

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

Reformation Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

**PRELUDE**

Partita on Nun Dankett Alle Gott  
*Now Thank We All Our God*

Craig Phillips

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**You have loved us even before creation existed;  
from everlasting to everlasting you are our God.**

Your time is not our time; but you renew us  
like the dawn refreshes and renews the earth.

**God is with us in all places and all times.**

**Let us praise and worship God!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**God of mercy, have mercy on us.**

**God of wisdom, illumine our minds.**

**God of light, shine into our hearts.**

**Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.**

**God of Power, be our refuge and our strength,  
now and forever. Amen.**

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,  
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,  
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,  
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;  
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,  
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:  
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;  
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.  
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;  
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;  
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.  
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.  
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember that our Lord Jesus *(Hebrews 4: 14-16)*  
can sympathize with us in our weaknesses,  
since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace,  
that we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help in time of need.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways, following Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

*(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.)*

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.")*

*(The congregation sings with the choir.)*

**The Word of the Lord lasts forever. What is the Word that is living?  
It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead.**



**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

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

**Deuteronomy 34: 1-12**

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

**Psalm 46**

Allen Pote

*God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble.  
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.*

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.  
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.  
He is the Word, we are his hands, he will lead us.  
He is the air, we are his song.  
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.  
*God is our refuge and strength...*

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.  
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.  
He is the rain, we are the stones, he will cleanse us.  
He is the air, we are his song.  
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.  
*God is our refuge and strength...*

## **Matthew 22: 34-46**

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup> He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup> ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? <sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

**SERMON**

“No Other Lord”

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

*(A moment for meditation)*

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance  
of the forgiveness of all our sins,  
so in the same way and with the same seriousness  
is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life.  
Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance  
from the godless fetters of this world  
for a free, grateful service to his creatures.  
We reject the false doctrine,  
as though there were areas of our life  
in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ,  
but to other lords –  
areas in which we would not need  
justification and sanctification through him.**

*(from the Theological Declaration of Barmen)*

## **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

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

### \*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.**

**Almighty and merciful God,  
from whom comes all that is good,  
we praise you for your mercies,  
for your goodness that has created us,  
your grace that has sustained us,  
your discipline that has corrected us,  
your patience that has borne with us,  
and your love that has redeemed us.**

**Help us to love you,  
and to be thankful for all your gifts,  
following your will as we love and serve the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



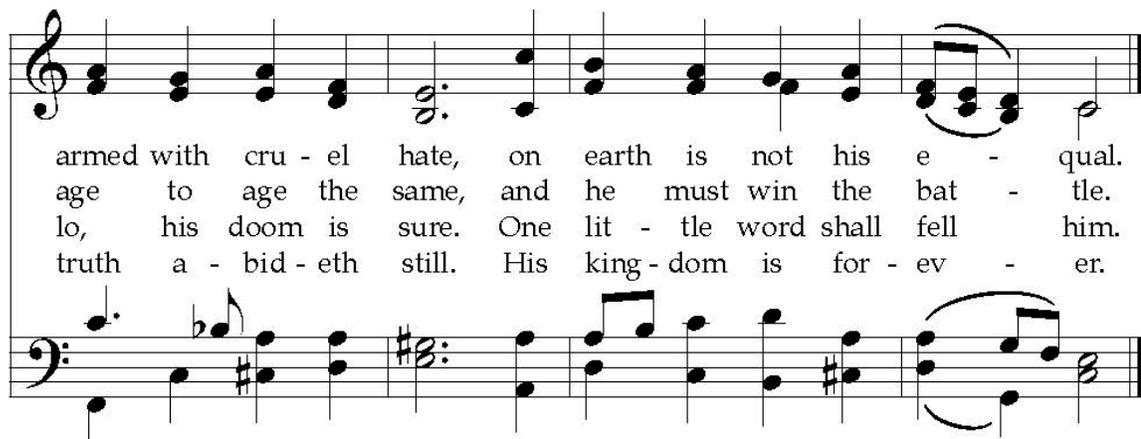
# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### [COVID-19 Update:](#)

- Westminster has had no new cases on staff of Covid-19 infections.
- 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](mailto: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, October 25, 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.

**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)).

**NEW MEMBER & INQUIRER CLASS CONTINUES TODAY**, October 25 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](mailto:hsims@nashvillewpc.org) to register. Questions? Contact: Melissa Threatt ([melissa.threatt@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.threatt@gmail.com)), or Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615-481-0666; [hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org)).

**“PILGRIM’S PROGRESS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC: FROM COPING TO ADAPTING TO TRANSFORMING”** –The first class in this 8-week series begins Sunday, October 25, at 9:45 a.m. “Ethical Tensions Moving Forward with the Pandemic,” will be led by Prof. Kate Payne, a nurse, lawyer, and member of Vanderbilt’s Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society. Dr. Payne will address how we get trapped in dualities of thinking: yes/no, black/white, man/woman, right/wrong, safety/fear, science/faith. This dualistic way of thinking and then making judgments has led to some very difficult and painful lessons during the present pandemic. Prof. Payne will explore a third way on how a biomedical ethicist works through uncertainty without being trapped in dualities which separate us from one another. To join the Zoom Meeting, click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87117971143?pwd=dUVjTHZZdXlYODBNcGJpQ3o5NXhlZz09> Meeting ID: 871 1797 1143 Passcode: 798020

**On Sunday, November 1, this series continues with:** “COVID-19: What we didn’t know, what we have learned, what we still need to know – and what does faith have to do with it?” Speaker: Dr. Mark Denison is a leading world-renowned researcher of coronaviruses at Vanderbilt, whose lab also conducted trials on the drug remdesivir. He is a professor of pediatrics, and director of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease, as well as a Presbyterian elder and member of Second Presbyterian Church.”

**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 615-292-5526; 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).

**September 30, 2020**

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$186,006	\$2,571,125
Expense:	\$214,744	\$2,093,006
<b>Net Income (loss):</b>	<b><u>\$(28,738)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 478,119</u></b>

**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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