members will meet on Sunday, January 12 and join on Sunday, January 26. Register by December 30 at www.whitememorial.org/register.

CHURCHWIDE OFFICER 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 2023. 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:

www.whitememorial.org/church-officers.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

We will not be serving Spaghetti Supper on January 1 as church facilities are closed. Please join us for the first Spaghetti Supper of 2020 on Wednesday, January 8, 5:00 - 6:45 p.m. Costs: Ages 9-adult: \$7.00; Toddlers - age 8: \$5.00; lap babies: free. Reservations are not required.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

Presbyterian Women is now accepting nominations for Honorary Life Membership for 2020. This honor recognizes those who are active and faithful servants of God in our church and community. Prayerfully consider nominations for this honor. Applications can be found at www.whitememorial.org/pw. Send applications of recommendation to Kathy Kidd at kakidd@bellsouth.net. Nominations will be accepted through February 17, 2020.

WALK THE LABYRINTH IN DAVIDSON CHAPEL

Beginning in January the hours to walk the Labyrinth are:

**Mondays 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and
Thursdays 3:00-8:00 p.m.**

Some exceptions may arise, so please call the church office to check availability.

First Friday Movie Night

When: Friday, January 3

Who: K - 5th grade

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

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

Space is
limited and fills
up quickly!

Register and pay online at
www.whitememorial.org/register.
Registration is required no
later than Thursday, January 2
at midnight.

Annie



HEALTH MINISTRIES PRESENTS: HOW TO MAKE MAMA'S RECIPES HEALTHY

The New Year brings new resolutions to improve our health. Start it off right by joining us for a special Health Ministries presentation on healthy eating. Donna Lupo, former Director of Food Services at WMPC and food nutritionist, will show us "How to Make Mama's Recipes Healthy" on Monday, January 13, 7:00 p.m. in Geneva Hall.

LOAVES & FISHES MINISTRY CHILI SALE

It's back! \$13 per quart, meat or veggie, made from classic delicious recipes. Order by Sunday, January 19 for pick-up Friday, January 24 (4-7:00 p.m.) or Saturday, January 25 (9:00 a.m.-noon) at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Jan Ross at janross66@gmail.com or 919-881-0708. Loaves and Fishes is a nonprofit serving at-risk children in the Raleigh community with long-term support in order for them to succeed in both school and society.

CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet will be closed on January 1 but back in business Wednesday, January 15 from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in W100. Look forward to seeing you in 2020!

faith & education flowing together

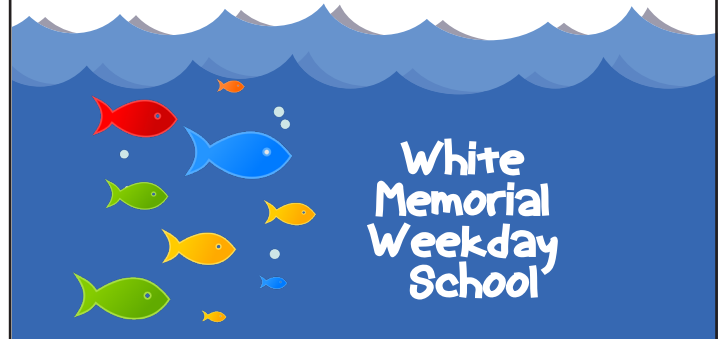
Come see all that's going on at the WDS!

OPEN HOUSE

for prospective families

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
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.



HEALING THROUGH

Grief

January 8, 15, 22 & 29
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
K200

We are all touched by grief at some point in our lives. No one ever needs to feel alone in this difficult time. Whether it has been a recent loss or a loss in the past that has not yet healed, you are invited to come together in January for a series of four sessions to help along your journey of grief.

Each session offers a look at different aspects of grief: from acceptance of your loss and working through its pain, to adjusting to a new environment while honoring a relationship very significant in your life.

