

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

World Communion Sunday

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Cortége et Litanie, op.19-no.2

Marcel Dupré

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God.

(Those who are able may stand.)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
the skies proclaim God's handiwork.

They have no speech, they use no words,
**yet their witness goes out through all
the earth.**

Let us join the chorus of creation;
let us raise our voices in resounding praise.

**May the words of our mouths
and the songs of our hearts
be pleasing to the Lord!**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**God of all people and places,
on this World Communion Sunday
we come to your table in a spirit of global community.**

**As we join together in this meal,
enable us to recognize the many ways
that we can serve one another.**

Nourish us at your table.

**Help us to celebrate connectedness in the human family
as a sure sign of your grace. Amen.**

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

CALL TO CONFESSION

What does the Lord require of us
**but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God?**
Trusting in the mercy of God, let us come to confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(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.)

Believe the Good News: **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.")

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Let us in unison remember Jesus' summary of the Law.

**Our Lord Jesus said:
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and first commandment.
And a second is like it:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments
hang all the law and the prophets.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Philippians 3:4-14

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

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 **their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**
In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun;
- 5 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the
innocent.
- 8 **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to
the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 **Can people tell how often they offend?
cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of
anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that
is in the water under the earth.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God,
for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor
and do all your work.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in
the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid^[b] and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

SERMON

"All these words ..."

Guy D. Griffith

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**God has not taken God's people out of the world,
but has sent them into the world
to worship God there and serve all humankind.**

**We worship God in the world
by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people.**

**Our cries for help and our songs of praise
are never for ourselves alone.**

**Worship is no retreat from the world;
it is part of our mission.**

**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 God's 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)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

Look at the World

John Rutter

*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!**

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION

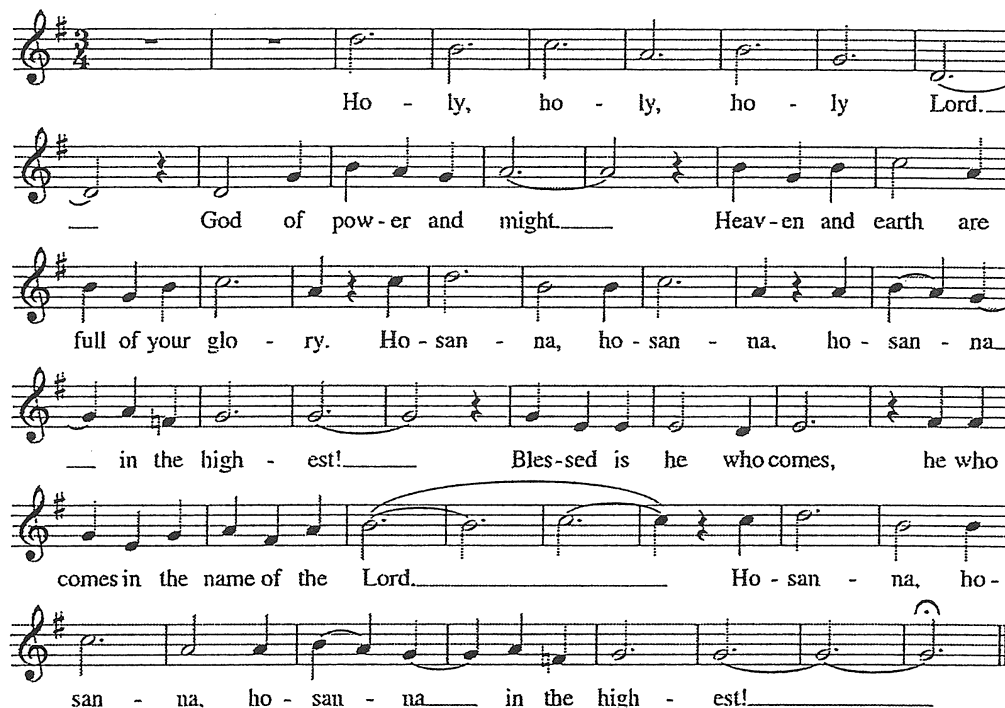
*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our greatest joy ... and fill the hungry with good things.

