

  
**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 13, 2020**

**GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE**

Two Spirituals

A Little More Faith in Jesus	John W. Work III
Talk about a Child that do Love Jesus	Calvin Taylor

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

Give praise to God!

**Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves**

It is God who forgives. It is God who delivers.

**Give thanks and praise to the Lord!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**Almighty God,**

**you call your church to witness**

**that in Christ we are reconciled to you.**

**Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,**

**that all who hear it may turn to you;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 619

Praise, my Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore-bears  
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins  
to God who forgives and saves.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God,  
you lived for us—we have not lived for you.  
You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others.  
You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves  
nor have we loved one another.  
Have mercy on us and forgive us, God.  
Help us to forgive.  
Help us to live for you.  
Help us to love through Christ our Lord. 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

**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**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

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

**Matthew 18:23-35**

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

**Psalm 114**

South African Freedom Song

*Refrain:*

Oh, freedom, oh, freedom. Freedom is coming, oh yes, I know.

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,  
Judah became God's sanctuary  
and Israel God's dominion.  
The sea beheld it and fled,  
Jordan turned and went back,  
The mountains skipped like rams,  
and the little hills like young sheep.  
What ailed you, O sea, that you fled,  
O Jordan, that you turned back,

You mountains, that you skipped like rams,  
you little hills like young sheep?  
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
who turned the hard rock into a pool of water  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## **Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup> Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup> Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup> We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**SERMON**

“My ‘Word for the Year 2020’”

Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We serve humankind  
by discerning what God is doing in the world  
and joining God in God's work.**

**We risk disagreement and error  
when we try to say what God is doing here and now.  
But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past  
and promises for the future,  
as they are witnessed to in Scripture.**

**We affirm that the Lord is at work,  
especially in events and movements  
that free people by the gospel  
and advance justice, compassion, and peace.**

*(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

Prayer for Peace

David M. Cherwien

O God of love, O King of peace,  
Make wars throughout the world to cease;  
The wrath of nations now restrain.  
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Remember, Lord, thy works of old,  
The wonders that the people told;  
Remember not our sin's dark stain.  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord?  
Where rest but on thy faithful word?  
None ever called on thee in vain.  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

**\*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, we thank you for these gifts.  
Multiply them, and enable the work of love  
and the righteousness of your kingdom in the world.  
We thank and praise you. 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 363**                      Rejoice, the Lord is King!                      DARWALL'S 148TH  
[see page 8 for hymn]

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                      Peal on Darwall's 148th                      James Biery

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

# Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

*Descant*

4 Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.  
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

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*The flowers on the table in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of W. Miles Warfield, Sr.  
by his family.*

*The flowers in the Chancel window are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Katie Rose Malone  
and her birthday on September 16.*

## **SERVICE NOTES**

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Liturgist: Sophie Maness, Director of Christian Education.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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. We welcome those who would like to participate in a small group 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).

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.** The services will be at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Details on sign-up and instructions are available on the website and in the Friday *Connection* e-blast. Attendance at each service will be capped at 100 people. In the reservation comment section, you will be able to address any needs you may have during the service. Please [click here](#) to reserve your spot for the 4:30 pm or the 6:00 pm worship service. Please [click here](#) to watch this brief video to learn what to do for the service. If you would like a list of all the protocols for the outdoor service, please download the document [here](#).

Additionally, the Session approved returning to in-person worship in the Sanctuary, with limited attendance for the 8:30 a.m. service. If we meet our own safety and preparedness requirements, we have a targeted start date of Sunday, September 20. Please note that the 8:30 a.m. service will continue to be live-streamed.

We are deeply grateful for your patience and prayers during this time of uncertainty.

**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)).

**MISSED THE SUNDAY SERVICE AT 8:30 AM?** You are still able to watch it later in the day or week. Simply click the top button of the Quick Links on our home page, [nashvillewpc.org](http://nashvillewpc.org). This takes you to our Vimeo page where all the services are archived on the right side of the page. The newest service will not yet be dated. Simply click the service you want to watch.

**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).

August 31, 2020

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$115,802	\$2,385,119
Expense:	<u>\$218,309</u>	<u>\$1,878,263</u>
<b>Net Income (loss):</b>	<b><u>\$(102,507)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 506,856</u></b>

**FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.** *Matthew 6:21* 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. Please make your pledge payment by visiting [www.nashvillewpc.org](http://www.nashvillewpc.org) and click on “Generous Giving.” Or, if you wish to make a donation, click on “Support WPC.” We hope you will be part of it and continue your support today.

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**ELDER AND LEGACY FUND TRUSTEES NOMINATIONS** for next year's class (the Class of 2024) are being requested from Westminster members. Nominations may be made by completing a ballot form online, mailing in the ballot included in this bulletin, or in the September issue of *Community*. Ballots will be accepted until October 11, 2020. To access the Elder form, click <https://bit.ly/320uAkl>. To access the Trustee form, click <https://bit.ly/3h1WMan>. Following the end of nominations, the Church Nominating Committee will analyze the ballots and recommend a slate of elder candidates representing the demographics of the church as a whole (age, gender, service to the congregation and community, etc.). Photos and biographical information on nominees will be published in an issue of the *Community* newsletter. Elections will be conducted at the annual congregational meeting (date TBA). The new class of elders will begin their 3-year terms on May 1, 2021.

