

White Memorial Presbyterian Church

The Service for the Lord's Day
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color – Green

August 16, 2020

10:30 AM

The Church Gathers

Prayer for Preparation: *Merciful God, this day is full of your possibilities for healing and reconciliation, for new beginnings and restored relationships. Unite my heart with your will so that your abundant anointing will flow through me. Send me now with your promised blessings to preserve the lives of those in need. Amen.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ, who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

All: **With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord!**

Hymn:

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Prayer of Adoration

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: **Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus; we are tormented! Our lives have been disrupted by the devil and by our own devilish desires and evil exploits. We are dismayed at your presence, anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures. We cannot take back what we have said or undo what we have done or atone for the agony we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. We shrink away from your gaze as strangers outside your circle of blessing. Yet the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns to your presence, and hungers for your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen..... *(Please observe a moment of silent confession).*

Assurance of God's Pardon

One: Our God blesses us with kindness, forgiving our sins, preserving our lives, and restoring our souls through the abundant provision of our Lord Jesus Christ. Receive now that for which faith has hungered: you are forgiven and healed in the name of Jesus the Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

A Time with Young Disciples

Hearing God's Word

Prayer of Illumination:

All: Merciful Savior, your suffering has saved our lives, secured our future, and restored us to relationship with God. Remove the shame and fear that cause us to cower in your presence. By the power of your Spirit, open our eyes and hearts to your Word of love, mercy, healing, and blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:10-28

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "How Would We Know That You're a Christian?"

Rev. Ed Johnson

Responding to the Faith

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response:

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Going Out in God's Name

Hymn of Commitment: *They'll Know We are Christians*

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Prayer Concerns: Pam Denning; Forest Johnson; Ted and Linda Penny and her sister, Lil; family of Michelle Hare; Krista Stuttgart; Mann Johnson; Gladys Turner; Judy Johnson; Jack Reid; Frances Underwood; Paula Alford; Ann Garrett; Troy Byrd; Larry Bell; Angela Byrd; Judy Morris; Don Wright; Connie Montgomery; Kaylan King; Ann Johnson; Myron Smith, Heather Raum, Dexter Henry, Debbie Murray, Mack Proctor, Tommy Whitley, Michelle Strause, The Maynard Family.

Presbyterian mission and Presbyterian disaster workers; Cindy Correl, Suzette Goss-Geffrard, Mark Hare

Those serving in our military; Joey Dobyms, (Ft. Campbell, KY); Matthew Dunn, (Korea); Cortney Jones, (Ft. Meade, MD); Parker Bough, (Okinawa); 82nd Airborne Division, (Kuwait); Dalton Hayes, (Mexico)

White Memorial Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:

Remembering God's Grace, the mission of
White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Willow Spring is:
Come to be joyous and thoughtful in worship;
Walk with God's guidance into deeper faith and knowledge;
Stretch out to the needy with tangible acts of service;
Be loving and generous with time, talents and treasures;
Go out into the world to welcome and invite.

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