

  
**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 18, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE**

Alleluyas

Simon Preston

At his feet the six-winged Seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Lord most high.

*(Liturgy of St. James)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

Exalt the Almighty  
and worship at God's holy mountain,  
**for the Lord our God is holy.**  
Look! The Lord draws near;  
come into the presence of the Holy One.  
**Let us behold the glory of our God.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**O God, you are infinite,  
eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness,  
full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth.  
Your works everywhere praise you,  
and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
**While we were sinners, Christ died for us.**

Because we have faith in him,  
**we dare to approach God with confidence.** *(Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16)*

In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin  
 before God and one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living Lord,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
You call us to give all that we are  
and all that we have  
in service to Christ.  
But we hold tightly to our treasure,  
afraid we will not have enough for ourselves,  
and hold back our talents,  
afraid these gifts will not be enough.  
God, unclench our fists  
and help us to give fully and freely  
so that, in all things,  
we might serve and glorify you. 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.")*

**\*ACT OF PRAISE** *(Singing together Hymn 581)*

**GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

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

**Matthew 22:15-22**

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

**Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)**

Heinrich Schütz/arr. Jennings

Sing a new song to God the Lord, Sing and give praise with one accord.  
For our salvation God doth give, That, through God's mercy, we may live.

Worship the Lord in holiness, Hymns of great joy to God address.  
Honor God's works and bless God's name, God's grace and truth to all proclaim.

Heaven above and earth below, Ocean and field God's glory show.  
All of God's creatures singing praise, Let us now too our voices raise.  
Glory and thanks to God belong, Honor God evermore in song.

**Exodus 33:12-33**

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup> Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup> He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

<sup>17</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup> Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." <sup>19</sup> And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." <sup>21</sup> And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup> then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

*(A moment for meditation)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**God keeps his promises and gives us hope.  
 In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus  
 God kept his promises.  
 All that we can ever hope for  
 was present in Christ.  
 But the work of God in Christ is not over.  
 God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.  
 The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence  
 that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.  
 In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,  
 certainty of victory over death,  
 assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.  
 This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

*(From A Declaration of Faith)*

**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

Show Me Thy Ways

Walter Pelz

Show me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths;  
 Lead me in thy truth and teach me:  
 For thou art the God of my salvation  
 and on thee do I wait all the day.  
 Show me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths,  
 Lead me in thy truth.

**\*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 by serving you  
and delighting to do your will,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 711**

Lord of All Good

TOULON

[see page 8 for hymn]

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Paeon

Peter Hurford

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

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## Lord of All Good

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;  
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;  
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,  
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;  
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,  
 heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,  
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

that our whole life is of - fered to your will.  
 till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.  
 to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.



*The flowers on the Chancel table are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Hank Woerner  
by Bill and Kelly Christie.*

## **SERVICE NOTES**

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Liturgist: Margie Quinn, Director of Youth and Their Families.

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

## **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 18, 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 a.m. on Sundays and at 11:45 a.m. 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 18 and on 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)).

**LEARN ABOUT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH’S POSITION ON CLIMATE CHANGE:** A discussion with Bill Bray, Former Exxon-Mobil Executive; Elder, Woodlands Presbyterian Church, Houston, today at 9:45 a.m. Contact Curtis Baysinger, [cbaysinger2@gmail.com](mailto:cbaysinger2@gmail.com), for the Zoom link. The presentation covers a bit of climate science, what our Church says about climate change, why carbon fee and public dividend is best at reducing greenhouse gases, why PC USA supports it, and what you can do. Bill Bray spent his working career as a Naval Architect and Executive.

**“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. Further information regarding how to participate in this class will be sent through the congregational emails next week.

**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:	<u>\$214,744</u>	<u>\$2,093,006</u>
<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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