Therefore we praise you, joining the faithful
who hunger and thirst for righteousness
and singing the hymn of the whole creation:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord...
God of pow - er and might... Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na
in the high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes, he who
comes in the name of the Lord... Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

(The congregation may be seated.)

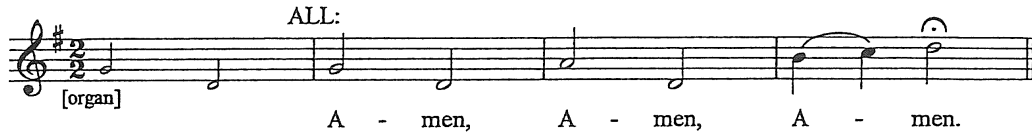
We praise you, most holy God, ...
inviting all to taste and see that you are good.

Remembering all that you have done in Jesus Christ,
we offer our lives to you with great thanksgiving
as we share this feast of love and grace.



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ...
in the joy of your new creation.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God,
now and forever.



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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Gather communion elements of bread and wine, such as crackers, tortillas, pita bread, or bagels; and juice, water, or soda — all are fine. Set out worshipful elements such as a white cloth, cross, candle, and Bible. If you are gathered with others, please serve one another communion, offering the elements with words such as, “This is the bread of life” and “This is the cup of salvation.” If you are

alone, know that others are sharing this meal with you, and that we are all part of the body of Christ whether we receive in solitude or with others.

Anthem

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees . . .

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees . . .

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

***HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

[see page 10 for hymn]

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Duke Street

Michael Burkhardt

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

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.


MUSICIANS: Hannah Sims, Alec Koukol, soloists; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

COMMUNION: The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices “open Communion” without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Westminster celebrates the “Eucharist,” meaning “thanksgiving,” on the first Sunday of each month, on the first Sunday of each liturgical season, and on every Sunday during the Season of Easter, except Baptism Sundays.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 Update:

- Westminster has had no new cases on staff of Covid-19 infections.
 - Of the four staff members that have tested positive:
 - Two members who have reported flu like symptoms are improving.
 - One staff member reports light symptoms
 - One staff member is recovered.
- The church office remains closed until next Wednesday, October 7, 2020.
- We are gearing back up for indoor and outdoor worship on October 11, 2020

We are grateful for your continued 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) 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> |

HE HIMSELF IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD. *Colossians 1:17* 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 continue your support today.

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2020 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING - OCTOBER 4, 2020: “May the God of Peace give you peace at all times in all ways.” (2 Thessalonians 3:16) This Offering draws Presbyterians together as active peacemakers, working together to address systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Please consider sending your donation payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church with “Peace and Global Special Offering” in the memo section of your check or by visiting the PC(USA) website at <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/peace-global-witness/>.

NEW MEMBER & INQUIRER CLASS TO BEGIN! On October 11, 18, and 25, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. via Zoom, a series of three “gatherings” will be held for those interested in exploring Westminster, and those feeling called into membership. Contact Hannah Sims, hsims@nashvillewpc.org to register. Questions? Contact: Melissa Threatt (melissa.threatt@gmail.com), or Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615-481-0666; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR & FELLOWSHIP TODAY – 9:45 a.m. Join us for a time of fellowship on Zoom today, Sunday, October 4 from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Sponsored by the GETconnected Committee.

- Bring your coffee or tea; meet old friends and make new ones-all welcome!
- Looking for ways to become more connected?
- Zoom will be our Church Parlor
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84957599085?pwd=b2Z2Mks5L1RwR2w4ajR5OWY3Nm1xdz09>

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>, or by mailing in the ballot included in this bulletin. Ballots will be accepted until October 11, 2020. 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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