

  
**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 27, 2020**

**GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE**

Piece d'Orgue, BWV 572

J.S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

Praise the Lord who provides for us.

**The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

Glorious are the deeds of our God,  
and mighty are God's acts.

**The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**Gracious God, we thank you  
for being ever present with us.**

**We know that we are never alone.**

**Your mercies have been faithful and rich.**

**Pour out your Spirit upon us,  
that we might do the work of your will.**

**In the name of the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins without fear  
to the One who yearns to embrace us,  
forgive us, protect us, and bless us. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,**  
**we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin.**  
**We have complained in the face of your mercy.**  
**We have been selfish and conceited**  
**in the face of your sacrifice.**  
**We have not done your will.**  
**Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude.**  
**Infuse your spirit into our beings**  
**so that we might be reconciled to 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.")*

*(The congregation sings with the choir.)*

**The Word of the Lord lasts forever. What is the Word that is living?  
It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead.**



**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

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

**Exodus 17:1-7**

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

**Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 **I will open my mouth in a parable;**  
**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our ancestors have told us,  
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 **We will recount to generations to come**  
**the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,**  
**and the wonderful works God has done.**
- 12 God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors,  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 **God split open the sea and let them pass through,**  
**making the waters stand up like walls.**

- 14 God led them with a cloud by day,  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 God split the heard rocks in the wilderness  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.**
- 16 God brought streams out of the cliff,  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

### **Philippians 2:1-13**

**2** If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, **2** make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. **5** Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, **7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, **8** he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **12** Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **13** for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**SERMON**

“You’re a Piece of Work”

Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love, God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

*(From A Brief Statement 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

Ralph Vaughan Williams/Robert Powell

At the Name of Jesus

**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 that is 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 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come  
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of  
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry  
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I  
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is  
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines  
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



## **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

J.S. Bach/Johann Ernst Prinz

Presto from concerto in G, BWV 592

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

## **SERVICE NOTES**

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Liturgist: Katie Gossage, Associate Director of Youth and Programming.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**UPDATE:** Westminster has learned that three members of our church staff have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, and other staff are awaiting test results. Based on CDC and state guidelines, the church offices will be closed until Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Also, the Session of Westminster voted to cancel all in-person worship services and all staff-led church activities that meet within our facilities until October 7. During that time, the church facilities will be deep-cleaned by a professional company.

The worship services, originally scheduled to be live-streamed on Sundays, September 27 and October 4, will be replaced with a pre-recorded (uploaded) service, which will be available for viewing on the church website. Please watch for an email that will contain the details for accessing these services.

Westminster School for Young Children will be closed at least through Friday, September 25, 2020. During that time, the school will also be deep cleaned, and the staff tested for COVID-19.

We are grateful for your prayers and support during this time.

**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 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](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 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](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 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](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?

\_\_\_\_\_  
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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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