


**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Baptism

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Variations on Thaxted

Tom Trenney

I. Introduction

II. Theme

III. Menuet

IV. Berceuse

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord.

Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

O God who knows our every need

before we can even ask,

you provide all our needs and some of our wants.

You bless us all.

Make us truly thankful and empower us

to bless others from the gifts you have given us,

for the glory of your name. Amen.

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - mighty, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
we have sought after things,
but we have not sought after you.
We have expected generosity,
but we have not shown generosity.
We have failed to remember all that you have done.
Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.
Help us to share our gifts
and strengthen us in our journey with you.
In Jesus' name we pray. 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** *(Singing together Hymn 581)*

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Matthew 20:1-16

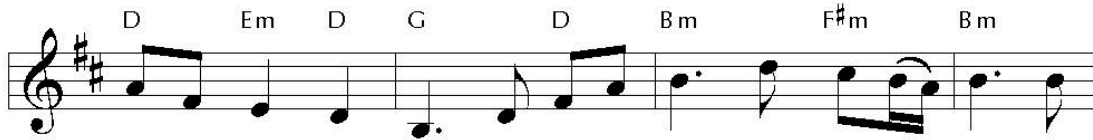
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 145: 1-8 (Hymn 270)

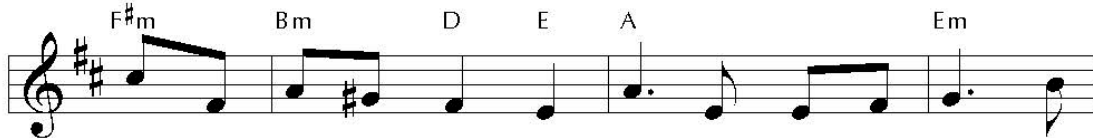
JERUSALEM



1 O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will
2 How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of com-
3 Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your



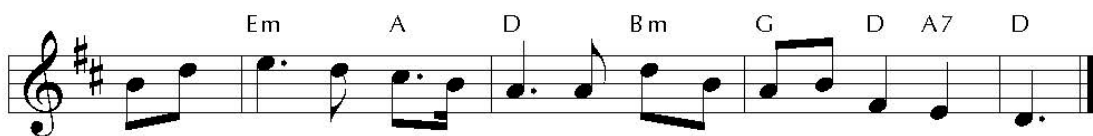
ev - er bless your name; I will ex - tol you ev - ery day, and
pas - sion, mer - ci - ful, your an - ger al - ways slow to rise; your
might - y acts will show, till all the peo - ples of the earth your



ev - er - more your praise pro - claim. You, Lord, are great - ly
stead - fast love you show to all, for you are good in
king - dom, pow - er, glo - ry know. E - ter - nal is your



to be praised; your great - ness is be - yond our thought; all
all your ways; your crea - tures know your con - stant care. To
king - dom, Lord, for - ev - er strong, for - ev - er sure; while



gen - er - a - tions shall tell forth the might - y won - ders you have wrought.
all your works your love ex - tends; all souls your ten - der mer - cies share.
gen - er - a - tions rise and die, your high do - min - ion will en - dure.

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

SERMON

“I’m Counting On You”

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

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

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.

Baptismal Anthem

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

Barrie Cabena

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

Nothing can thy power withstand.

None can pluck them from thy hand. Alleluia.

Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach thy lambs thy voice to hear;

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

Where thou leadest, I would go, walking in thy steps below.

Till, before my Father's throne, I shall know as I am known.

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

How Firm A Foundation

Sacred Harp,
arr. John Arn

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

*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.

**Almighty and merciful God,
from whom comes all good,
we praise you for your mercies,
for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us,
your discipline that has corrected us,
your patience that has borne with us,
and your love that has redeemed us.**
**Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts
by serving you and delighting to do your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 729

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Hanover
O Worship the King

Kenneth Leighton

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

*The flowers on the table in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Ann Tipton Horn by Steve Horn*

*The flowers in the Chancel window are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of
Carlton Louise McLendon Tate and Ramsay Parker McBurney Brown
on Saturday, September 19, 2020.*

*The flowers are also dedicated in loving memory of those
who have been an important part of the bride and groom's families,
and their love for one another.*

Grandparents of the Bride	Brigadier General and Mrs. Louis Carlton Taylor Mr. and Mrs. William McLean Tate
Grandparents of the Groom	Dr. and Mrs. Robert Powers McBurney Mr. and Mrs. Worthington Brown
Niece and Nephew of the Bride	James and McLean Tate

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Katie Gossage, Associate Director of Youth and Programming; Presenting Elder for Baptism: Tom Wylly.

MUSICIANS: Colby White, soloist; Sam Levine, clarinet; Chamber Choir; John W. Semington, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

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*

Witt Robinson, the son of Caroline and Tee Tompkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A private, family Service for Witness to the Resurrection was held in Harwell Chapel on Friday, September 18, 2020 for Frederick Smith Crown, Jr.

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: Returning to worship at Westminster does not have the same meaning for all of our members. Some believe it would be best and will seek to continue to worship and study from home. Others will think differently. 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.

One new way is to hold outdoor worship services. If you are interested in our outdoor service, we ask that you first sign up for a slot and let us know how many people will be in your party. You will be able to see immediately if space is still available. Attendance at outdoor services 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. The next outdoor worship service will be held this Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

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.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT:

Please [click here](#) to reserve your spot for 8:30 a.m. service.

Please [click here](#) to reserve your spot for the 11:00 a.m. outdoor service.

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).

MISSED THE SERVICE AT 8:30 AM? If you missed the Sunday morning service, you are still able to watch it later in the day or week. Click the top button of the Quick Links on our home page, 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 would like 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 or 615-292-5526; Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair at mkoban@prodigy.net; or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer at 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>
Net Income (loss):	<u>\$(102,507)</u>	<u>\$ 506,856</u>

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 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 at <https://bit.ly/2YeamRN>, mailing in the ballot included in this bulletin, or in the September issue of *Community*. Ballots will be accepted until October 11, 2020. 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.

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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
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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