

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Baptism

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2017

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE All Things Bright and Beautiful Robert Smith
Rebecca Groom Te Velde
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

CHORAL INTROIT Rejoice in the Lord Jane Lindner

Rejoice in the Lord, rejoice in the Lord,
again I will say: rejoice!

Be gentle to all, be gentle to all,
the Lord is near.

Be thankful and pray, be thankful and pray,
and God will give you peace.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

God created us all as unique people,
and God loves us all as God's children.

Our differences both challenge us and strengthen us,
and God calls us to be the body of Christ in the world.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**God of mercy and grace,
you call us to be in community with all of your children.
Help us to learn from one another,
and draw us closer to you,
that the whole world may be one with you
as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 267**

MADRID

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

CALL TO CONFESSION

Coming together as God's family, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion, you have shown your love
in works of healing, forgiveness, and justice,
and by giving yourself to us and for us,
in your death and resurrection.
Yet, we are slow to love and to serve,
we think about ourselves before we think about others;
we fail to listen to those who are different from us,
and we choose to stay comfortable.
Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to follow your example.
Help us to walk with others as you walk alongside us,
and celebrate the beautiful diversity of your creation in the world. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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.)

Lord, help us to live as your called children.
For if anyone is in you, they are a new creation.
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** Glory Be to the Father 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

*(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.**

Matthew 11:28-30 (*New Testament, page 12 in your pew Bible*)

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

Psalm 19 The Heavens Declare the Glory of God James Brighton

The heavens declare the glory of God.
The skies proclaim the work of God's hands.
Day after day they shine forth with praise,
declaring the glory, the glory of God.

Sun and moon and stars of light
speak of God's wonder each day and night.
Shining brightly for all to see,
filling the heavens they gladly sing,
"Glory to God, glory to God, blessed Creator and King!"

Ephesians 4:1-6 (*New Testament, page 193 in your pew Bible*)

SERMON

"Brave Space"

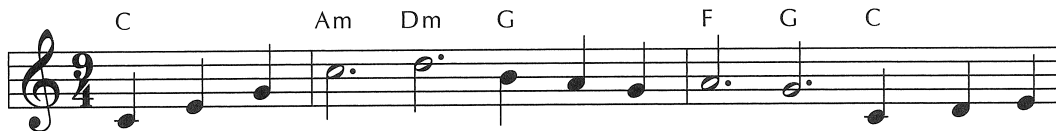
Rachel Pence

(A moment for meditation)

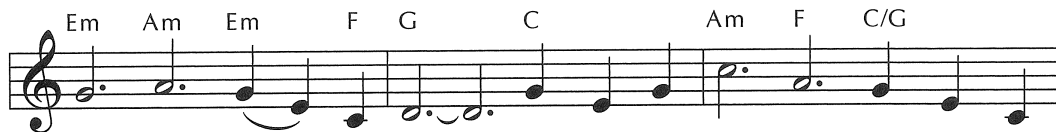
***HYMN 482**

Baptized in Water

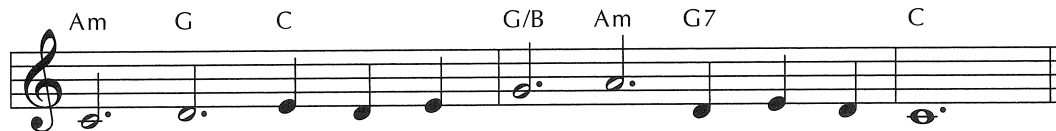
BUNESSAN



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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 child 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

Cradling Children In His Arm GAUDEAMUS PARITER

Cradling children in his arm, Jesus gave his blessing.
To our babes a welcome warm, He is yet addressing.
Take them, Lord; give life anew In the living waters.
Keep them always near to you As your sons and daughters.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

God, we look around us and see that the world is hurting.
We pray for the children fleeing from war torn countries,
who have no place to go and no bed to rest,
Let your kingdom come for them.

For the children who struggle to get through the day,
because their families are falling apart,
Let your kingdom come for them.

For children in our own schools and neighborhoods
who may not have enough to eat or warm clothes to wear,
Let your kingdom come for them.

For those who are little, last, least, and left behind,
Let your kingdom come for them.

For those with homework, tests, papers, and lots of pressure,
Let your kingdom come for them. . .

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

The Children of the World

Terre Johnson

If somewhere a child is hungry or isn't tucked in, safe and warm;
if somewhere a baby's crying, longing for a parent's arms;
that is where the love of Jesus must be shared by you and me,
for if we have plenty, love and safety,
we must share with the least of these.

In a world so rich with blessings, where there is plenty to be shared;
from our lives of such abundance, we can offer love and care.

For we know the love of Jesus can be shared with our own hands,
we can share our blessings, help our neighbor,
be the hands of Christ to them.

The children of the world are our children, made by God,
just like you and me.
The children of the world must be fed and held and loved,
for if one of them is hungry, so are we, so are we.

