

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Baptism

**Transfiguration of the Lord
February 11, 2018**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

J.S. Bach

Chorale Prelude on *Lord God, Unlock Heaven's Gate*, BWV 617

Deo Gracias
(Grand Plein Jeu)

Mary Beth Bennett

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The glory of God shines
like consuming fire.

**We have seen the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

The voice of God thunders
like a mighty storm.

Out of the clouds, God speaks:

This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**Holy and mighty God,
gather us among your faithful ones,
the people of your covenant,
to stand in the light of your glory
and listen for the word of the Lord,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*(The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality in worship
of Jesus Christ—the Living Word, and the Bible—the written Word.)*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 189**

DEO GRACIAS

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

CALL TO CONFESSION

We fool ourselves
if we think that our ways are hidden from God.
Therefore let us confess our sins
trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all glory, beauty, and grace,
we have tried to hide from you,
to hide our faces, to hide our sin,
yet you have never hidden your love for us.
We have tried to search for you
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops,
yet you have already revealed yourself to us
in the face of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us, and transform us
so that our lives may shine
with your glory, beauty, and grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189

Capo 3: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (D) (Em)
 Cm B^b Cm E^b F Gm

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am)
 Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm

of glo - ry that the church shall share,
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,

(G) (Dm) (Em) (G) (Am)
 B^b Fm Gm B^b Cm

which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise

(Em) (Dm) (F) (G) (Am)
 Gm Fm A^b B^b Cm

where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.
 who joy in God with per - fect love.
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

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.")

***ACT OF PRAISE** Gloria in Excelsis Deo John Purifoy

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Register,
which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (*New Testament, page 180 in your pew Bible*)

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

Anthem Canticle of Mary Jeffery Ames

Mark 9:2-9 (*New Testament, page 44 in your pew Bible*)

SERMON "Cloudy Faith" Rachel Pence

(A moment for meditation)

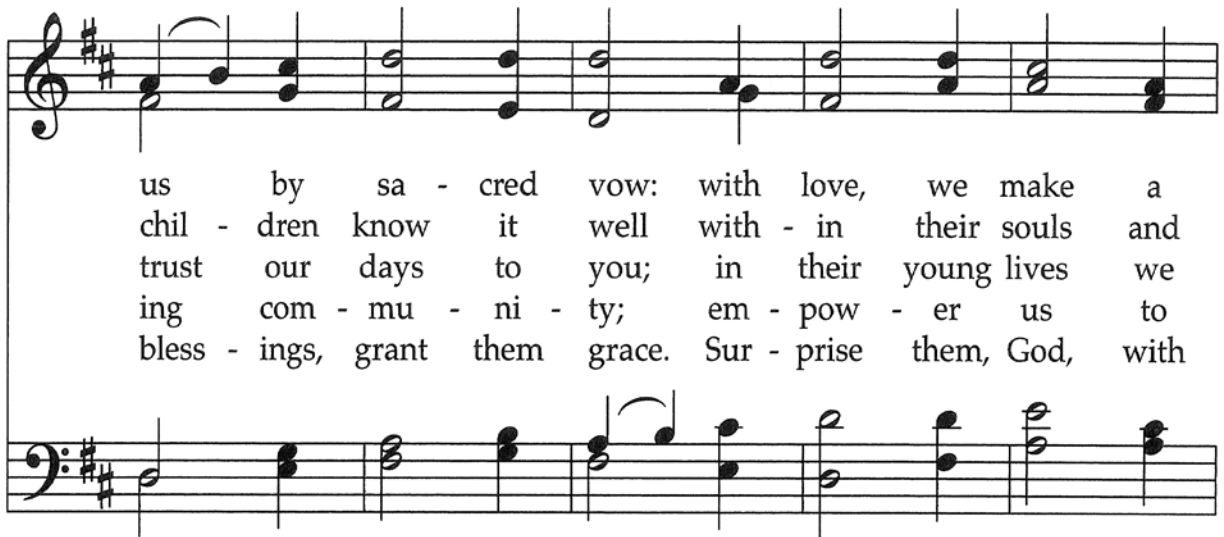
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These Treasured Children

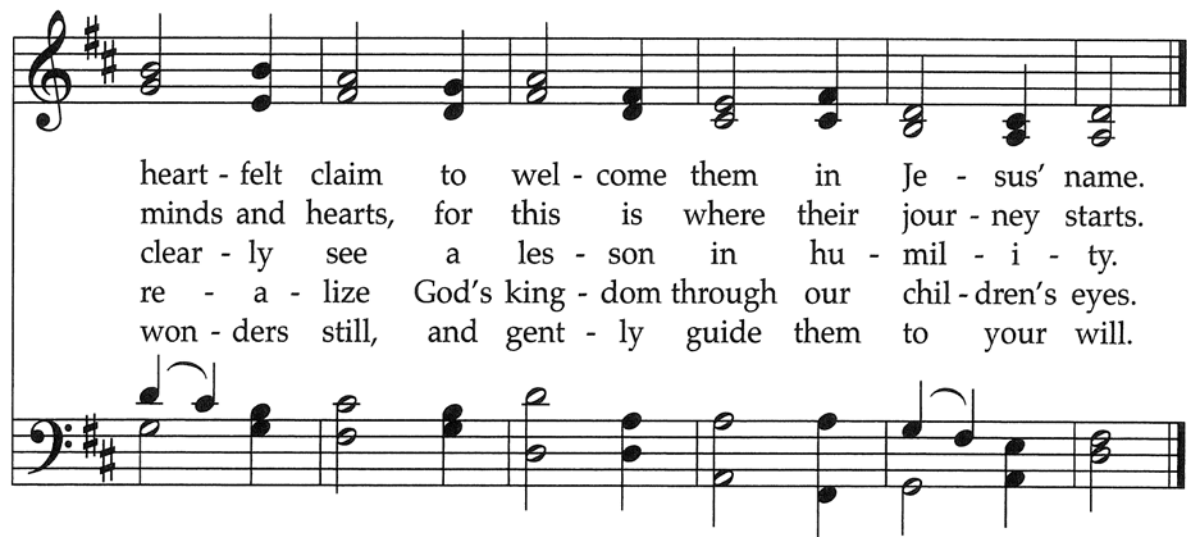
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR



