

  
**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Holy Baptism**

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 11, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE**

Fugue in E flat "St. Anne", BWV 552

J.S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

The Lord will make a feast for all people.

**And destroy the power of death forever.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**Christ, in this hour of worship,  
lift us out of the routine of our daily lives  
and call us as one people.**

**Let our worship come from our hearts,  
that it may be genuine.**

**Let our praises for you leap from our mouths,  
that we may be alive with faith and joy.**

**Make us fresh again! Amen.**

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur-mur stilled:  
all is right:  
cho-sen band: to God all praise and glo-ry!  
take your part:

## 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)*

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin before God and neighbor.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal and merciful God,  
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,  
but we have not loved you.  
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.  
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concern.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,  
we repent in spirit and in truth,  
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness  
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. 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.**

**Isaiah 25:1-9**

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



1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.  
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



## **Philippians 4:1-9**

**4** <sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**SERMON**                      “Whose Names are in the Book of Life?”                      Donovan Drake  
*(A moment for meditation)*

## **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**

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

Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Anonymous 16<sup>th</sup> century

Rejoice in the Lord alway and again I say rejoice.  
For the Lord our God is gracious in His mercy.  
His truth is everlasting. His truth endureth for evermore.

### **\*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 687**                      Our God, Our Help in Ages Past                      ST. ANNE  
[see page 10 for hymn]

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                      Mit Freuden Zart                      Emma Lou Diemer  
*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

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

*The flowers in the Chancel window are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Barbara Anne Felch  
by the Felch family.*

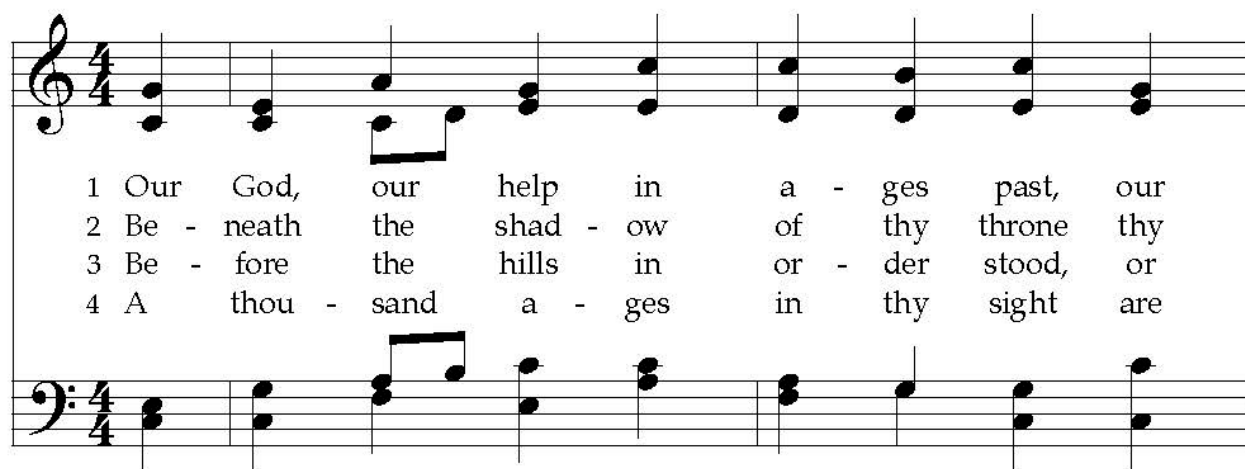
**SERVICE NOTES**

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Liturgist: T.J. Piccolo, Associate Director of Youth; Presenting Elder for Baptism: Elaine Williams.

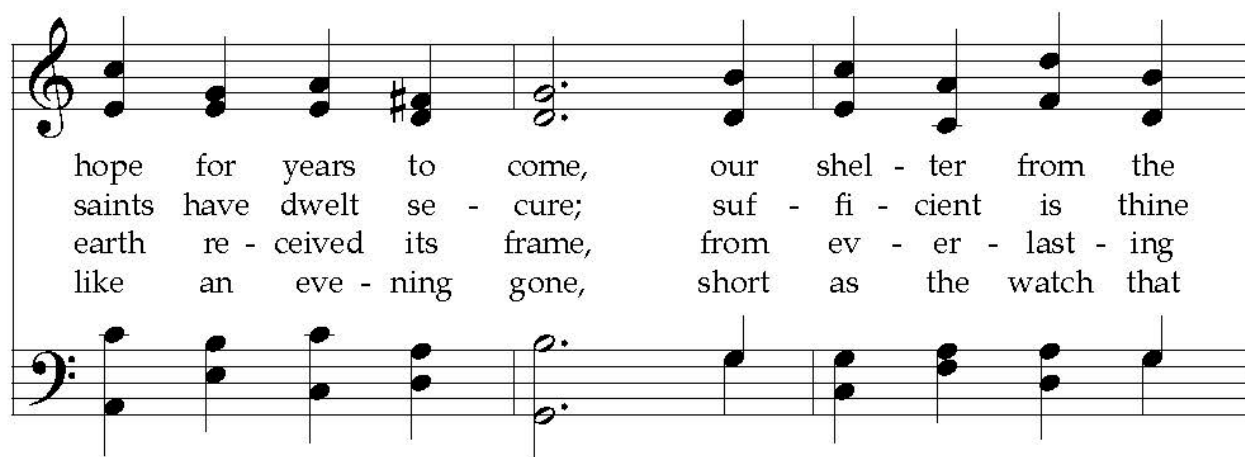
**MUSICIANS:** Alec Koukol, soloist; Chamber Choir; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

## 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  
Evangeline Emmamarie Rae,  
the daughter of Tyler Leigh and Don Moody*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COVID-19 Update:

- Westminster has had no new cases on staff of Covid-19 infections.
- 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 for small groups 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).

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:** 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. For Sunday, October 11, 2020 the worship service at 8:30 a.m. will be open again to in-person attendees by reservation only. As well, we are resuming our 11:00 a.m. outdoor worship service. Please see the Friday e-blast *Connection* to reserve your seat at either service.

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.

**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)).

**NEW MEMBER & INQUIRER CLASS BEGINS TODAY!** 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](mailto:hsims@nashvillewpc.org) to register. Questions? Contact: Melissa Threatt ([melissa.threatt@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.threatt@gmail.com)), or Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615-481-0666; [hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org)).

**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).

**September 30, 2020**

|                           | <u>September</u>         | <u>Year to Date</u>      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Income:                   | \$186,006                | \$2,571,125              |
| Expense:                  | <u>\$214,744</u>         | <u>\$2,093,006</u>       |
| <b>Net Income (loss):</b> | <b><u>\$(28,738)</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 478,119</u></b> |

**HE HIMSELF IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER.** *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. **To make a general donation or your pledge payment, please click here <https://bit.ly/3dcoSzD>** for all options. **To make your 2021 Generosity Pledge, click here <https://bit.ly/2GUERXm>.** We hope you will continue your support.

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**SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO NOMINATE ELDERS AND LEGACY FUND TRUSTEES** for next year’s class (the Class of 2024). Nominations may be made by completing a ballot form online. To nominate elders, click here <https://bit.ly/2YeamRN>. To nominate Trustees, click here <https://bit.ly/2GNvada>. Forms are attached at the end of this bulletin. 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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