

# WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

SERVICE FOR THE  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024  
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper.*

*Gluten-free bread cubes and cups of juice will be passed in the pews.  
If you prefer pre-packaged elements, please pick these up in the narthex  
or Jane Bell Gathering Space prior to the service.*

### Greeting

Karl Zinsmeister

*One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!*

**All: The Lord is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Preparation for Worship

*Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter, we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.*

### Prelude – My Song is Love Unknown/RHOSYMEDRE

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

### Christian Welcome and Announcements

Lee Hunter

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

### Call to Worship

from John 1, New Living Translation

*One: In the beginning the Word already existed.*

**All: The Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

*One: He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.*

**All: The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.**

*One: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. Let us worship the Lord of light.*

### \*Hymn 246 – Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

**God of Light, there is much that we would prefer to remain in the shadows and hidden from view – our selfishness, our greed, our desires for power, and our disregard of your commands. Yet we cannot remain hidden from you, for you know us completely and you love us still. Illuminate our sin so that we might turn away from darkness to live in the light. Forgive our resistance to follow in the ways of Christ and help us to grow more and more in his likeness. Amen.**

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Passing of the Peace

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

**All: And also with you.**

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

Good-ness is strong-er than e - vil; love is strong-er than hate;  
 light is strong-er than dark - ness; life is strong-er than death.  
 Vic - t'ry is ours, vic-t'ry is ours through him who lov'd us. us.

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**Welcoming New Members**

(11:00) Believing and Belonging Class joins

(11:00) **Sacrament of Baptism – Eleanor Weston Gottsegen**, child of Jennifer and Adam Gottsegen

**First Reading** – John 1:1-14, pew Bible p. 224

**(11:00) A Time With Young Disciples**

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

**New Testament Lesson** – 1 John 1:1-4, pew Bible p. 108

*One: The word of God for the people of God.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** – “Church Made Flesh” (9:30) Ted Smith, Theologian in Residence (11:00) Christopher Edmonston

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*One: The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

*One: Lift up your hearts.*

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

*One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*One: Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

One: *Great is the mystery of faith.*

Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.  
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## Words of Institution

## Serving of Bread and Cup

## Prayers After Communion and the Lord's Prayer

Genevieve Brooks

**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

(9:30) *Psalm 125: "The Mountains of God"*

Jeff Siker

Jared Smith, baritone

*Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.  
As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people from this time on and forevermore.  
The scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,  
so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.  
Do good, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts.  
But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways, the Lord will lead away with evil doers.  
Peace be upon Israel; those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion.*

(11:00) *The Tree of Life*

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

WMPC Adult Choir

*There in God's garden stands the tree of wisdom,  
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:  
Tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion, tree of all beauty.  
Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"  
There on its branches see the scars of suffering;  
see where the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its lifeblood.  
Thorns not his own are tangled in its foliage;  
our greed has starved it, our desire has choked it.  
Yet, look! It lives! Its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it.  
See how its branches reach to us in welcome;  
hear what the voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!"  
Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing."  
This is my ending, this my resurrection;  
into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.  
This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.  
All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion  
offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon.  
Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!" Amen! My Master!*

**WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)**

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Visiting? Deacons can be found in the Narthex to offer a friendly greeting, answer questions and provide directions. New members are received after attending *Believing & Belonging @WMPC* Class. Visit [whitememorial.org/join](http://whitememorial.org/join) or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206 for details, class dates and registration.

**THINGS TO KNOW:**

- **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.
- **Sunday School** is offered at 9:30 for all ages.
- **Refreshments** and coffee stations are located in The Connector and Main Hall
- **Loop hearing aid system and an FM system available in the Sanctuary.**
- **Live-streamed services** are at [whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org).
- **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

Each Sunday we offer three opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial in the Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 in the Main Hall. While you will notice differences in music, location, and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our scripture, liturgy, and sermon. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture, and Affirmation of Faith.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

adapted from the Confession of Belhar

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn 295 – Go to the World!**

SINE NOMINE

**\*Charge & 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 – Hornpipe in D**

John S. Dixon (b. 1957)

