

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Baptism

Reign of Christ
November 22, 2020

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Processional

Graystone Ives

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Come into God's presence with gladness and singing.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

For we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

God's faithfulness is to all generations!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

God of majesty,

you love us with an everlasting love

and show us the way to justice and peace.

In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you

and claimed us as your own,

that we may live as his body on earth and,

with all the saints,

enter into your glory on the last day. Amen.

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

CALL TO CONFESSION

With sincere and repentant hearts,
let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God,
we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.
You guide us toward right paths,
but we refuse to follow where you lead.
You love and feed and care for us,
but we fail to love and serve others.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Lamb upon the throne. 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.)

Believe the Good News: **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**

(Hymn 513) FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation. Refrain.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Ephesians 1:15-23

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

Psalm 100

Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise be thankful to God,
and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
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, world without end. Amen.

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell

you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;’⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

SERMON

“I Exam”

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obeing 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

At the River

arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, Where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God.
Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river That Flows by the throne of God.
Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace.

***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.

**Holy God,
use us, and these gifts,
to feed the hungry,
clothe the naked,
and honor your presence in all people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

LANCASHIRE

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence- forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
with deeds of love and mer - cy the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Sinfonia from Wir danken dir, Gott, BWV 29 J.S. Bach
We thank you God

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Overton Thompson, Jr.
and Mary Palmer Daniel Thompson by their family.*

*The flowers in the Chancel window are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of Elizabeth and Scott Ball
and the love and guidance God has given them for thirteen years.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Presenting Elder for Baptism: Katie Regan.

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

COMMUNION: The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices “open Communion” without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Westminster celebrates the “Eucharist,” meaning “thanksgiving,” on the first Sunday of each month, on the first Sunday of each liturgical season, and on every Sunday during the Season of Easter, except Baptism Sundays.

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*

Olivia Carr, daughter of Claire Nuismer and Palmer Finger
John McBryde, son of Arren and Bill Beach

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.
- Please contact the church office for up-to-date information on reserving outside and indoor space.

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 22, 2020 the worship service at 8:30 a.m. will be open 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) or Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

THE RED ROSE IN THE CHANCEL this morning gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a son, Ecton Wills II, born on November 11, 2020 to Montgomery and Ecton Green.

2020 POINSETTIA MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA: This year, Christmas Eve worship services may be different, but we will continue our treasured tradition, albeit on a smaller scale, of gracing our Sanctuary with poinsettias during the Advent season. Proceeds will benefit the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to provide assistance to many in our community who are in great need. To purchase a poinsettia (\$10 each) in memory or in honor of a friend or family member, click here <https://bit.ly/3noEVi1> or email Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org. *The deadline for submitting names is Sunday, December 13, 2020.*

COMING SOON: Our Alternative Christmas Gift Market is moving ONLINE! As you begin to plan your Christmas and End of Year Giving, please remember this opportunity to purchase a gift from a variety of different charitable agencies and organizations. The giving catalog will be available ONLINE on November 27th. It will feature local and international giving opportunities for 16 organizations. Look for information on accessing the catalog soon.

“PILGRIM’S PROGRESS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC: FROM COPING TO ADAPTING TO TRANSFORMING” – This series continues today, Sunday, November 22 at 9:45 a.m. with **“Epidemics in Tennessee,”** led by **Dr. Carole Bucy**, professor of history at Volunteer State Community College and Davidson County Historian. This session will offer a historical overview of the epidemics that our Scots Irish forebearers contended with that swept across our state. This will be followed by the epidemics of cholera, measles, diphtheria, yellow fever, polio, HIV/AIDS, up to the present in Tennessee. Please send any questions or comments to Heidi Hudnut-Beumler: hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org, as they will help us frame our December sessions. To join the Zoom Meeting, click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87117971143?pwd=dUVjTHZZdXIYODBNcGJpQ3o5NXhIdz09> Meeting ID: 871 1797 1143 Passcode: 798020

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.



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.



A SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING: Sunday, November 29, 7:00 p.m.

While the Advent and Christmas season is full of joy and anticipation for many, for others the season can bring sadness, alienation, and pain. This year, all of us are impacted by the COVID pandemic and the changes and losses it has caused. There are many among us dealing with loss and grief, uncertainty, and confusion. Our Service of Hope and Healing offers a time for scripture, prayer, music, and the lighting of candles. It will affirm our hope in God, acknowledge the reality of our pain, and seek to discover the Light that shines in the darkness. The service will be pre-recorded and available to view the evening of the first Sunday in Advent on the WPC website, and anytime thereafter. We encourage you to create a worship center when you share in this service; perhaps a cloth to grace your table, an open Bible, nature objects, a cross, photos or symbols of who or what you are carrying upon your heart this Advent season. Do include a candle to be lit at a special time in the service. “O Come, O come, Emmanuel.” God-with-us.

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Westminster Presbyterian Church

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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