

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Baptism
Children's Sabbath

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

From Windows of Comfort
"Bless the Child"

Dan Locklair

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Robert Smith

CHORAL INTROIT

Come, All You People

John Bell

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

God created us all as unique people,
and God loves us all as God's children.

Our differences both challenge us and strengthen us,
and God calls us to be the body of Christ in the world.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

**God of mercy and grace,
you call us to be in community with all of your children,
to listen, learn and show love to one another.
Draw us closer to you,
that the whole world may be one with you
as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Coming together as God's family, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion, you have shown your love
in works of healing, forgiveness, and justice,
and by giving yourself to us and for us,
in your death and resurrection.**

Yet, we forget the voices of our neighbors, friends, and community.

We close our ears, hearts, and minds

and we think about ourselves before we think about others.

Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to follow your example.

Help us to walk with others as you walk alongside us,

and celebrate the beautiful diversity of your creation in the world. Amen.

(Adapted from A Liturgy of Compassion, 2008 Sacredise)

(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.)

Lord, help us to live as your called children.

For if anyone is in you, they are a new creation.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

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.")

***ACT OF PRAISE** Glory to God in the Highest John Weaver

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-15

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

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Jane Marshall

Refrain

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;
hide me, hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.

Lord, hear me begging for fairness.

Listen to my cry for help.

Pay attention to my prayer. I speak the truth.

You will judge that I am right. Your eyes can see what is true.

You have examined my heart. You have tested me all night.

You questioned me without finding anything wrong.

I did not plan any evil.

I have obeyed your commands. I have not done what evil people do.

I have done what you told me to do. I have not failed. *Refrain*

I call to you, God, and you answer me. Listen to me now.

Hear what I say.

Your love is wonderful. By your power you save from their enemies those who trust you.

Protect me as you would protect your own eye.

Protect me as a bird hides her young under her wings.

Because I have lived right, I will see your face.

When I wake up, I will see your likeness and be satisfied. *Refrain*

Psalm 78:1-7

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,

³ things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

⁴ We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

⁵ He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;

⁶ that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,

⁷ so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.

SERMON

“What do you have to hide?”

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obeying 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 you into the body of Christ.

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

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

We All Are God's Children

Brahms, arr. Ziegenhals

We all are God's children you made us ev'ry one.

You guard and watch o'er us from morning 'til setting sun.

Wherever we go, whatever we do, whenever we're far away, your loving arms
protect us still, we know you will always with us stay.

Because we're God's children, we seek to do your will,
to live as you taught us your teaching to fulfill,

To pray for the sick, the lonely, the sad and those filled with grief or pain.

Be with them throughout ev'ry day, ev'ry night,
their hope and their courage to sustain.

Yes, we are God's children we're proud to be called your own.

Let's reach 'round the world so that no child will feel alone.

We'll care for each other, sister and brother, children across the sea,
'til ev'ry age and race and creed may live free in peace and harmony.

***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**

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.

**We thank you for all the blessings of this life,
and most of all for your amazing love.
We offer these gifts to you
and ask that you will guide their use,
so that through the good this money will do,
we may serve you today and every day. Amen.**

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 757** Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples **KINGSFOLD**
[see pages 10 and 11 for hymn]

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Fugue in g minor "little", BWV 578 J.S. Bach

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our grandson, John Reid Comita
by Terry and Suzanne Allen.*

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Lay liturgists: Lizzie Griffin, Paxton Scott, and Bowen Ballew. Charles Lee is a Greeter. Presenting Elder for Baptism: Susan Hassell.

