

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



Faith, Day and Night by J. Vincent Scarpace, 2012

Preacher

Grier Booker Richards

Liturgists

Austin Vernon | Jeb Jeutter

Musicians

Katrina Liao | Eric Nanz | Eric Wall | Music Ministry

Additional Leader

Cate Church Norman

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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.

With a Voice of Singing

Kenneth Jennings

INTROIT

*Based on Isaiah 48:20b
and Psalm 66:1-2, this
joyful, robust piece, with
a chant-like passage in
the middle, gives glory
and honor to God.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 26:1-8

O Lord, I have walked in my integrity,

and my trust in you does not waver.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,

and I walk in faithfulness to you.

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,

I tell of all your wondrous deeds.

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell

and this place where your glory abides.

*HYMN 10

*This hymn, which
paraphrases Psalm 29,
captures the powerful
and awe-inspiring
nature of God, much
like the way Moses
encountered God in the
burning bush.*

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Holy God, we confess that we have bought into the myth that we can save ourselves. We have trusted our own thoughts, our own accomplishments, and our own access to resources—mistaking independence for freedom and self-sufficiency for strength. We have believed that if we earn enough, buy enough, achieve enough, or control enough, we can finally make ourselves happy, whole, and safe. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to receive instead of acquire, to depend instead of isolate, and to follow instead of lead.

Teach us to let go, that we might discover your grace anew.

(Time for silent prayer.)

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SUNG 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 pres-ence bow.

TIME WITH YOUNG
DISCIPLES (9:30)

SACRAMENT OF
BAPTISM (11:00)

CONFIRMATION
CLASS COMMISSIONING
(11:00)

Emmett James Easton and Julian Carter Easton,
children of Nick and Emily Easton

SUNG PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION

We Proclaim God's Word

May I Be Empty

Batya Levine

May I be emp-ty and o-pen to re- ceive_____ the light. May I be
emp-ty 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.

READING

Exodus 3:1-12

READING

Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON

The Pursuit of Success and Cost of Faithfulness

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN 691

In this hymn, which was originally written for the author's son's confirmation, we respond to Jesus's call and commit ourselves to the faith of the saints past, present, and future.

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

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 gives us words to answer the call to take up our cross and follow Jesus, "forsaking our all to serve another."

I Hear a Call

Emmylou Harris



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*AFFIRMATION
OF FAITH

adapted from the Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

We Go In God's Name

*HYMN 765

*As the last line of this
hymn says, may we be
"working for a world that's
new, faithful when we
hear Christ's call."*

May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Scan to make a Prayer Request

Courtyard & Building Access Update

A pedestrian path is now open through the Carol Copeland Courtyard to provide access to The Hub. Please note that the bridge connecting the Luther and Knox buildings remains closed for construction. In addition, the courtyard itself will be closed during construction activities. Please use alternate building entrances when accessing the campus.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete these improvements.

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



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Joys & CONCERNS

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Carl Hibbert and family on the death of his brother, David Hibbert, Atlanta, GA

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Max Talbot Lineberger, August 20, child of Virginia and Steve Lineberger

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 30

Monday, August 31

- Bridge with Friends
- Pickleball

Tuesday, September 1

- Gentle Yoga
- Outreach Knitting Group

Wednesday, September 2

- Lectio Divina
- Pickleball
- Shepherd's Table (offsite)

Thursday, September 3

- Pet Loss Support Group

Friday, September 4

- Pickleball

Saturday, September 5

Reminder:

Church facilities closed **Monday, September 7** for Labor Day.

