


**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Baptism

**Transfiguration of the Lord
February 14, 2021**

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Schönster Herr Jesu
Fairest Lord Jesus

Flor Peeters

Deo Gracias
O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Mary Beth Bennett

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**Holy and mighty God,
gather us among your faithful ones,
the people of your covenant,
to stand in the light of your glory
and listen for the word of the Lord,
Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

God alone is righteous;
God alone is perfect;
God alone is judge.
Yet this holy, righteous God
comes to us in love, to save us.

Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all glory, beauty, and grace,
we have tried to hide from you—
to hide our faces, to hide our sin—
yet you have never hidden your love for us.
We have tried to search for you—
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—
yet you have already revealed yourself to us
in the face of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us, and transform us
so that our lives may shine
with your glory, beauty, and grace;
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.”)

***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.**

2 Kings 2:1-12

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

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
 2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
 3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

Mark 9:2-10

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

SERMON

“Your Turn to Preach”

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.

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

Beautiful Savior

Robert Lee

Fairest lord Jesus, Ruler of nature, O Thou God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forever more be Thine.

***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.

**Gracious God,
we give you thanks for the light of love around us
and the fire of faith within us.
As we go forth from this place
let our lives reflect
the One who is the image of your glory:
Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 190**

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

GENEVA

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Deo Gracias

Craig Phillips

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

190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Capo 3: (Dm)

Fm (Gm) (A7) (Dm)
B^bm C7 Fm

1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and
3 Lord, trans-fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est

(Gm) (A7) (Dm) (Gm) (A7)
B^bm C7 Fm B^bm C7

daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish;
keep its truth, not by build - ing on the moun - tain
light that shines, and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions

(Dm) (A7) (Dm) (D) (Bm)
Fm C7 Fm F Dm

Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and
an - y shrine or sa - cred booth, but by fol - low -
to the shape of your de - signs, till we seek no

(Em) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Gm C7 F Dm Gm C7 F

John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward
ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross and by
oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our

(Bm) (Em) (A7) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
Dm Gm C7 F Dm F C7 F

toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the baptism of Mary Farris Chaffin.
Given in gratitude for her and her brothers, Bo and Oliver
by Leslie and Gus Grote.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Guy D. Griffith, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture; Presenting Elder for Baptism: (8:30 a.m.) Melissa Threatt, (11:00 a.m.) Frank Wade.

MUSICIANS: Garrett Doo, 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
Archer Raymond,
the son of Megan and Donnie Schladt*

*The sacrament of baptism will be administered today
at the 11:00 a.m. worship service to
Mary Farris,
the daughter of Camille and Davis Chaffin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The air filtration system in the Sanctuary has recently been upgraded from MERV 8 to MERV 13 in our efforts to reduce the risk of infection. In the filtration industry, efficiency refers to ASHRAE's (The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) national testing standards, known as MERV, or Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: In-person worship services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. resume today, February 14, 2021. Indoor Service protocols (<https://bit.ly/39K0gOX>) will be maintained. Reservations must be made in advance.

If you are interested in attending a worship service, please reserve your spot below, 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 is capped at 63 people. In the reservation comment section, you will be able to address any needs you may have during the service.

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

Please [click here](#) for the 11:00 am service.

We will continue streaming our weekly online services at 8:30 am on Sundays. Midweek services will continue to be LIVE streamed on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.

If you miss the service, 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.

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).

ASH WEDNESDAY MID-DAY PRAYER AND EVENING SERVICE: Please click here (<https://bit.ly/3rKwb80>) to register to attend the Ash Wednesday Mid-Day Prayer Service on February 17 at 11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The evening service will be pre-recorded and available to view at 7:00 p.m. The celebration of Ash Wednesday centers on both our human mortality and the confession of sin before God. The Service of Imposition of Ashes maintains this dual focus in light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. The ashes on the forehead are a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality as well as a mark (the cross) that identifies us as those who in Jesus Christ are forgiven.

LENTEN MID-DAY PRAYER EVERY WEDNESDAY THROUGH LENT: Westminster's staff will be leading Lenten Mid-Day Prayer in the Sanctuary every Wednesday from 11:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17th to March 31st. The services will be simple and meditative, befitting the season. Attendees will need to register prior to each service.

EASTER LILIES: This year, our Easter worship services may be different, but we will continue with our treasured tradition of gracing our Sanctuary with lilies during the Lenten season and Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. If you would like to purchase a lily (\$10) in memory or in honor of a friend or family member, please place your order online at www.nashvillewpc.org or by email to Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org. *The deadline for submitting names to be included in the Easter bulletin is Sunday, March 21, 2021.*

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>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$614,358	\$614,358
Expense:	<u>\$279,216</u>	<u>\$279,216</u>
Net Income (loss):	<u>\$335,142</u>	<u>\$335,142</u>

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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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