

  
**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Holy Baptism  
Second Sunday of Easter  
April 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

*(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)*

**PRELUDE**

Variations on O Filii et Filiae  
*O Sons and Daughters*

Wilbur Held

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.  
**Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here!**  
Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega,  
**the Lord who was and is and is to come!**

*John 20: 19, 21*

*Rev. 1:8*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen,  
grow in faith and receive  
the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

What does the Lord require of us but to do justice,  
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

*Micah 6:8*

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us come to confession.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living God,  
for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked.  
We confess that we retreat into ourselves and our fears.  
You make yourself known to us in so many ways,  
yet doubt creeps in and we find it hard to believe.  
Draw us beyond our darkness till we see your Christ  
and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.  
Strengthen our trust in you,  
that we may live as faithful disciples  
sharing love, making peace, doing justice.**

*(Silent confession)*

**Kyrie** *(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)*

Hal H. Hopson

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(The liturgist pours water, which reminds us of our baptism.)*

Believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### **\*The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")*

This Is the Feast of Victory

***Refrain:* This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation. *Refrain.***

## **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE WORD**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

#### **Acts 4:32-35**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

#### **Psalm 133**

How Good!

Michael Engelhardt

How good and pleasant it is when we dwell together in unity.

All people, all around the world, all sisters and brothers,  
we're born to be in one family.

Unique yet we're unified, one body yet many.  
Diversity; Oh, let it be our identity!

How good and pleasant it is when we dwell together in unity.

It's time we finally agree we need one another.  
In bonds of peace we are free indeed.

Nothing can separate us from the love of the Father.  
True unity; Oh, let it be a reality!

O how good and how pleasant it is when we dwell together in unity.

Sisters and brothers, ev'ryone, let's dwell together in unity.

Every nation, tribe, and tongue, let's dwell together in unity.

How good and pleasant it is. Oh, how good and pleasant it is. How good!

## **John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**SERMON**

“Our Wounded Healer”

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

*(A moment for meditation)*

Capo 3: (D) (Asus) (A) (A/G) (D/F#)  
 F Csus C C/B<sup>b</sup> F/A

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D) (A) (D) (E7) (A)  
 F C F G7 C

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life  
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am) (D) (G) (Em) (Bm)  
 Cm F B<sup>b</sup> Gm Dm

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3 4  
 (Em) (D) (Asus) (A) (Em) (D)  
 Gm F Csus C Gm F

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Presentation**

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus,  
 and confident of his promises,  
 we baptize those whom God has called.

**In baptism God claims us and seals us  
to show that we belong to God.  
God frees us from sin and death,  
uniting us with Jesus Christ  
in his death and resurrection.  
By water and the Holy Spirit,  
we are made members of the Church,  
the body of Christ,  
and joined to Christ's ministry  
of love, peace, and justice.  
Let us remember with joy our own baptism,  
as we celebrate this sacrament.**

## **Questions to the Parents, Congregation and Children of the Church**

### **\*Profession of Faith**

Through baptism we enter the covenant...

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven;  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Eternal and gracious God...lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

### **Welcome**

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome these newly baptized into the body of Christ.

**Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others.**

**Amen.**

### **Baptismal Anthem**      God Bestows on Each One a Name      Fred Gramann

God bestows on each one a name as a gift and blessing,  
That we might be showered in grace evermore without ceasing.

God bestows on each one a name as a gift and blessing,  
That we might be showered in grace evermore without ceasing;  
For the Lord has called us his friends, as a perfect gift of love,  
That we each might know God's name, who reigns in heaven above,

God bestows on each one a name as a gift and blessing,  
That we might be showered in grace evermore without ceasing

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **OFFERING**

Anthem                      O Sons and Daughters                      arr. Robert Shaw

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of Heav'n, the glorious King,  
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, How they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see: My hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia! Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied, He saw the feet, the hands, the side:  
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!



**\*DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Loving God, you dry the tears of those who weep  
and bring comfort to all who mourn;  
we give you thanks for the peace of Christ  
and the life-transforming power of his  
resurrection in our midst.**

**Source of life, who raised Christ from the dead,  
all that we have reflects your eternal love.  
Accept these gifts and our lives as testimony  
to the risen Christ and your saving intentions  
for the world. We are yours.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## SENDING

\*HYMN 254

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone  
2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the  
3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which  
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.  
us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tocatta on Gelobt sei Gott  
*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*

Brian Solomons

\*(Those who are able may stand.)

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of our parents  
by Kelly and Bill Christie.*

## **SERVICE NOTES**

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Staff Liturgist: Guy D. Griffith, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture; (8:30 a.m.) Presenting Elder: Melissa Threatt.

**MUSICIANS:** Chamber Choir; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

## **THE BAPTISMAL RITE**

The Apostles' Creed: The oldest surviving baptismal liturgy, dating from around the year 200 C.E., describes the candidate for baptism standing in water and affirming the faith by responding to three questions. Each question corresponds to one person of the Trinity. The Paschal Candle is symbolic of Christ's death and resurrection. The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, is our Paschal sacrifice. The Paschal Candle also symbolizes the light of the risen Christ, shining in the world. The use of this symbol dates from the early days of the Church. New Christians were given a lighted candle, symbolic of their having died and been raised to new life in Christ through baptism. Each family is given a Paschal Candle to use annually on the anniversary of the baptism as a symbolic reminder of God's gift of redemption and new life in Jesus Christ.

*The sacrament of baptism will be administered today  
at the 8:30 a.m. worship service to*

Margaret Haynes, the daughter of Mattie and Jed Crumbo

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:** In-person worship services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. continue today, April 11, 2021.

Indoor Service protocols (<https://bit.ly/39K0gOX>) will be maintained. Reservations must be made in advance.

To watch a service later in the day or week, go to [nashvillewpc.org](https://nashvillewpc.org) and in the Quick Links box, click on WPC Live Stream Services.

Please [click here](#) to make a reservation for the **8:30 am service**.

Please [click here](#) for **childcare reservations** for the 8:30 am service.

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**DIAL-A-SERVICE:** Please dial 629-206-1073 after 10:15 am to listen to the sermon.

**WELCOME:** Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. If you are interested in learning about membership, please contact Melissa Threatt (864.506.0267; [melissa.threatt@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.threatt@gmail.com)) or Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615.292.5526; [hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org)).

**WPC MONTHLY FINANCIAL OPERATING SUMMARY:** Each month the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses. If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact: Jo Ann McFarlin, [jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org) or 615-292-5526x 231, Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair at [mkoban@prodigy.net](mailto:mkoban@prodigy.net), or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer at [suzannegm58@gmail.com](mailto:suzannegm58@gmail.com).

**March 31, 2021**

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$292,307	\$1,155,811
Expense:	\$237,115	\$ 721,774
<b>Net Income (loss):</b>	<b><u>\$ 55,192</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 434,037</u></b>

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*Purpose Statement*

*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

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