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 OPEN FOR YOUTH WORSHIP BAND

Registration open through September 16

The WMPC Youth Worship Band will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Questions? Contact Eric Nanz at enanz@whitememorial.org. [Click here to register!](#)

KICK OFF SUNDAY CELEBRATION Sunday September 13

To celebrate the start of our program year, we'll have photo booths and pastries from our community partner [A Place at the Table](#) in the Oberlin Courtyard and under the portico outside of Pickard Hall. We will need volunteers throughout campus to welcome people, give directions, and serve treats. This is a great opportunity for people of all ages to serve without a long-term time commitment! [Sign up to volunteer for a shift here.](#)

SUPPER CLUBS

This is a short-term small group initiative meant to gather folks around the table to share a meal and fellowship. When you register, you will be placed in a group of 8-10 people. Your Supper Club will commit to meeting three times, 1x/month from September-November at times decided by the group. A short liturgy will be provided to frame your time together. Supper Clubs may meet in homes or at restaurants. Contact Anne Galliher with questions. [Register here.](#)

BOY SCOUTS AND 4TH GRADE WEBELOS PROGRAM

White Memorial is the chartered organization for Pack 395 and Troop 395. The Pack consists of 4th and 5th grade Webelos, a preparatory program that enables boys to immediately excel when transitioning to Boy Scouts (the Troop). Our Scouting program is one of the largest and most active in the district. We have places for starting 4th graders in Webelos or 6th graders in Troop 395. Church members and siblings of current Scouts are given priority for the spaces we have available in Webelos. If you are interested please contact Emmett Perdue at bearschoice99@yahoo.com.

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping 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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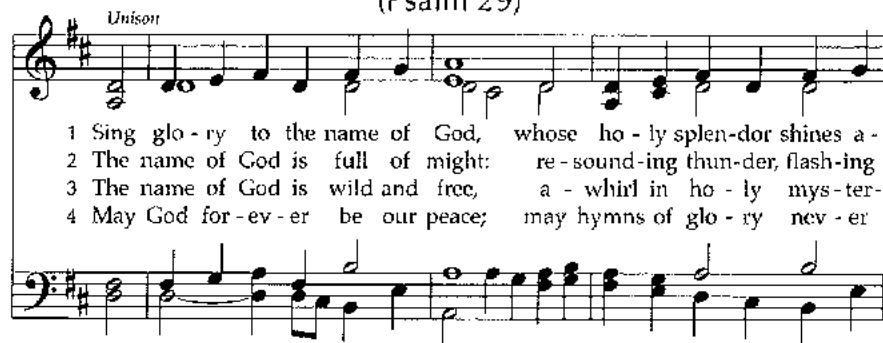
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10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

Unison

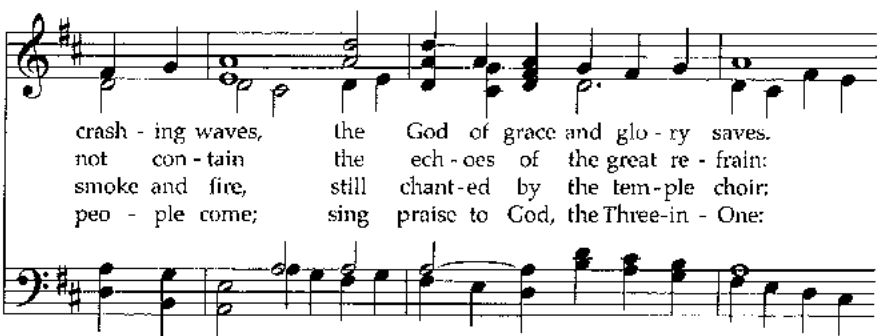


1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*



broad,
light.
y. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
cease: En - throned a - bove the
The wil - der - ness can -
A se - cret wrapped in
Let all the faith - ful



crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

THE TRIUNE GOD

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

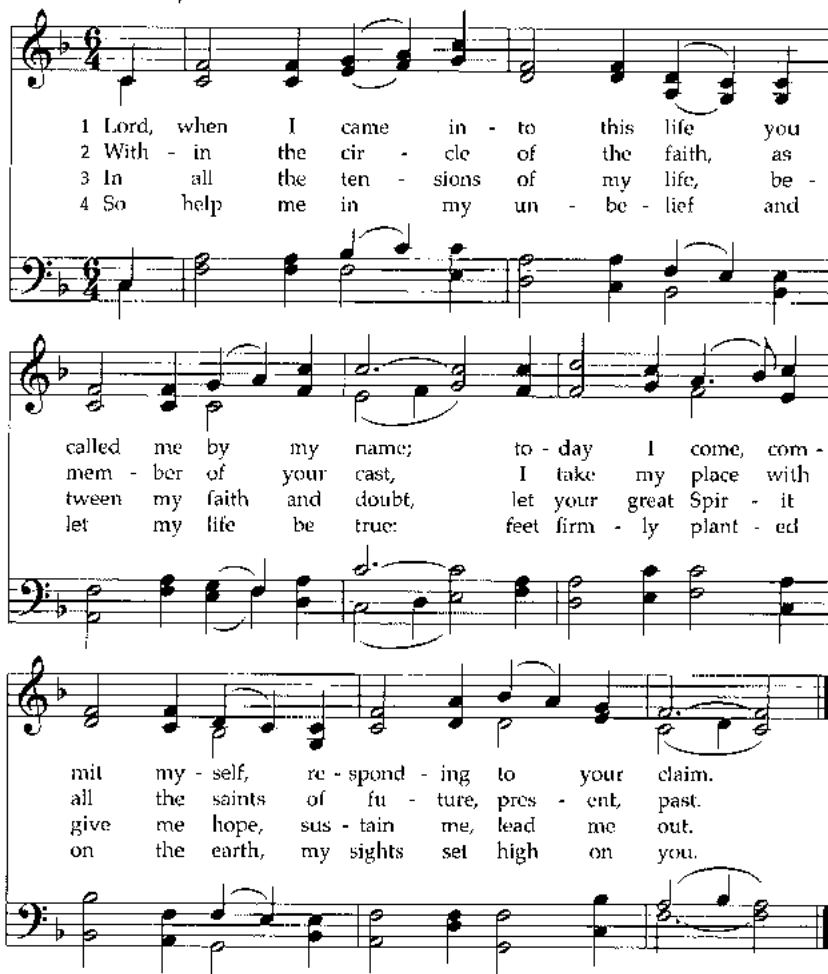
This musical system is for the 'Harmony' section. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, featuring eighth and quarter notes with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,'.

Unison

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This musical system is for the 'Unison' section. It also consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. The system ends with a double bar line.

Lord, When I Came into This Life 691



1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
 2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
 3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
 4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
 mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
 tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
 let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
 all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
 give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
 on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape-note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kauff, 1976

MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles F. Webb, 1988

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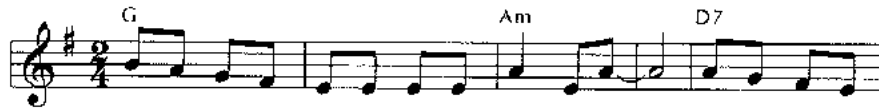
LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 5435)

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



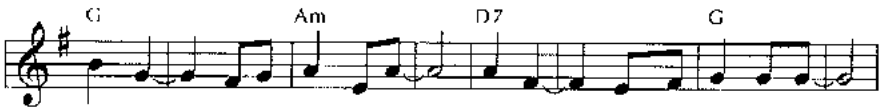
May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
 ¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - ze y paz! Al mun - do en



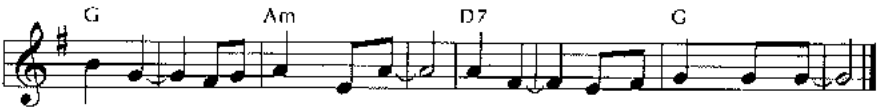
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
 cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
 nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la es - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
 O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
 Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984
 MUSIC: Argentine folk melody

ARGENTINA
 11.11.11.11 with refrain