


**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Communion

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 7, 2021**

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654 J.S. Bach
Soul, adorn yourself with Gladness

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

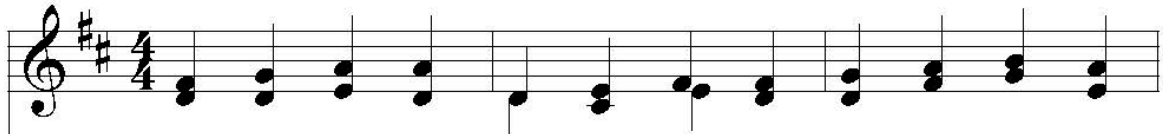
(Those who are able may stand.)

Have we not known? Have we not heard?
Has it not been told to us since the beginning?
Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

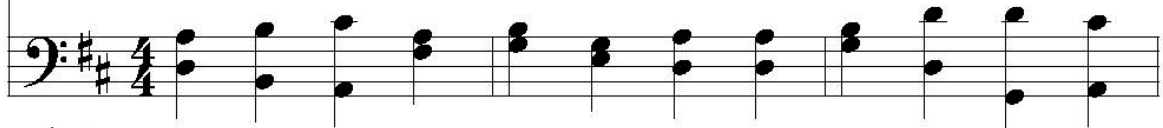
***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Gracious God,
you call us to follow Christ
and spread the good news of your love
for all people.
Help us to become all things to all people
that we might reach many
with your good news. Amen.



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



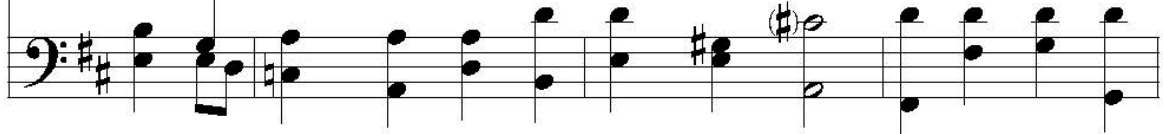
that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

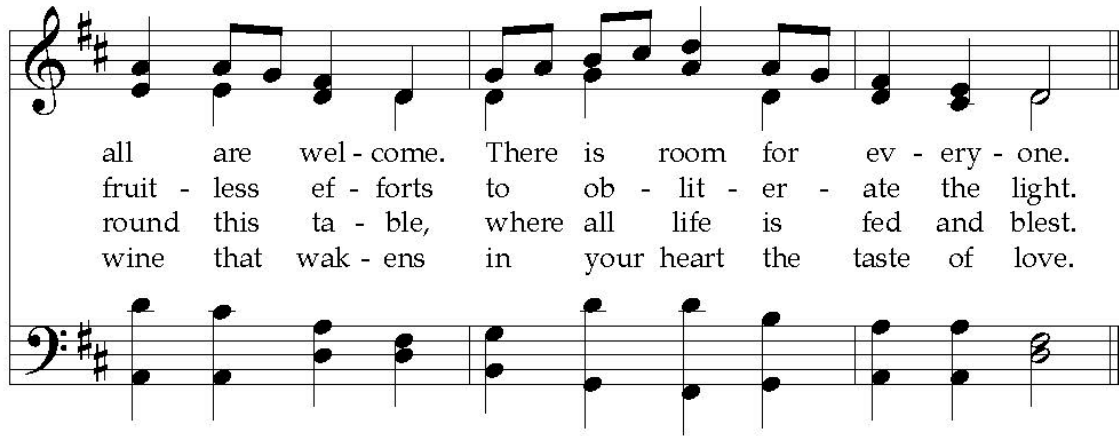


some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es





all are wel - come. There is room for ev - ery - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wak - ens in your heart the taste of love.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We fool ourselves
 if we think that our ways are hidden from God.

Therefore let us confess our sin,
 trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful Shepherd, in the bleak days
 we forget your steadfast love.
 We complain that you have not met our needs.
 We question your care for us.
 We seek other saviors
 rather than waiting for your strength.
 In your tender mercy,
 forgive us for charging you with neglect.
 Forgive us for acting like we fail to trust your promises
 of goodness, mercy, and justice.
 Help us, by your Spirit,
 to hold fast to your promises of restoration.
 We pray in Jesus' name. 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.)

