

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

**Holy Baptism
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 13, 2018

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Prelude in C, BWV 547

J.S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**Holy One, you made known to us
the greatness of your love in Jesus Christ,
who gave his life for us.**

**Keep us always in Christ's love,
so that we may abide**

by your commandments

and bear lasting fruit for the world;

through Jesus Christ, our faithful friend. Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 275**

EIN'FESTE BURG

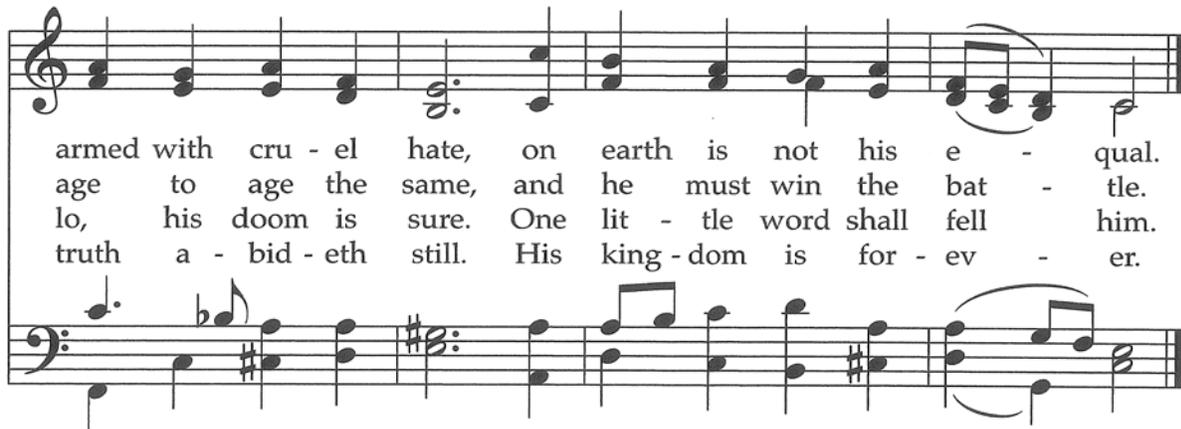
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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



CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us draw near to God
 with sincerity of heart
 and full assurance of faith,
**our guilty hearts sprinkled clean,
 our bodies washed with pure water.**

Let us confess our sins
 before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all hope and joy, we confess
 that we continue to live in fear.
 You invite us to share in Christ’s ministry,
 but we ignore the calling of our baptism. 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**

Glory to God in the Highest

John Weaver

(Please refer to the inside back cover of your hymnal for music for this hymn.)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**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

*(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.**

John 17:6-19 *(New Testament, page 111 in your pew Bible)*

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

Psalm 1 (Congregation & Choir singing)

DIX

Tree of Wisdom, fruitful, green, flourishing beside the stream;
spread your knowledge day and night; make your law my true delight.
Fashion me, O Lord, to be strong and splendid as a tree.

Tree of Justice, ever bless; shade me with your righteousness.
Teach me how to live your ways, and my lips shall sing your praise.
Fashion me, O Lord, to be ever branching as a tree.

Like a forest all around, so the gifts of grace abound:
flowing waters, fertile sod, sunlit dawn, the Word of God.
Fashion me, O Lord, to be living, giving as a tree. *(Michael Morgan)*

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 *(New Testament, pages 118-119 in your pew Bible.)*

(A moment for meditation)

*HYMN 490 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters BEACH SPRING

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
 F Dm Bb

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
 2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
 3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D) (Bm)
 F Dm

of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
 we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
 all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G) (D) (A)
 Bb F C

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
 bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
 lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
 Dm Am Dm Bb C F

spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
 foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
 fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

(Bm) (G) (D)
 Dm Bb F

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
 liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
 lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obeying 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 these newly baptized 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

(8:30 a.m.) God bestows on each one a name Fred Gramann

God bestows on each one a name as a gift and blessing,
That we might be showered in grace evermore without ceasing.

God bestows on each one a name as a gift and blessing,
That we might be showered in grace evermore without ceasing.

For the Lord has called us his friends, as a perfect gift of love,
That we each might know God's name, who reigns in heaven above.

God bestows on each one a name as a gift and blessing,
That we might be showered in grace evermore, evermore without ceasing.

(11:00 a.m.)

The Call

John Leavitt

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life;
such a Way as gives us breath;
such a Truth as ends all strife;
such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;
such a Light as shows a feast;
such a Feast as mends in length;
such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;
such a Joy as none can move;
such a Love as none can part;
such a Heart as Joys in Love.

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 (8:30 a.m.) Come Down, O Love Divine William H. Harris

Come down, O Love divine, Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter draw near, Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing:
True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long,
Shall far out-pass the pow'r of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, Till we become the place
Where-in the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling. Amen.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Do Not Be Afraid

Philip W.J. Stopford

*(This music is given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Joan McCarthy
by John Semingson and Keith Cole.)*

Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine, you are mine.
When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.
Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine, you are mine.

When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes.
Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by your name; you are mine, you are mine.
You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you,
I love you, I love you, I love you with a perfect love, a perfect love.
Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine, you are mine.

***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.

O God,
You have prepared for those who love you
joys beyond understanding.
Pour into our hearts such love for you,
that, loving you above all else,
we may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER** (*Prayed in unison; see page 35 in hymnal for text*)

SENDING

***HYMN 744** Arise, Your Light Is Come! FESTAL SONG

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Fugue in C, BWV 547 J.S. Bach

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Martha Ashley Boyer, our daughter
by Holland Conner and David Boyer.*

*The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Jane Roller Sights,
and in honor of Eleanor Glover by Randy Baskerville.*

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Staff Liturgist: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Designated Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; (8:30 a.m.) Lay liturgist: Linda Koon; Presenting Elder: Hugh Harvey; (11:00 a.m.) Lay Liturgist: Jane Kirchner; Presenting Elder: Ward DeWitt.

MUSICIANS: (8:30 a.m.) Westminster Choir; Susan Kelly, Soloist; (11:00 a.m.) Laudate Youth Choir; 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. *Should a congregant need assistance at any time during the worship 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*

Davis McRea, the son of Loren and Jake Lancaster

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

Henry Barnett, the son of Sarah Gay and James Boswell

Sarah Francis, the daughter of Laura and Ron Stanley

Riley Anne, the daughter of Leigh and Brewer Adams

John Howard IV, the son of Meg and John Howard Hudson III

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Anyone interested in joining us on this journey are invited to come to the Parlor and speak with our Greeters after each service. The Parlor is located through the double doors on the left at the front of the Sanctuary. 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 from ushers. **Tune your hearing devices to channel 1.**

PRAYER SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS will be held in the Chapel immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service today. Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler leads this service and will be available to pray with and for members of our community.

THE RED ROSE IN THE CHANCEL this morning gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a daughter, Millie Anne, born on April 19, 2018 to Abby and J.B. Spaulding, and proud big sister, Sally Jo.

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