1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them



us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
trust our days to you; in their young lives we
ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with



heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

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

Let us welcome this newly baptized one into the household of God.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church
to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

Baptismal Anthem

Amazing Grace

Keith McCutchen

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

In Remembrance

Jeffrey Ames

*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.

**God of mountaintops and valleys,
be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear,
we faithfully add our gifts
to those being given all around us.
Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured
into your presence in the world. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Prayed in unison, see page 35 of your hymnal*)

SENDING

*HYMN 156

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG



1 Sing of God made man - i-fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
2 Sing of God made man - i-fest when at Jor - dan John con-fessed,
3 Sing of God made man - i-fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
4 Sing of God made man - i-fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid-ed them,
"I should be bap-tized by you, but your bid-ding I will do."
and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:



ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys - te-rious and pro-found:
Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
fur - ther still was love re-vealed as he taught, for-gave, and healed,
glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank - in-cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
bring - ing light and life to all who would lis-ten to God's call.
towards the wait-ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.



*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Deo Gracias

Craig Phillips

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Jane McKelvey Harwell Clements
and Robert Ewing Harwell
by their family.*

*The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of David Richard Williams
by his family.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Interim Associate Pastor of Congregational Care; (8:30 a.m.) Lay liturgist: Jane Kirchner; (11:00 a.m.) Lay liturgist: Montgomery Williams; Presenting Elder for the Baptisms: Philip Stuart.

MUSICIANS: Please welcome the Montgomery (AL) Academy Upper School Chorus. The choir includes students in grades nine through twelve. In addition to his work at Montgomery Academy, Damion Womack, Conductor is also assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Huntingdon College in Montgomery. John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

USHERS: (8:30 a.m.) Lee Ballew, Clara Harden, Nat Harden, Paige Harden, Ty Harden, Elizabeth Minkoff; (11:00 a.m.) Brett Oeser, Tom Brooks, Anne Catherine Oeser, Henry Oeser, Nicole Oeser. *Should a congregant need assistance at any time during the service, please contact one of the ushers in the Narthex or Parlor.*

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 James, the daughter of Betsy and Thomas Bernstein

*The sacrament of baptism will be administered today
at the 11:00 a.m. worship service to*

Charlotte Meier, the daughter of Caitlyn and David Leffard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Our love and acceptance of each other affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person, regardless of our differences, and bear witness to the love of God for all people and our commitment to Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to speak with one of our Greeters, located by the Baptismal font after each service. The Greeters for today are (8:30 a.m.) Judi Larson and (11:00 a.m.) Bob and Donna Littleton.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND ASSISTIVE HEARING DEVICES are available in the Narthex from one of the ushers.

WINTER NEW MEMBER CLASS CONTINUES TODAY: The Winter New Member Class continues today during the Sunday School hour, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in Room 214. “Growing in Faith through Music, Study, and Service” will be presented. (Nursery care is available, as are Sunday School classes for children and youth.) All interested in membership or in learning more about Westminster and the Presbyterian Church (USA) are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in membership at Westminster, please contact the Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615-292-5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org), or Elder Jim Hartman (615-383-8759; overlookjim@yahoo.com). To participate in the Winter New Member Class, please contact Trisha Biggs (615-292-5526; tbiggs@nashvillewpc.org).

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 14, 2018: The celebration of Ash Wednesday centers on both our human mortality and the confession of sin before God. The Service of Imposition of Ashes maintains this dual focus in light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. The ashes on the forehead are a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality as well as a mark (the cross) that identifies us as those who in Jesus Christ are forgiven. Please make plans now to attend the worship service on Ash Wednesday, February 14, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

CENTERING PRAYER: AN INVITATION TO PRAY IN LENT: Westminster has had a Centering Prayer weekly gathering for a number of years, which has brought strength and power to many. "Be still and know that I am God," says the Psalmist. Come and be still, 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, as we gather in sacred space by candlelight and cross, in the presence of God and one another. The half hour begins with a brief passage of scripture or uplifting word from ancient and contemporary spiritual guides (e.g., Thomas Keating, Henri Nouwen, Hildegard of Bingen), followed by twenty minutes in silence, and concluding with a version of the Lord's Prayer. Come, be still this Lent, and grow deeper in your relationship with God.

LENTEN STUDY STARTS TODAY: Are you looking for a short-term study to deepen your experience of Lent this year? Westminster member Jackie Shrago is offering to teach Marjorie Thompson's 7-week *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*. The class begins today from 5:00-6:00pm (Room W196) and will be completed by Palm Sunday. Sign up on-line at www.nashvillewpc.org or contact Guy Griffith for more information at ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org. A link to the curriculum can be found here: (<http://www.pcusa.org/news/2014/2/25/best-selling-author-soul-feast-returns-new-lenten-/>)

PRAYER SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS will be held in the Chapel immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on February 18, 2018. Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler and Claire Harris Kramer co-lead this service and remain available to pray with and for members of our community. Bring whatever needs for prayer are on your heart; all ages are welcome.

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