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.")

*ACT OF PRAISE

(Hymn 513 v. 3) FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation. Refrain.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Mark 1:29-39

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

Psalm 147 (Hymn 657)

GLENDON

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (D)
 Refrain F Dm Gm7 C F

Sing to God, with joy and glad - ness, hymns and
 psalms of grat - i - tude; with the voice of praise

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (Bm) (Em7)
 Dm Gm7 F Dm Gm7

(A) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (D)
C F Dm Gm7 F *Fine*

dis - cov - er that to wor - ship God is good.

(Bm) (Em7) (A) (F#) (G)
Dm Gm7 C A Bb

1 God u - nites the scat - tered peo - ple, gath - ers
 2 Such is God's great power and wis - dom, none can
 3 God with clouds the sky has cur - tained, thus en -
 4 God's dis - cern - ment nev - er fa - vors strength or

(Em) (F#) (F#7) (Bm) (Em7) (A)
Gm A A7 Dm Gm7 C

those who wan - dered far, heals the hurt and bro - ken
 cal - cu - late or tell; keen is God to ground the
 sur - ing rain shall fall; earth, re - spond - ing, grows to
 speed to lift or move; God de - lights in those who

(D) (G) (Em7) (A) *to Refrain*
F Bb Gm7 C (D)
F

spir - its, tend - ing ev - ery wound and scar.
 wick - ed and with hum - ble folk to dwell.
 or - der food for crea - tures great and small.
 wor - ship, trust - ing in God's stead - fast love.

Isaiah 40: 21-31

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
 Has it not been told you from the beginning?
 Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
 and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
 who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
 and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³ who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

SERMON

“What time is your flight?”

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**With an urgency born of this hope,
the church applies itself to present tasks
and strives for a better world.
It does not identify limited progress
with the kingdom of God on earth,**

**nor does it despair
in the face of disappointment and defeat.
In steadfast hope,
the church looks beyond all partial achievement
to the final triumph of God.
“Now to him who by the power within us
is able to do far more abundantly
than all we ask or think,
to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations,
forever and ever. Amen.”**

(Confession of 1967)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

W.A. Mozart

Laudate Dominum (Vesperae Solennes de Confessore)

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes: O praise the Lord all you nations:
laudate eum omnes populi: praise Him, all you people.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos For his mercy is confirmed over us:
misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini and the truth of the Lord
manet in aeternum. remains forever.

***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**

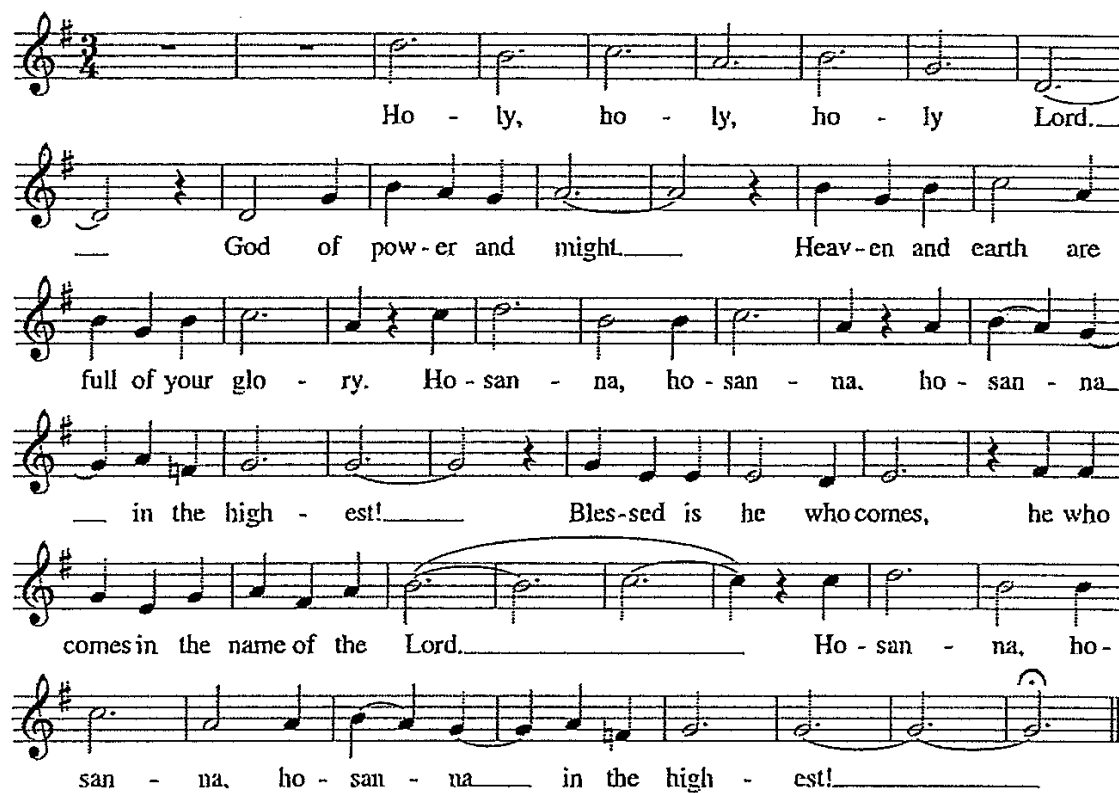
*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy ...
to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:



