

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday | August 2 | 2026
9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.



The Vision after the Sermon (Jacob Wrestling with the Angel), 1888, by Paul Gauguin (1848–1903)

Preacher

Anne Galliher

Liturgist

Grier Booker Richards

Musicians

Katrina Liao | Eric Nanz | Music Ministry

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Gathering

** Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit.*

Words in bold are for everyone to say or sing.

The sounds of bells summon us to gather for worship.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O Love that will not let us go,

we rest our weary souls in you.

O God who remains through the darkest of nights,

be present with us here.

Let us praise the God who is the giver of every blessing.

*HYMN 314

*Like today's Psalm 17
reading, this hymn is
a prayer of longing for
God to overcome the
darkness of the world.*

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

*CONFESSION AND

ASSURANCE OF

GOD'S GRACE

**Gracious God, we confess that we have often been afraid of
our doubts rather than seeing them as an invitation
to a deeper relationship with you. We have avoided hard questions
and preferred to stay at the surface rather than plunging into
the depths of our faith. Give us the courage to wrestle with hard
questions and help us to trust that you will never let us go.**

(Time for silent prayer.)

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*RESPONSE

Now with Joyful Exultation

BEACH SPRING

Now with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to God our
praise; to the Rock of our sal - va - tion loud ho -
san - nas let us raise. Thank - ful trib - ute glad - ly
bring - ing, let us come be - fore him now, and, with
psalms his prais - es sing - ing, joy - ful in his presence bow.

TIME WITH YOUNG
DISCIPLES (9:30)

SACRAMENT OF
BAPTISM (11:00)

George Fulton Cozart, child of Harrison and Elizabeth Cozart

We Proclaim God's Word

SUNG PRAYER
FOR ILLUMINATION

May I Be Empty

Batya Levine

May I be empty and o - pen to re - ceive. the light. May I be
empty and o - pen to re - ceive. May I be full and o - pen to re - ceive
the light. May I be full and o - pen to re - ceive.

PSALM READING

Psalms 17

OLD TESTAMENT
READING

Genesis 32:22-31

SERMON

A Limp and a Blessing

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN 819

*In this hymn, we sing of
God's provision, guidance,
and faithfulness. Amidst
the "thorny ways" of life,
God remains on our side.*

Be Still, My Soul

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PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE

**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.**

OFFERINGS

*This song by the band
Switchfoot reflects on
searching for a deeper
purpose in a broken
world, to not just survive
but to thrive.*

Meant to Live

Jon Foreman, Tim Foreman



Scan to Give

*AFFIRMATION
OF FAITH

adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

We Go In God's Name

*HYMN 695

*Jacob's life changed from
the moment he wrestled
with God. In this hymn, we
pray for changes of heart
even through our own
wrestling, so that we may
be more like God.*

Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Scan to make a Prayer Request

*During worship, children are welcome to explore and play with items from the crates and bookcases in KidsPoint.
Those who prefer to stay in their seats are welcome to bring items back with them.*

[Click here or scan below to view updates to the Four Pillars of Promise renovations.](#)



The bridge and Carol Copeland courtyard are temporarily closed due to construction.
You can enter via Pickard or Geneva Hall.

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Joys & CONCERNS

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Press Millen and family, on the death of his father Pressly McAuley Millen, Jr, July 21, Chapel Hill, NC

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Suzi and Tim Bevacqua, on the birth of their grandchild, Wesley Glen Bevacqua, July 21, child of Janie and Talmadge Bevacqua

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church,
email Lindsay Dew at ldew@whitememorial.org or Lisa Crumpler at lcrumpler@whitememorial.org.

If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized, email Caroline Parker at cparker@whitememorial.org
or call 919-834-3424 during regular business hours so our pastoral staff can reach out. If you have an urgent pastoral care need
that is outside of normal business hours, call our after-hours pastor on call at 919-605-4593.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ



Sunday, August 2

Monday, August 3

- Bridge with Friends
- Pickleball

Tuesday, August 4

- Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
- Women's Breakfast/Circle
- Gentle Yoga
- Mahjong

Wednesday, August 5

- Pickleball

Thursday, August 6

- Pet Loss Support Group

Friday, August 7

- Pickleball

Saturday, August 8

Looking at the week and beyond

You can find details on these and other events on our website and church calendar.
whitememorial.org/events | Register for events: whitememorial.org/register

JOIN THE WMPC HANDBELL CHOIR

The Handbell Choir is seeking new ringers for the upcoming school year. Previous handbell experience is not required, but participants should be able to read music. All adults and students in senior high school are welcome. Rehearsals will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00–8:00 p.m., beginning Monday, September 14. To learn more contact Katrina Liao at kliao@whitememorial.org.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRIES

Registration is now open for our children's and youth music ministries this fall. We invite rising kindergarteners - high school seniors to participate in Children's Choir, Youth Choir, or the Youth Worship Band. These groups provide opportunities to grow musically, build friendships, deepen faith, and lead worship throughout the year. Rehearsals begin in September, and registration is open on our website (register by 8/21 for choir and 9/16 for band). Contact Kelly Gold at kgold@whitememorial.org for more information.

