




**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Service for the Lord's Day

**Holy Communion
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 16, 2021

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Dietrich Buxtehude

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne, BuxWV137

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

Lord, we come to you from different backgrounds,
different people of all ages with different talents and gifts,
to worship God and give thanks for each other.

May we feel your presence as we welcome
the Confirmation Class of 2021 into the Church,
with open arms and grateful hearts, O God.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Triune God,

Creator of all things,

we give thanks for the still waters

by scenic backroads we sometimes forget to take.

**We give thanks for pouring rain that may pause our plans,
but nourishes our earth.**

We give thanks for the oceans,

that connect distant lands through your creativity.

**We give thanks that you claim us are your children,
and that your redeeming grace is freely offered to us
and all people. Amen.**

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses,
 since in every respect he was tempted as we are,
 yet without sin.

**He invites us to confess our shortcomings
 so that we can more fully receive his grace and mercy.**

Now, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Dear God, sometimes we mess up.
 We prioritize ourselves over others and our relationship with you.
 We continue to ignore the problems that plague our world.
 We expect you to fix the difficulties in our lives
 without attempting to solve them ourselves.
 We discriminate and persecute each other
 even though we are all your children.
 Forgive us, God,
 and continue to light the correct path for us to follow
 and be with us on our journey. 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**

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:6-11

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Tree of Wisdom, fruitful, green, flourishing beside the stream;
spread your knowledge day and night; make your law my true delight.
Fashion me, O Lord, to be strong and splendid as a tree.

Tree of Justice, ever bless; shade me with your righteousness.
Teach me how to live your ways, and my lips shall sing your praise.
Fashion me, O Lord, to be ever branching as a tree.

Tree of Plenty, feed my soul; nurture me, and make me whole.
Give me strength, cast fear aside; let me in your love abide.
Fashion me, O Lord, to be firmly planted as a tree.

Tree of Promise, keep your vow: with me then, and with me now.
Springtime blossoms, winter tears, mark the seasons of my years.
Fashion me, O Lord, to be always changing as a tree.

Like a forest all around, so the gifts of grace abound:
flowing waters, fertile sod, sunlit dawn, the Word of God.
Fashion me, O Lord, to be living, giving as a tree.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 4:12

¹²Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech
and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

SERMON

“Welcome to the Ordinary”

Margie Quinn

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021 CREED)

We believe that God created us to love all people, regardless of their gender, race, class, or sexual orientation. God takes care of us and leads us through the hardships of life. God is omnipotent and has a plan for us, even if we are not aware of it. God is always with us and loves us forever.

We believe that Jesus was God among us—fully human and fully divine. Through parables, he taught us how to act as God would want—serving others, loving neighbors, and loving God. Jesus performed miracles. He died on the cross, he was put in a tomb, and after three days he rose from the dead, showing us that death is not the end.

We believe that the Holy Spirit unites us all and dwells in each of us. We believe that the Spirit is poured out upon us to teach us the truth of God. It is in everything and is the wind that guides us. We believe that it messes with our lives in the most perfect way.

We believe the Church is one body unified under God. We care for each other and when one suffers we all suffer, when one prospers we all prosper. All are welcomed to the table and baptism is a way to seek forgiveness and be welcomed into the community.

We believe that we are connected to Jesus, who is fully human and fully God, through the grounds we walk on and through our baptism. God claims us in our baptisms and in baptism we agree to participate in each other's faith journeys. We believe that even when we have done wrong, we can still be with Jesus through the Lord's Supper. Through the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the wine, we know that we are forgiven by Jesus.

PRESENTATION OF THE CONFIRMANDS *(11:00 a.m.)*

Presentation of the Confirmands

Presenting Elder:

(8:30 a.m. if needed) Suzanne Allen

(11:00 a.m.) Fran Linley

*Profession of Faith

Questions to the Confirmands

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

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.**

Charge to the Confirmands

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

Come Down, O Love Divine

R. Vaughan Williams

Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn to dust
and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
And so the yearning strong With which the soul will long,
Shall far surpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, Till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen.

***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.

God of all ages and abilities ... to be a child of God.

And so today we come together with a collective voice,
as we join with our parents, grandparents, ancestors,
and all the saints who have journeyed with you,
as we 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.)

Your Son, Jesus Christ, came into this world ... of his gracious love.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Loving God, ... in word and in deed.



*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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(During Communion at the 11:00 a.m. service, the church will confirm the Confirmands. A Youth Staff member and the Confirmand's mentor will lay hands on the Confirmand while the Youth Staff member blesses the Confirmand. The Confirmands, celebrating their first Communion as members of Jesus' Church, will receive Communion with their Mentors while the Congregation receives their Communion in their seats.)

Music during Communion

Anthem (8:30 a.m.) I Give to You a New Commandment

Peter Nardone

I give to you a new commandment, a new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another, love one another as I have loved you,
as I have loved you. Amen.

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Concertato on Ein' Feste Burg

Vaclav Nelhybel

*(Those who are able may stand.)

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Koinonia Youth Ministry Confirmation Class of 2021; Donovan Drake, Pastor; Margie Quinn, Director of Youth and Their Families; T.J. Piccolo, Associate Director of Youth; Katie Gossage, Associate Director of Youth and Programming; Kirsten Fox, Youth Programming Assistant.

