


**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Baptism

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Toccatà in C, BWV 564

J.S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

We gather to worship the Good Shepherd,

who lays down his life for his sheep.

We gather to worship Jesus Christ,

who calls us to lay down our lives for others.

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

We are your people, O God –

the sheep of your pasture,

the flock you have gathered.

Lead us beside still waters;

teach us the way of righteousness;

and feed us at your table;

through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we are honest with ourselves,
our hearts condemn us.
But God, who knows everything,
is greater than our hearts;
and God's deep desire for us is
mercy, love, and peace.

Therefore let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us.
We talk about love, but our actions betray us.
We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.
We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, and abide in us
by the power of your Spirit
so that our lives may show our love
for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live
and in whose name we pray. 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.")

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

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

Malcolm Williamson

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts

do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

SERMON

“Not Feeling Your Faith”

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 these newly baptized 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

John Arnn

Loving Shepherd of they sheep, Keep thy lambs in safety keep;
Nothing can thy pow'r withstand, None can pluck them from thy hand.
May they praise thee eve'ry day, Gladly all thy will obey;
Like thy blessed ones above, Happy in thy precious love.
Loving Shepherd ever near Teach thy lambs thy voice to hear;
Suffer not their steps to stray from the straight and narrow way;
Where thou leadest may they go, Walking in thy steps below.
Then, before thy Father's throne, Savior, claim them for thine own.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Presentation of Elders

Constitutional Questions

**To the Elders-elect
To the Congregation**

The Laying On of Hands

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

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 God, we give you thanks for your steadfast faithfulness to us...

**Gracious God, through the waters of baptism,
you have claimed us as your own
and called us to share in Christ's ministry.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
that we may discern the gifts you have given,
calling them forth from one another,
and together use these gifts for the good of all.
In obedience to Christ, and in the unity of his Spirit,
may we proclaim good news,
make disciples, be light and leaven,
share our bread, offer a cup of cold water,
and wash one another's feet.
Make us strong in Christ to live as your people
and show forth your saving love in the world,
by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

Let Us Love In Deed and Truth

Larry King

If anyone has the world's goods, and sees his neighbor in need,
yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth:

we have confidence before our God,
and we receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments,
and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment,
that we should believe in his Son,
Jesus Christ, and love one another.

*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
that you have shown us
the meaning of love through Jesus Christ,
who gave his life for us.
Show us how to share Christ's love
by giving our lives for one another;
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

1 John 3:16

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 463** [see p. 10] How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue in C, BWV 564 J.S. Bach

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the birthdays of our children,
Lizzie and Charlie Griffin by Ben and Kate Griffin.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Sophie Maness, Executive Director of Family Ministries; (8:30 a.m.) Presenting Elder for Baptism: Beth Felch; (11:00 a.m.) Presenting Elder for Baptism: Jonathan Cole.

MUSICIANS: Chamber Choir; 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*

Daniel Ruffin, the son of Leigh and Brewer Adams

*The sacrament of baptism will be administered today
at the 11:00 a.m. worship service to*

Camille Florence, the daughter Elta and Anthony Breen

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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: In-person worship services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. continue today, April 25, 2021.

Indoor Service protocols (<https://bit.ly/39K0gOX>) will be maintained. Reservations must be made in advance. To watch a service later in the day or week, go to nashvillewpc.org and in the Quick Links box, click on WPC Live Stream Services.

Please [click here](#) to make a reservation for the **8:30 am service**.

Please [click here](#) for **childcare reservations** for the 8:30 am service.

Please [click here](#) to make a reservation for the **11:00 am service**.

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DIAL-A-SERVICE: Please dial 629-206-1073 after 10:15 am to listen to the sermon.

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 Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

(8:30 a.m.)

**Elders to be ordained
and installed**

James Boswell
Leighton Liles
Deb Hudson
Harriet Sewell

Elders to be installed

Kim Crafton
Ron Harris
Moe Hill
Denise Linn
Fran Linley

(11:00 a.m.)

**Elders to be ordained
and installed**

Luke Gebhard
Dave Thombs

Elder to be installed

Janet Kuhn

THE RED ROSES IN THE CHANCEL this morning give glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a son, Charles Michael, born on March 22, 2021 to Katie Koban Braddy and William Braddy (Grandparents Pam and Mike Koban are on cloud nine!); a son, Bennett Taylor, born on March 23, 2021 to Samantha and Taylor Tate (Grandparents Debi and Bill Tate are over the moon!); and a daughter, Tess Evelyne, born on April 8, 2021 to Sarah Carl Croset and Sam Croset (Grandparents Theresa and Norm Carl are thrilled!).

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 615-292-5526x 231, Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair at mkoban@prodigy.net, or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer at suzannegm58@gmail.com.

March 31, 2021

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$292,307	\$1,155,811
Expense:	<u>\$237,115</u>	<u>\$ 721,774</u>
Net Income (loss):	<u>\$ 55,192</u>	<u>\$ 434,037</u>

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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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