One session builds upon the other, but attendance at all of them is not necessary. This class, led by Susan Sexton, an ordained Presbyterian minister and long time friend of WMPC, will meet on Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in K200. Childcare is available with registration.

www.whitememorial.org/register

THE MONTH OF January *Keenagers*

JAN 2
NO MEETING

JAN 9
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
Andrew Amodei, WMPC's Executive Director

JAN 16
TRIP TO POP UP MUSEUM IN RALEIGH

JAN 23
A CONVERSATION WITH CATE
Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

JAN 30
HAITI OUTREACH MINISTRIES
Gary Fulton, Executive Director of HOM



PLAY AND PRAY

Play and Pray is our child-friendly wing of spiritual formation centers, located on the ground floor of the Luther building. Come to Play and Pray to enjoy:

- The Way Station (S104), where you'll be transported to Bible story and prayer experiences
- Meadowlands (S101), for faith-filled games, arts and crafts
- Living Waters Children's Theater (S102), puppets and lively play-acting reign supreme here



WEEKLY YOUTH EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Contact Deb Smith at dsmith@whitememorial.org to be added to the contact list for our weekly email!

TODAY

- No Sunday School or Youth Program

LOOKING AHEAD

- **January 5**
Mini Kick Off
5:00-7:00 p.m.
Pickard Hall
For Students and Parents
Grades: 5-12
- **January 12**
HS Connections & 5th Connection
5:00-6:30 p.m.
Middle School - Faith & Sexuality Workshop
Kirk of Kildaire
Presbyterian Church for Youth and Advisors
5:00-7:00 p.m.
- **January 17**
LockOut
7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.
Starts in Pickard Hall
Registration online
- **January 19**
No Sunday Night Program
- **January 26**
Sabbath Sunday
No Sunday Night Youth Program
Look for your family email devotions
- **January 31-February 2**
Middle School CROSS Mission Trip to Charlotte
Registration online
- **February 2**
No Sunday Night Program
- **February 9**
Youth Sunday
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00
Sanctuary Services

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

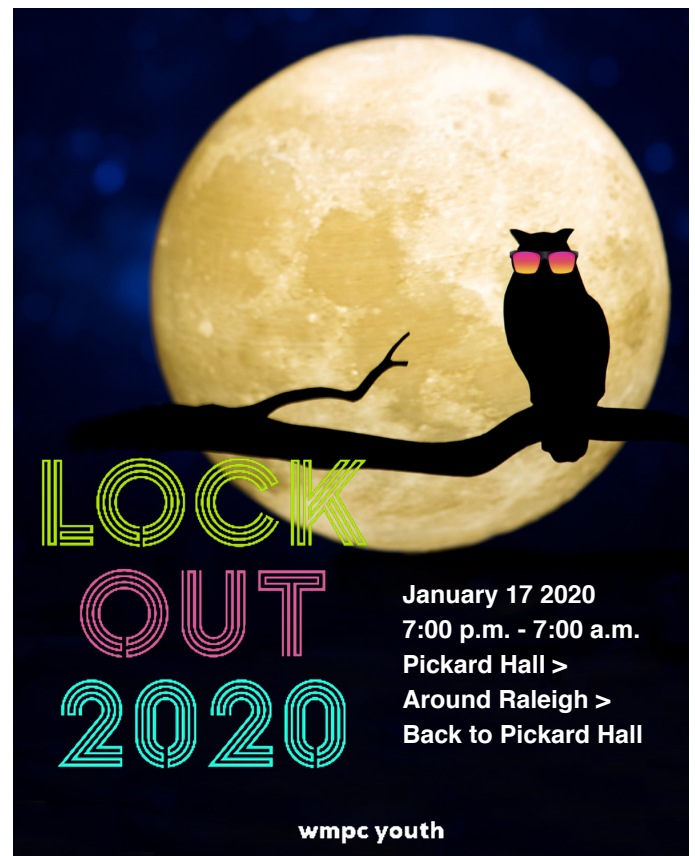
Please note that all year-end contributions must be received in the Finance Office by 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2019 or postmarked by December 31, 2019 to be claimed as a 2019 donation.

GIFTING APPRECIATED

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 when you make the transfer so we can comply with your instructions and give you credit for your gift.

BECOME AN AUDIO/VIDEO VOLUNTEER

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the balcony during worship? Become a volunteer and find out! From adjusting cameras to ensuring proper sound, our team of volunteers make sure the services are streamed, recorded and provide a pleasing audio/visual experience for all worship services. Contact Karen Haneline at khaneline@whitememorial.org or 919-834-3425, ext. 219 for more information about how you can be a vital member of this important ministry.



January 17 2020
7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.
Pickard Hall >
Around Raleigh >
Back to Pickard Hall