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**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT**

**Philip “Flip” Witherell Shoemaker - April 8, 2024**

WMPC family members: wife, Cissie; daughter and son-in-law, Catie and George Marsh; grandchildren, Sam and Nate Marsh

**PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO**

**Sheldon Fox and family**, on the death of his father, Gary Fox, April 8, Louisville, KY

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**Jennifer and Michael Tollison**, on the birth of their grandchild Smith Lassiter Tollison, March 16, child of Ali Gray and Lassiter Tollison, Mt. Pleasant, SC

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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY | APRIL 14

*John 1:1-14; 1 John 1:1-4*

#### Theologian in Residence: Ted Smith

Main Hall | 12:45-2:15 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Ted A. Smith works at the intersections of practical and political theology, paying special attention to the forms church life takes in modern societies. In this lecture, he'll explore Christian life in an age of individualization.

### MONDAY | APRIL 15

*Psalms 150; Jeremiah 30:1-11a; 1 John 3:10-16*

#### Outreach Sewing Group

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | C200

#### Blood Drive

1:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Be the lifeline patients need! To make an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). The sponsor code is: WMPC.

#### Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

### TUESDAY | APRIL 16

*Hosea 5:15-6:6; 2 John 1:1-6*

#### Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Breakfast Line | 7:00 a.m. | Main Hall

Bible Study | 7:30 a.m.

#### Women's Breakfast & Fellowship

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. | The Hub

Women of all ages are invited to a hot breakfast, fellowship, study, and prayer.

### WEDNESDAY | APRIL 17

*Isaiah 26:1-15; Mark 12:18-27*

#### Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

#### Wednesday Together Dinner

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Main Hall

Join us for a delicious meal of ham and baked macaroni & cheese! [Register by 11:00 p.m. Sunday, April 14.](#)

#### The Power of Storytelling

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | K200

Storytelling is an intrinsic aspect of our human nature that is as old as time. In this workshop, Dr. Judy Yates Siker guides us on a journey as we explore the power of storytelling throughout our lives. [Registration required.](#)

### THURSDAY | APRIL 18

*Psalms 23; Genesis 30:25-43; Acts 3:17-26*

#### Keenagers

10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall

This week, we'll learn about Belong NC. Questions? Contact [Mariel Lee](#).

#### AARP Safe Driving Class

12:30 - 4:30 p.m. | C200

Join us for this AARP safe driving class. Fee to be paid at the class: \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-members.

#### SouthLight Tour

12:30 p.m. | Offsite | 2101 Garner Road

Contact [Linda Nunnallee](#) for more information.

#### Dementia Discussions

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall & Zoom

Health Ministries will host Lisa LeVine, BS, CDP, Senior Director of Programs for Dementia Alliance of North Carolina to lead a talk on dementia. Topics will include: signs there might be an issue, how to determine if there is a problem, what steps to take next, and planning for the future.

### FRIDAY | APRIL 19

*Genesis 46:28-47:6; Acts 4:1-4*

#### Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

### SATURDAY | APRIL 20

*Acts 3:1-10; Luke 22:24-30*

#### Celebrate Oberlin Village - Grand Opening of Latta University Historic Park

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Offsite | 1001 Parker Street

The Friends of Oberlin Village invite all to their annual Celebrate Oberlin event! Enjoy local vendors and food trucks at the opening of Latta University Historical Park.

## SAVE THE DATES

#### Sounds on Oberlin - A Goodly Heritage

Sunday | April 21 | 3:00 p.m. | Main Hall

Join musicians from White Memorial Presbyterian Church in exploring the poetic and melodic beauty of the Psalms, newly set to music by our own Jeff Siker. Admission is free!

#### S.T.A.R. Presents: The Little Mermaid Jr.

Friday | April 26 | 7:00 p.m. & Saturday | April 27 | 3:00 p.m. Main Hall

Special Theater Arts Raleigh presents a production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid Jr.* based on the Hans Christian Anderson story and the Disney film. Admission is free; donations accepted.

## Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

## Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.