## **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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**SUGGESTION FORM**  
**Office of Elder Class of 2024**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**

Please visit the WPC website at  
[www.nashvillewpc.org](http://www.nashvillewpc.org)  
then click on Sign-ups to find the  
Class of 2024 Suggestion Form.

The Church Nominating Committee solicits suggestions regarding persons who should be considered for the office of Elder. The *Book of Order*, in outlining the qualifications of the Presbyterian Elder, says that Elders "...should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment." It further states that the "manner of life" of the Elder should be a "...demonstration of the Christian Gospel, both within the church and in the world." Is the person that you are considering someone who fulfills these qualifications?

Elders are expected to give special attention to the spiritual needs of the people of God within the church and outside the church. Elders are particularly charged with the responsibility to "...visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed." Is the person that you are considering someone who already exhibits a commitment to this kind of activity?

To assist the Church Nominating Committee in its evaluation of candidates, please provide as much of the following information as possible on the person you wish to suggest to the Committee. (Please fill out a separate sheet for each person you suggest.)

Name of person \_\_\_\_\_

Has this person served as an Elder in this or another church? Yes \_\_\_\_\_, No \_\_\_\_\_

How often does this person attend worship? Every Sunday \_\_\_\_\_, 3 Sundays a month \_\_\_\_\_, 2 Sundays a month \_\_\_\_\_, once a month or less \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person a regular participant in a Church School Class? Yes \_\_\_\_\_, No \_\_\_\_\_; Which class? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all other church activities in which this person is or has been involved:

Church School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_, DISCIPLE/Bible Study Group \_\_\_\_\_, Choir Member \_\_\_\_\_, Presbyterian Women \_\_\_\_\_, PW Circle \_\_\_\_\_, Annual Stewardship Campaign \_\_\_\_\_, Usher \_\_\_\_\_, Changing Gears \_\_\_\_\_, Congregational Care \_\_\_\_\_, HOST Group \_\_\_\_\_, Worship Leadership \_\_\_\_\_, Youth Mission Trip Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific Committees: \_\_\_\_\_

In what service-related activities has this person been involved? Room In The Inn \_\_\_\_\_, Westminster Home Connection \_\_\_\_\_, Habitat for Humanity \_\_\_\_\_, Meals on Wheels \_\_\_\_\_, Hospital Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_, Charitable Organizations (names) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Are there particular traits or characteristics that prompt you to suggest this person as a candidate for the office of Elder?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have this individual's consent to serve, if nominated?\* Yes \_\_\_\_\_, No \_\_\_\_\_

*\* In asking for consent to serve, please communicate to the individual that having his/her name submitted as a suggestion to the Committee does not mean that the individual will necessarily appear on the final slate presented to the congregation. The process for determining the final slate is based on many factors, including the skills, talents, and demographics with regards to age, gender, and groupings within our church community, in order to maintain a balance of perspectives. It is hoped that this will allow each constituency in the church to have a voice within the Session.*

The Church Nominating Committee may desire further information. If so, may we contact you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_, No \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to Terri Eckert, c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3900 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205 no later than October 11, 2020.**

Church Nominating Committee: Frank Wade (Chair), Meredith Nowers, David Wyckoff, Linda Koon, Holly Conner, Sydney DeWitt, Bill Tate, Nancy Langdon, and Bob Parker.

**SUGGESTION FORM**  
**Office of Trustee - Class of 2024**  
**The Westminster Presbyterian Church Legacy Fund**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**

The congregation's Nominating Committee solicits suggestions regarding persons who should be considered for the office of Trustee of the Westminster Presbyterian Church Legacy Fund (*Legacy Fund*).

To assist the Nominating Committee in its evaluation of candidates, please provide as much of the following information as possible on the person you wish to suggest to the Committee. Please fill out a separate sheet for each person that you suggest.

Name of Person \_\_\_\_\_

Has this person served as an Elder or Trustee in this or another church? Yes \_\_\_\_\_, No \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all other church activities in which this person is or has been involved:

Church School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_, Bible Study Group \_\_\_\_\_, Youth Fellowship Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_, Choir Member \_\_\_\_\_,  
Presbyterian Women \_\_\_\_\_, Annual Stewardship Campaign \_\_\_\_\_, Usher \_\_\_\_\_, Changing Gears \_\_\_\_\_,  
Congregational Care \_\_\_\_\_, Worship Leadership \_\_\_\_\_, Mission Trip Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific Committees: \_\_\_\_\_

In what service-related activities has this person been involved? Room in the Inn \_\_\_\_\_, Habitat for Humanity \_\_\_\_\_,  
Meals on Wheels \_\_\_\_\_, Hospital Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_, Charitable Organizations (names) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Are there particular traits or characteristics that prompt you to suggest this person as a candidate for the office of Legacy Fund Trustee?

Do you have this individual's consent to serve, if nominated? Yes \_\_\_\_\_; No \_\_\_\_\_

The Nominating Committee may desire further information.

If so, may we contact you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_; No \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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