***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.

**We thank you for all the blessings of this life,
but most of all for your amazing love.
We offer these gifts to you
and ask that you will guide their use,
so that through the good this money will do,
we may serve you today and every day. Amen.**

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

SENDING

*HYMN 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Thomas Hewitt Jones/Keith Kolander
 Postlude on *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. Earl Caldwell
 and Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Moore
 by their children, Beth and Paul Moore.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: (8:30 a.m.) Lay liturgists: Stewart Hall, Conner Folk, Owen Campbell, Vivian Scott, William Stockhoff, Clara Scott Hardin, Caroline Keiper, Maston Ballew, Katie Perry; Usher/Beadle/Acolyte: Emmaline Cash, Johnny Isaacs, Collin Hande, Minor Ballew, Battle Springer; (11:00 a.m.) Lay liturgists: Evie Frist, Claire Kurtz, Callahan Fielder, Mary Claire Smith, Kate Linley, Mac Lowrance, Ferrell Wilson, Anna Hulan; Usher/Beadle/Acolyte: Hunter Armstrong, Payne Fielder, Frank Johns, Sarah Frances Stanley, Cate White, Cole Sieveking, Kate Warner, Dax Martin. Presenting Elders: (8:30 a.m.) Phil Stuart, Suzanne Allen.

MUSICIANS: (8:30 a.m.) Chiming Children Handbell Choir-Sally Mae Arnn, Director; Gloria Choir (Second-Third grades), Ally Hard, Director; Jubilate Choir (Fourth-Sixth grades), John Semingson, Director; Jane Kirchner, Flute; (11:00 a.m.) Alleluia Choir (Kindergarten-First grades), Susan Ramsay and Holly Hammel, Directors; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH: I am so thankful that Westminster makes room for the voices of our children. Children's Sabbath is the time of year when we hear those voices in many ways. The art piece in worship was made by children. The blue piece by the baptismal font was made at The Well one summer to celebrate Jesus' baptism. Our children's choirs provide the music for this special Sunday, and our worship leaders practice to ensure they can be heard and understood. Those who are not singing or speaking are a welcoming presence as ushers. Whatever form they choose to express themselves, here at Westminster, they are heard. We all are grateful for the leadership of our children and the support of Westminster to let them lead.

Sophie Maness

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*

Mathis Calhoun, the son of Kathryn and David Wyatt.

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

Riley Anne, the daughter of Hayden and Price Wilson.

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, who are stationed at the Baptismal font after each service. The Greeters for today are (8:30 a.m.) Judi Larson and (11:00 a.m.) Donna and Bob Littleton.

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

PRAYER SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS TODAY: The monthly Prayer Service for Wholeness will be held in the Chapel immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service today. This is a brief and informal service (roughly 15 minutes) will include a time of centering ourselves in God's love and light, sharing concerns and joys, and individual and communal prayer. 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.

2017 ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT MARKET: Please mark your calendars for the Alternative Christmas Gift Market to be held on Sunday, December 3, in the Parlor from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Discover the joy of honoring someone who has enough by giving to someone in need.

2017 POINSETTIA MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA: Poinsettias will grace our Sanctuary once again for Christmas Eve worship services. If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory or honor of a friend or family member, please place your order via email to Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org, go online to www.nashvillewpc.org, or complete the form in the newsletter and mail it to the church office. *The deadline for submitting names to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins is Sunday, December 10, 2017.*

SANCTUARY AND PARLOR FLOWERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018:

If you would like to provide flowers for the Chancel urns in the Sanctuary or the refectory table in the Parlor during 2018, please contact Terri Eckert by email at teckert@nashvillewpc.org to select your Sunday. Please note that 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 our loved ones or honor those who have died.

PRAYER REQUESTS: It is the privilege of our pastors and the Congregational Care Committee's Prayer Team to pray by name for those who need our care. Please indicate on one of the prayer request forms, found in the pew literature racks, the name of the person and the nature of your request. Place your request form in the offering plate or give it to one of our pastors.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE: Our hearts, prayers and thoughts go out to the people affected by the recent thrash of catastrophic hurricanes, fires and earthquakes. Presbyterians across the country and beyond came to us after our historic flood of 2010. Please help to support these people by:

- ◆ *Giving:* Share your financial blessings by giving online at pda.pcusa.org and clicking on "How to Help." Gifts also can be made by calling (800) 872-3283, or by mailing a check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. You can also text PDA to 20222 to donate \$10.
- ◆ *Acting:* Stay informed: Subscribe to receive PDA Rapid Information Network emails to keep aware of current responses and urgent needs that you can share with your congregation, and "like" us on Facebook.
- ◆ *Praying:* Please pray for those who suffered loss of loved ones and for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Because of federal health care/confidentiality mandates, area hospitals are not able to release the names of our members who may be patients in their facilities. Please contact the church office (615.292.5526) or one of the members of our church staff when you learn of someone in the hospital who may need a pastoral call from the church.

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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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