


**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Baptism

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

From Rubrics

Dan Locklair

"Silence may be kept"

"The Peace may be exchanged"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

With all that is within us, let us bless God,
who forgives all our sins, who heals all our diseases,
who lifts us up from rock bottom,
who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.
With all that is within us,
let us give praise and thanks to God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Almighty God, Light from Light,
who commands the universe and all that is made,
your Word is the power
that makes whole what is broken,
the force of good, and the food of peace.
Teach us now as you taught in the synagogue.
Heal us now so that in all that we say and do,
the freedom we have in you may be for others, too;
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: 1 (p. 59). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens
all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we cry out to you,
but so often we cry with many voices.
We plead for unity
but do not pay the price of reconciliation.
So this morning
we come before you and confess our failure
to respond to the suffering and divisions
of both the church and the world.
O Lord, our God, forgive our sins; have mercy on us,
and enable us to be reconciled
with one another and with you.
Let the outpourings of your grace and blessing
rest upon us as we seek the unity only you can give us.
We pray through Jesus 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.")

**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.**

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

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

Psalm 111 (Hymn 755)

[See page 5 for hymn]

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Mark 1:21-28

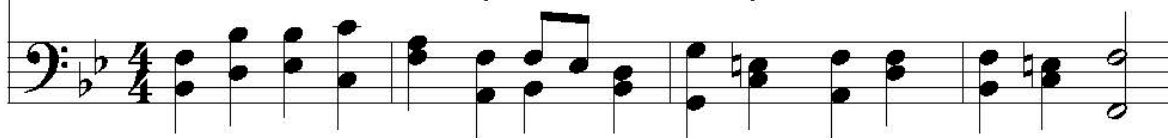
²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

(Psalms 111 and 112)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus - tains us; match - less are the gifts we share:
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil - dren now re - claim;



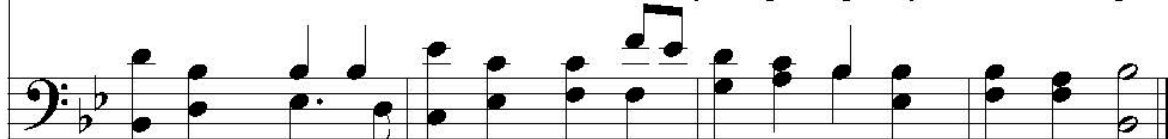
by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
light in dark - ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.
may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;
Ours to give as we are giv - en: arms to lift when oth - ers fall;
Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;



may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!
im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful ser - vants to God's call.
awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry, our de - light!



(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.

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

There is a Balm in Gilead

African-American Spiritual

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say,
"He died for all, He died for all."

There is a balm...

***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.

**For Earth, which you have molded,
for creatures and animals, plants, water, air, and fire,
for Jesus who died and rose again,
for the breath of life,
we give you thanks, O God.
Let these gifts be used for good
wherever there is need,
in the name of all that you have first given us,
especially Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior. 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 181** Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit EBENEZER
[see pages 10 and 11 for hymn]

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Grand Choeur Theodore Dubois

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Jane and Tom McDow
by John and Nancy Bayless.*

*The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of James "Jim" Devoe Aderhold, Jr.
by his family.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Sophie Maness, Director of Christian Education;
Presenting Elder for Baptism: Ned Munson.

MUSICIANS: Ally Hard, soloist; John W. Semingson, 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
McCleary Thomas,
the son of Sarah Gay and James Boswell*

181 Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

1 "Si - lence! Fren-zied, un - clean spir - it," cried God's
 2 Lord, the de - mons still are thriv - ing in the
 3 Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it, in our

heal - ing, Ho - ly One. "Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't
 gray cells of the mind: ty - rant voic - es, shrill and
 mind and in our heart. Speak your word that when we

bear it. Flee as night be - fore the sun."
 driv - ing, twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind,
 hear it all our de - mons shall de - part.

At Christ's voice the de - mon trem-bled, from its vic - tim
 doubts that stir the heart to pan - ic, fears dis - tort - ing
 Clear our thought and calm our feel - ing; still the frac - tured,

mad - ly rushed, while the crowd that was as -
 rea - son's sight, guilt that makes our lov - ing
 war - ring soul. By the pow - er of your

sem - bled stood in won - der, stunned, and hushed.
 fran - tic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.
 heal - ing make us faith - ful, true, and whole.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: For Sunday, January 31, 2020 the 8:30 a.m. worship service will be LIVE streamed. There will not be an outdoor worship service at 11:00 a.m. If you miss the service at 8:30 a.m., you can watch it later in the day or week. Go to nashvillewpc.org and in the Quick Links box, click on WPC Live Stream Services. The newest service may not yet be dated. Midweek services also will continue to be LIVE streamed on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.

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).

SANCTUARY AND PARLOR FLOWERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021: Please note that beginning January 1, 2021, the cost of flower arrangements will increase to \$150 for Sanctuary flowers and \$75 for Parlor flowers. This increase will ensure continuation of the highest quality arrangements and supplies. If you would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary or Parlor during 2021, please contact Terri Eckert by email at teckert@nashvillewpc.org to select your Sunday. As well, reservations for flowers do not carry over from year-to-year. Arranged by members of Westminster's talented Flower Guild, this is a wonderful way to celebrate your loved ones or honor those who have died.

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.

December 31, 2020

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$620,718	\$3,645,664
Expense:	\$671,122	\$3,329,889
Net Income (loss):	<u>\$ (50,404)</u>	<u>\$ 315,775</u>

**CHRIST HIMSELF IS BEFORE ALL THINGS,
AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER.**

Colossians 1:17

These days are challenging, and they are requiring an extra measure of patience and grace...but God is alive and active at Westminster.

Your gifts lift up our community and deepen our commitment to advance the Kingdom of God. The many ongoing ministries of this church are possible, even in a pandemic, because of you. We continue to witness to a God who provides us a world of abundance.

As of this week, 456 families have contributed \$2,964,045 toward our pledge campaign. We appreciate your gifts to help us make our 2021 Budget goal a reality.

Thank you for the joy that your gifts impart to this community for the work and ministry of our Lord.

Kelly Christie, Generosity Chair

To make a general donation or your pledge payment, please click here <https://bit.ly/3dcoSzD> or scan the QR code below to take you directly to the Donations/Payments webpage.



To make your 2021 Generosity Pledge, click here <https://bit.ly/2GUERXm> or scan the QR code below to take you directly to the 2021 Pledge webpage. We hope you will continue your support.



COVID UPDATE

Recent brushes with the COVID-19 virus among our staff and/or their families has prompted us to implement temporary precautionary measures in the church office to mitigate risk to the congregation and the wider community. We are taking this action in order to continue our worship, missions, and ministries that have already been severely curtailed.

Until further notice, church office hours have been suspended starting January 11th, 2021. Our staff still will be available and monitoring any needs that arise. A list of staff emails and areas they minister are on the next page. You can also reach the main church phone voicemail at 615-292-5526.

Westminster is actively monitoring public health developments and strategies associated with the coronavirus, and updating our office strategy accordingly.

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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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