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

COMMUNION: The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices “open Communion” without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Westminster celebrates the “Eucharist,” meaning “thanksgiving,” on the first Sunday of each month, on the first Sunday of each liturgical season, and on every Sunday during the Season of Easter, except Baptism Sundays. We give thanks for God’s gift to us in the life, death and resurrection of Christ by gathering at the Lord’s Table to remember and celebrate this gift.

CONFIRMATION is a rite that has been celebrated in the Christian Church since the second century. Originally, it was when the Holy Spirit was imparted on believers, following Baptism. Since the Middle Ages, churches have understood Confirmation as a rite that concludes a period of instruction of young people who had made a public profession of faith and had been baptized. Westminster has a two-year Confirmation ministry that begins in the seventh grade and concludes at the end of the youth’s eighth-grade year. During these two years, the youth learn about the Trinity, the Bible, the church, the sacraments, and what it means to be a Presbyterian. We celebrate with them this morning on their Confirmation, which is a significant moment in their faith journeys.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Our love and acceptance of each other affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person, regardless of our differences, and bear witness to the love of God for all people and our commitment to Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: Starting this Sunday, reservations are no longer required to attend Sunday morning services. The seating capacity for the Sanctuary is 200 people, with overflow seating available in the Parlor. Indoor Service protocols (<https://bit.ly/39K0gOX>) will be maintained. To watch a service later in the day or week, go to nashvillewpc.org and in the Quick Links box, go to “WPC Live Stream and Recent Services” and click on the Media icon on the far right.

DIAL-A-SERVICE: Dial 629-206-1073 after 10:15 a.m. to listen to the sermon.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS NOW OPEN Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Come by for a visit – we’ve missed you!

THE RED ROSE IN THE CHANCEL this morning gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a son, Clark Adam, born on May 12, 2021 to Beth and Adam Porter. Big brother Mayes is so happy!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS-DATES STILL OPEN! Please contact Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org to reserve your Sunday to honor your loved ones with flowers in the Sanctuary. Several dates are still available, so don’t hesitate!

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 615-292-5526x231, Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair at mkoban@prodigy.net, or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer at suzannegm58@gmail.com.

April 30, 2021

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$281,777	\$1,437,587
Expense:	<u>\$282,747</u>	<u>\$1,004,522</u>
Net Income (loss):	<u>\$ (970)</u>	<u>\$ 433,065</u>

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THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021

(*Confirmands that will be recognized at a future worship service)

Confirmand	Official Mentor
Hunter Armstrong	Lee Ballew
Maston Ballew*	Chris Shurden
Minor Ballew	Jeff Haynes
Mary-Allen Brown	Jennifer Larson
Owen Campbell	Jay Hardcastle
Emaline Cash	Kate Pennington
Dylan Drake	Julie Boswell & Kristen Johns
Oscar Elam	Kelly Christie
Conner Folk	Pam Wylly
Evie Frist	Allison Jones
Helen Ghertner*	Ali Warner
Sam Haley	Bob Hines
Owen Hall	EW Weathersby
Stewart Hall	Derek Bryant
Clara Scott Harden	Vanessa Garner
Will Harwell	Kevin Orndorff
Anna Hulan	Missy Perry
Johnny Isaacs*	Mark Beveridge
Frank Johns	Luke Gebhard
Caroline Keiper	Frank Wade
Ava Krumwiede*	Julie Wilson
Claire Kurtz	Caroline Armstrong
Kate Linley	Janet Kuhn
Hannah Long	Melissa Threatt
Mac Lowrance	Zak Keiper
Dax Martin	Jarron Springer
Katie Perry	Lucy Haynes
Margaret Rauth	Robi Warner
Duncan Rishel	Ron Stanley
Owen Shurden	Brent Pennington
Cole Sieveking	Keith Deerkoski
Mary Claire Smith	Liz Atwood
Battle Springer	Fred Lowrance
Sarah Frances Stanley	Lindsay Ballew
Charles Stewart	Tom Wilson
William Stockhoff	Scott Haley
Charlie Warner	Kyle Armstrong
Kate Warner	Kady Folk
Merritt Wells	Barbie Draughn
Ferrell Wilson	Layne Bryant

Thank You

Koinonia Youth Ministry would like to thank the following volunteers, who contributed their time, talent, energy, leadership, and prayer to our youth's spiritual formation. Thank you all!

Small Group Leaders

Ty Harden	Mary Beth Thomas
Claire Henry	Susan Weathersby
Ann & Don Schulze	Frank Wade
Amy & Chris Shurden	

Confirmation Support & Mentor Recruiters

Caroline Armstrong	Bob Parker
Julie Boswell	Nick Sieveking

Class Creed Writing & Filming Volunteers

Derek Bryant	Bob Hines
Kelly Christie	Ann & Don Schulze
Barbie Draughn	Frank Wade

Sundays in the Park Volunteers

Bunny Porter-Shirley	Julie & Tom Wilson
Ann & Don Schulze	Julie Boswell & Kevin Campbell
Claire Henry	

Youth Council

Ty Harden (Moderator)	Alex Deerkoski
Janet Briggs	William Wyckoff
Nora Wheliss	Caroline Bryant
Jack Perry	Clara Scott Harden
Kate Shurden	Billy Jones
Latham Hall	Owen Shurden
Charlie Perry	Caroline Keiper
Kyle Thomson	Yates Ghertner

Youth & Families Committee

Joanna Hall (Chair)	Caroline Armstrong
Derek Bryant (Chair Elect)	Mary Beth Thomas
Kevin Campbell	Lee Ballew
Susan Weathersby	Shelby Bailey
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