


**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Service for the Lord's Day

**Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021**

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Intrada on Salzburg

Phillip Moore

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan
Christ, our Lord came to the Jordan

J.S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Over the waters of creation, God spoke:
Let there be light!

Over the waters of the Jordan, God spoke:
This is my beloved Son.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**God of heaven and earth,
we gather in the name of Jesus
to hear your holy Word
and to be immersed in your Spirit.
Speak to us with grace and truth
and pour out your love upon us
so that this temple may resound
with joyful shouts of glory;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

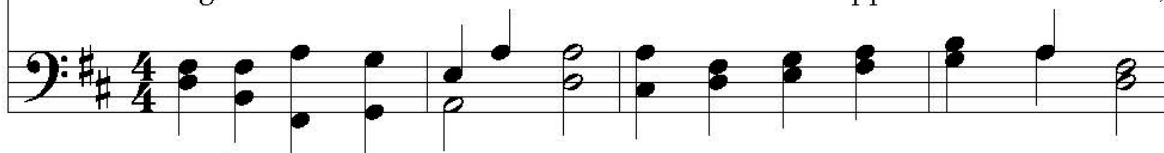
*HYMN 156

Sing of God Made Manifest

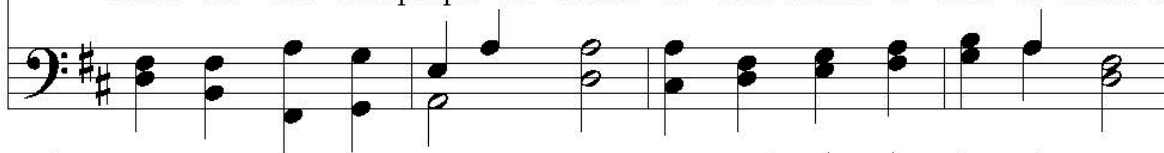
SALZBURG



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.



CALL TO CONFESSION

A prophet appeared in the wilderness,
calling the people to repent, be baptized,
and prepare the way of the Lord.

We return to the water to confess our sins,
giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ,
the one who has come to save us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all glory,
you look from heaven and see us as we are -
not worthy to kneel at your feet,
not ready to welcome your way.
Forgive us, gracious God.
In Christ, stoop down to save us;
loosen the ties that bind us to sin
and set us free to love and serve you;
in Jesus' name. 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.")

**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.**

Genesis 1:1-5

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

Psalm 29 (Hymn 259)

GLORY

C Em F

1 The God of heav - en thun - ders, whose voice in stri - dent
 2 The des - ert writhes in tem - pest; wind whips the trees to
 3 The might - y God e - ter - nal is to the throne as -

Am D7 C

ech - oes re - sounds a - bove the wa - ters,
 fu - ry; the light - ning splits the for - est
 cend - ed, and we who are God's peo - ple,

Dm C Bb C

and all the world sings, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!"
 and flame dif - fus - es glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!
 with - in these walls cry, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!"

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON

"Keep the Compliments Coming"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

**we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry,

**God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.**

Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

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

Epiphany Carol

Bruce Neswick

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound, Signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing, sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
“I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.”
Then from heav’n a double sign dove-like Spirit,
voice divine hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved Son.”

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Canna gave a sign, turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave and healed,
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God’s call.

Sing of God made manifest on a cloud-capped mountain’s crest,
where the Law and Prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, giv’n as Jesus set his face
t’wards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God, God would save.

*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 heaven and earth,
 you call us to come in humility before you,
 bringing the offering of our very selves.
As you revealed Jesus to be your Son
in his baptism at the hand of John,
 so you claimed our lives in baptism,
 that we might die to sin
 and be raised with him to new life.
By your Spirit, confirm in our hearts the witness
 that Christ is Savior of the world and our Lord.
Accept all we have and are, O God,
 in the service of Jesus Christ,
 and strengthen us with your Spirit's power,
 now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Prayed in unison*)

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 164** Down Galilee's Slow Roadways WEST MAIN
 [see page 8 for hymn]

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Puer Nobis Nascitur Gerald Near
 What star is this, with beams so bright

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

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways 164

Capo 3: (A9) (D/A) (A9) (Dsus)(D)
 C9 F/C C9 Fsus F

1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road-ways a strang-er trav-eled on
 2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
 3 We too have found a road-way; it led us to this place.