WDS IS LOOKING FOR FLOATING ASSISTANT TEACHERS!

The Weekday School is looking for caring, dependable floating Assistant Teachers to support our infant, toddler, and two-year-old classrooms. If you love working with young children, we want to hear from you. Want to know more? Contact Cynthia Baggett at cbaggett@whitememorial.org or Blair Miller at bmiller@whitememorial.org.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS + KONA ICE

Sunday August 16 | 4:00 p.m. | Outside the gym

We hope you will join us on Sunday August 16 at 4:00 p.m. outside the gym for Blessing of the Backpacks and Kona Ice! Playgrounds will be open for fellowship and time with friends as we gear up for the new school year. All ages are welcome!

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration is now open for all rising 8th grade students interested in joining the 2026–2027 Confirmation Class. Classes meet Sundays from 9:30–10:30 a.m. beginning August 30, 2026, and continue through April 25, 2027. [Register for the class now!](#) Questions? Contact Genevieve Brooks gbrooks@whitememorial.org.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY FREEZER NEEDS YOUR HELP!

WMPC's Angel Food ministry provides meals for members and friends experiencing medical challenges, welcoming a new baby, facing transportation difficulties, or going through other times of need. We are asking volunteers to help by preparing or purchasing casseroles, labeling and freezing them, and delivering them to the Angel Food freezer on the first floor of the Ross Building. Contact Martha Grove Hipskind, mghipskind@whitememorial.org for more information. Presbyterian Church

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today.

Deacons can be found around Main Hall to offer a friendly greeting, answer questions and provide directions. New members are received after attending the *Believing & Belonging @WMPC* class. Visit whitememorial.org/join or contact Lindsay Dew at ldew@whitememorial.org.

Things to Know

Restrooms

are located outside of Main Hall

Nursery

Childcare is available for children up to four years old in the Calvin Building

Sunday School (resumes 9/13)

Refreshments

Coffee and water stations are located outside the Main Hall

Hearing Assistance

Loop system and FM system available in the Main Hall

AED/NARCAN

Available in Main Hall, Lobby in Ross, Lobby in Calvin and 3rd floor Luther

Live Streaming

Services available at whitememorial.org, Facebook and YouTube

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

After Hours Pastor On Call: 919-605-4593



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Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

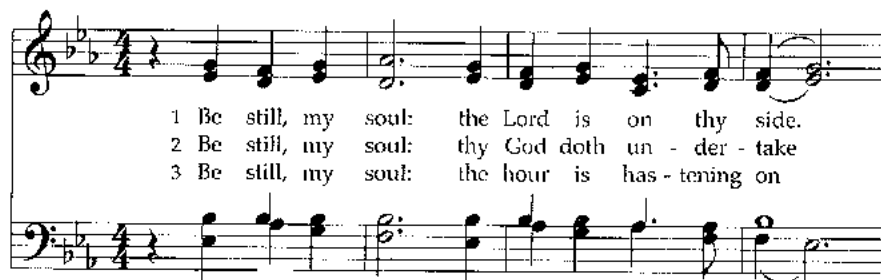


church gath - ered to - day.

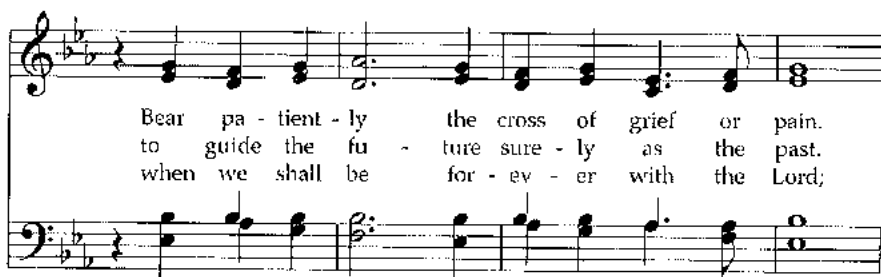
By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

819

Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;



Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Change My Heart, O God 695

Cámbiame, Señor 항상진실케

Refrain / Estribillo / 후렴

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.
 Cám - bia - me, Se - ñor, con tu gran po - der.
 항 상 진 실 케 내 맘 바 꾸 사

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
 Haz - me co - mo tí, tu yo quie - ro ser.
 주 님 의 모 습 님 게 하 소 서

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.
 Tú el al - fa - re - ro, yo el ba - rro soy.
 주 는 토 기 장 이 나 는 진 흙

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
 Só - lo a tú j - ma - gen, quie - ro siem - pre ser.
 날 빚 으 소 서 가 도 하 오 니

The central image of the potter and the clay in this text comes from Isaiah 64:8 (and there is a similar reference in Jeremiah 18:1-6), while the petition for a changed heart is similar to Psalm 51:10. Such readiness to do God's will is a significant feature of the spiritual life.