MUSICIANS: Children of Westminster; Hannah Sims, soloist; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

CHILDREN’S SABBATH: I am so thankful that Westminster makes room for the voices of our children. Children’s Sabbath is the time of year when we hear those voices in many ways. Our children’s choirs provide the music for this special Sunday, and our worship leaders practice to ensure they can be heard and understood. Whatever form they choose to express themselves, here at Westminster, they are heard. We all are grateful for the leadership of our children and the support of Westminster to let them lead. *Sophie Maness*

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*

Jackson Boone, son of Elizabeth and Bryan Frist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[COVID-19 Update:](#)

- The Church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and closed on Friday. Meetings with Staff are by appointment only. Please call 615.292.5526 to schedule as we are limiting the number of people in the office.
- Outside and indoor space is available to reserve for church-related events for small groups of 25 or less. For more information please contact Sherri Givens in the Church office at 615-292-5526 or receptionist@nashvillewpc.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: We are pursuing as many ways as possible to make certain that Westminster is reaching out in multiple ways to all of those in our congregation. For Sunday, November 8, 2020 the worship service at 8:30 a.m. will be open again to in-person attendees by reservation only. As well, we are resuming our 11:00 a.m. outdoor worship service. Please see the Friday e-blast *Connection* to reserve your seat at either service.

We will continue streaming our weekly online services at 8:30 am on Sundays and at 11:45 am on Wednesdays. We hope those who cannot join us in person will continue joining us [ONLINE](#) on those days.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2020 – CONFIRMATION: Because of delays due to COVID-19, we will be recognizing the Class of 2020 Confirmands next Sunday. The service will be pre-recorded with a live baptism, and family only in attendance. Thus, there will be no sign-ups for the 8:30 a.m. worship service, and there will not be an 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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) or Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

THE RED ROSES IN THE CHANCEL this morning give glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a son, Louis Lyle, born on October 13, 2020 to Amber and Will Douglass; and for the birth of a daughter, Mary Farris, born on October 14, 2020 to Camille and Davis Chaffin.

NEW MEMBER & INQUIRER CLASS CONTINUES TODAY, November 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. via Zoom for those interested in exploring Westminster, and those feeling called into membership. Contact Hannah Sims, hsims@nashvillewpc.org to register. Questions? Contact: Melissa Threatt (melissa.threatt@gmail.com), or Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615-481-0666; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

“PILGRIM’S PROGRESS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC: FROM COPING TO ADAPTING TO TRANSFORMING” – This series continues today, Sunday, November 8 at 9:45 a.m. with “The Biblical Narratives about Plague and Pandemics, and Theological Wrestlings” featuring speaker Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler. We will explore passages in the Bible that speak of disease and illness, with a particular focus on plagues. The work of two renowned biblical scholars will be engaged, Walter Brueggemann and N.T. Wright. Our roots in the reformed theological tradition will be explored for insights, along with contemporary theological wrestlings. Grounded in scripture and in the reformed tradition, what might God be saying to us today and leading us to do? To join the Zoom Meeting, click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87117971143?pwd=dUVjTHZZdXlYODBNcGJpQ3o5NXhldz09> Meeting ID: 871 1797 1143 Passcode: 798020

FELLOWSHIP BY ZOOM! All are welcomed to join us for Knitting and Crocheting fellowship time every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Zoom! We have fun sharing questions, talking about projects, chatting about good books and movies, and more. Mostly, it is a “sharing our lives” break! Interested folks can contact Beth Drake for the Zoom link at 4bethdrake@gmail.com or call the church office at 615.292.5526. For other fellowship opportunities, visit Joy in Learning at <https://bit.ly/32fI4bB>.

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 or 615-292-5526; Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair at mkoban@prodigy.net; or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer at suzannegm58@gmail.com.

October 31, 2020

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$206,784	\$2,777,909
Expense:	\$364,428	\$2,457,435
Net Income (loss):	<u>\$(157,644)</u>	<u>\$ 320,475</u>

HE HIMSELF IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER. *Colossians 1:17* In this time of uncertainty and fear, we continue to share the word of God to bring you strength and hope, and to keep us all connected. Your pledge payments and donations are instrumental in sustaining our ability to move forward with all the ministries of WPC. **To make a general donation or your pledge payment, please click here <https://bit.ly/3dcoSzD>** for all options, or scan the QR code to take you directly to the Donations/Payments webpage.



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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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