(A9) (D/A) (G) (F#m)
 C9 F/C Bb Am

from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John.
 it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
 We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.

(Bm) (F#m) (Gmaj7) (F#m7) (Em) (A/C#)(Bsus) (Bm)
 Dm Am Bbmaj7 Am7 Gm C/E Dsus Dm

He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
 The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:
 But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.

(G) (D/F#) (Em7) (G/A) (Asus)(A7) (D)
 Bb F/A Gm7 Bb/C Csus C7 F

but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
 "You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
 "You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: T.J. Piccolo, Associate Director of Youth.

MUSICIANS: Susan Kelly, Soloist; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent brushes with the COVID-19 virus among our staff and/or their families has prompted us to implement temporary precautionary measures in the church office to mitigate risk to the congregation and the wider community. We are taking this action in order to continue our worship, missions, and ministries that have already been severely curtailed.

Until further notice, church office hours will be suspended starting January 11th, 2021. Our staff still will be available and monitoring any needs that arise. Below, please find a list of staff emails and areas they minister. You can also reach the main church phone voicemail at 615-292-5526.

Westminster is actively monitoring public health developments and strategies associated with the coronavirus, and updating our office strategy accordingly.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: For Sunday, January 10, 2020 the 8:30 a.m. worship service will be LIVE streamed. There will not be an outdoor worship service at 11:00 a.m. If you miss the service at 8:30 a.m., you can watch it later in the day or week. Go to nashvillewpc.org and in the Quick Links box, click on WPC Live Stream Services. The newest service may not yet be dated. Midweek services also will continue to be LIVE streamed on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.

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).

SANCTUARY AND PARLOR FLOWERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021: Please note that beginning January 1, 2021, the cost of flower arrangements will increase to \$150 for Sanctuary flowers and \$75 for Parlor flowers. This increase will ensure continuation of the highest quality arrangements and supplies. If you would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary or Parlor during 2021, please contact Terri Eckert by email at teckert@nashvillewpc.org to select your Sunday. As well, reservations for flowers do not carry over from year-to-year. Arranged by members of Westminster’s talented Flower Guild, this is a wonderful way to celebrate your loved ones or honor those who have died.

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.

November 30, 2020

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$247,036	\$3,024,947
Expense:	<u>\$201,332</u>	<u>\$2,658,767</u>
Net Income (loss):	<u>\$ 45,704</u>	<u>\$ 366,180</u>

**CHRIST HIMSELF IS BEFORE ALL THINGS,
AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER.**

Colossians 1:17

We go out into the world sharing the good news and return praising God for what we have seen and heard.

As of this week, 426 families have contributed \$2,737,328 toward our pledge campaign.

Our 2021 Budget goal is \$2,958,900, and we need \$221,572 to make the goal a reality.

Though in-person worship is limited, the work of Westminster has continued - Fellowship and Bible study gatherings on Zoom, streaming Sunday and mid-week worship services, online book studies, film reviews, choir recordings, knitting circles, and more. By contributing to Westminster, we are using what God has given us to share the good news of Jesus by serving others - through our many ministry partners - Home Connection, Room in the Inn, and Habitat, to name just a few. Westminster has an amazing ministry. We hope you will be a part of it by making your pledge.

To make a general donation or your pledge payment, please click here <https://bit.ly/3dcoSzD> or scan the QR code below to take you directly to the Donations/Payments webpage.



To make your 2021 Generosity Pledge, click here <https://bit.ly/2GUERXm> or scan the QR code below to take you directly to the 2021 Pledge webpage. We hope you will continue your support.



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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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