

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Baptism

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

These are the Ten Commandments

J.S. Bach

Dies sind die heiligen zehen Gebot, BWV 678

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Those who are able may stand.)

Let us worship God!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord has delivered us from slavery;

there is no other god but the Lord.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

God our Beloved,

you set before us the goal of new life in Christ.

May we live in the power of his resurrection

and bring forth the fruit

of your gentle and loving rule.

*(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 265

DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin,

we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,

God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins

and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.**

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us

a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open us to a future in which we can be changed

and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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

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 row.)*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (*Old Testament, page 66 in your pew Bible*)

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

Anthem (*11:00 a.m.*)

God Called Moses

John Horman

God called Moses to the top of the mountain;
spoke to him through a trumpet blast,
smoke and fire, thunder and light'ning,
words to remember, that would ever last.

I have brought you out of bondage,
parted waters, dried the sea.

Know I am the Lord, your God.
You must worship no God but me.

God called Moses to the top of the mountain,
gave him commandments, ten in all,
rules for living, rules for loving, rules to remember,
God's given law.

God sent Moses down from the mountain
with stone tablets for all to see.

Holy laws were written upon them, Ten Commandments,
by God's decree.

Have no other gods before me. Do not make nor serve any graven image.
Do not take my name in vain. Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
Honor your mother and father. Do not kill.
Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Never lie or cheat.
Do not envy what belongs to your neighbor.

God called Moses to the mountain top.
Ten Commandments, laws God gave for you and me.

(8:30 a.m.)

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

Psalm 19 (Singing together Hymn 61)

Philippians 3:4-14 (New Testament, page 198 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

“Lost and Find”

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 482**

Baptized In Water

BUNESSAN

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.) Loving Shepherd of thy sheep John Arnn

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lambs in safety keep.

Nothing can thy power withstand.

None can pluck them from thy hand.

May they praise thee everyday, gladly all thy will obey;

Like the blessed ones above, happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, teach thy lambs to hear;

Suffer not their steps to stray from the straight and narrow way;

Where thou leadest, may they go, walking in thy steps below.

Then, before thy Father's throne,

Savior, claim them for thine own. (*Jane Leeson*)

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
David Ashley White

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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.) Jesus Calls Us Joy Patterson

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his voice is sounding, Saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) The Heavens are Singing David Music

The heavens are singing, are singing and praising,
the depths of the earth and the mountains rejoice;
The trees and the forests are raising,
are raising the song of creation in thunderous voice;
for God has redeemed us, remembered his people,
and made use his choice!

The sun in his rising, his rising and setting,
the stars in their courses, their Maker proclaim.
We only, his children, forgetting, forgetting
the love of our Father, have turned to our shame;
yet God has redeemed us, redeemed us and bought us,
remembered his people, and called us by name!

For the Father who made us, who founded and fashioned
the earth and the sky; who stooped from his glory
to aid us, to aid us when yet we were sinners deserving to die;
our God has redeemed us, redeemed us and bought us,
remembered his people, and lifted us high!

O Father, eternally living, resplendent in glory,
the Lord on his throne, we praise and adore you,
forgiving, none other beside you, in mercy along;
for God has redeemed us and bought us,
remembered his people, and made us his own.

***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 all mercies,
we give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and for all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your boundless love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace,
and for the hope of glory. Amen.**

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

SENDING

***HYMN 822** When We Are Living SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Duke Street Wilbur Held
Jesus Shall Reign Wher'er the Sun

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of
Jennifer Michelle Mosher and Douglas Bradford Smith, Jr.
on Saturday, October 7, 2017.*

*The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the birth and baptism of
Bryan Edward Frist, Jr., my grandson, by Karyn (KK) Frist.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: T.J. Piccolo, Associate Director of Youth; (8:30 a.m.) Lay liturgist: Brent Stoker; Presenting Elder: Phil Stuart; Beadle/Acolyte: Ivy Weathersby; (11:00 a.m.) Lay liturgist: Blake Brookshire, Presenting Elder: Ann Humbracht; Beadle/Acolyte: Sarah Jean Caver.

MUSICIANS: (8:30 a.m.) Sam Levine, Clarinet; Westminster Choir; Allison Stokes, Soloist; (11:00 a.m.) Jubilate Choir, Laudate Youth Choir; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

USHERS: (8:30 a.m.) Clara Harden, Nat Harden, Paige Harden, Ty Harden, Elizabeth Minkoff; (11:00 a.m.) Brett Oeser, Tom Brooks, Henry Oeser. *Please contact an usher if you require any assistance.*

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*

Eloise Clay, daughter of Millicent and Jamie Vance
John Hale, son of Elizabeth and John Boyer
Salley Elizabeth, daughter of Elizabeth and John Boyer
Riley Marie, daughter of Kelly and Sean McMullen

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

Helen Martha, daughter of Catherine and Patrick Warfield
Katherine Claiborne, daughter of Arren and Bill Beach
William James, son of Arren and Bill Beach
Oliver Manning, son of Camille and Robert Davis Chaffin, Jr.
Bryan Edward, Jr., son of Elizabeth and Bryan Frist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to speak with one of our greeters, who will be located by the baptismal font in 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 one of the ushers.

ELDER NOMINATIONS for next year's class (the Class of 2021) are being requested from Westminster members. Nominations may be made by completing a ballot form found in the Parlor by the wooden Ballot Box or online at www.nashvillewpc.org, and will be accepted until October 15, 2017. The new class of elders will begin their 3-year terms on May 1, 2018. For information on elder qualifications, go to <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/clp/>.

FALL NEW MEMBER CLASS CONTINUES TODAY in Room 214. To find out more about the membership process, please contact the Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615-292-5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org), or Elder Jim Hartman (615-383-8759; overlookjim@yahoo.com).

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