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.)

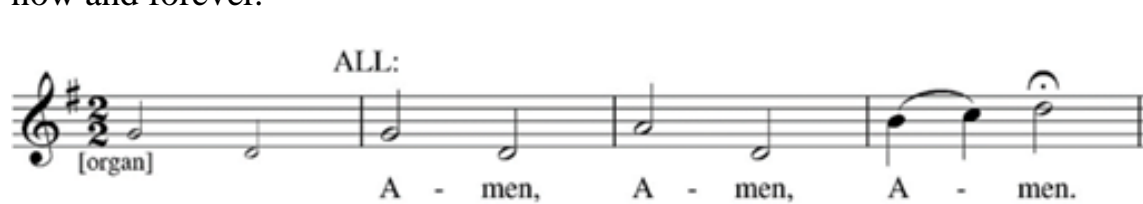
You are holy, O God of majesty ...
to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ...
in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor 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

Music during Communion

Anthem

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

Calvin Hampton

Savior, like a shepherd, lead us. Much we need your tender care,
In your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us, we are yours.

We are yours, in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear your children when we pray.

Let us always seek your favor; let us always do your will;
Jesus Christ, our only Savior, With your love, our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light is Come!

FESTAL SONG

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

If you are interested in attending a worship service, we ask that you first sign up for a slot 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 at indoor services will be capped at 63 people. In the reservation comment section, you will be able to address any needs you may have during the service.

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

Check your Friday e-blast and the Midweek Bulletin for reservation information.

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).

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—FEBRUARY 28: The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting to convene on Sunday, February 28, 2020, beginning at 9:45 a.m. via electronic platform Zoom and LIVE stream. The purpose of the meeting is (1) to elect Elders for the Class of 2024; (2) to elect members of the Church Nominating Committee for the Class of 2024; (3) to elect Trustees for the Westminster Presbyterian Church Legacy Fund for the Class of 2024; (4) to review the church’s annual budget for 2021 and our pastors’ “Terms of Call”; (5) to hear a report on the State of the Church; and (6) to act on any other matters arising out of the above. A minimum of 200 participants is required to reach quorum. Details are forthcoming.

SANCTUARY AND PARLOR FLOWERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021: Please note that the cost of flower arrangements has increased to \$150 for Sanctuary flowers and \$75 for Parlor flowers. This increase ensures 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>

A Great Force of Goodness and Generosity

What an extraordinary response we have had to our 2021 Pledge Campaign. I am inspired by your generous hearts and we are nearing the finish line with this year's campaign.

The Westminster staff have worked imaginatively to keep us connected to the church and to one another through online worship, inspiring spiritual nurture and abundant educational opportunities. Faith and hope fuel opportunities to maintain the many ministries of Westminster and with your financial support, lives and communities are transformed.

In the midst of this pandemic, we have seen a great force of goodness and generosity. Your gifts put love into action through the ministries of our church; know that you are making a difference!

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations. . . .” Matthew 28:19

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to reply to [me](#) or contact Jo Ann McFarlin by email [here](#) to make a pledge.

Blessings,

Kelly Christie
Chair, Westminster Generosity Committee

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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 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. 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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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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