


**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Service for the Lord's Day

**Holy Baptism
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 9, 2021

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Air on Kelvingrove
Will you come and follow me

Matthew Corl

Homage to RVW
Come down, o love divine

David Blackwell

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Holy One,

you made known to us

the greatness of your love in Jesus Christ,

who gave his life for us.

Keep us always in Christ's love,

so that we may abide by your commandments

and bear lasting fruit for the world;

through Jesus Christ, our faithful friend. Amen.

1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su-preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.

Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un-less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis-ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav-en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.

Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been called to follow Christ
by obeying his one commandment:
that we love one another as he has loved us.

Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God,
we have not loved you or each other
with our whole hearts.
Forgive us, we pray,
and lead us toward wholeness,
that we may be filled with your joy.
In Jesus' 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

ANTHEM

Cantate! (Ring Your Praise to the Lord!)

Brian Childers

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

John 15:9-17

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

Psalm 98

Marty Haugen

Refrain:



All the ends of the earth_have seen_the pow-er of God;



All the ends of the earth_have seen the pow-er of God._

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds;
God's right hand has won the victory, God's holy arm. **Refrain.**

The Lord has made salvation known, God's justice revealed to all;
Remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel. **Refrain.**

All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God.
Joyfully sing out, all you lands, break forth in song. **Refrain.**

Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn.
Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord. **Refrain.**

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

SERMON

“When It Falls On You”

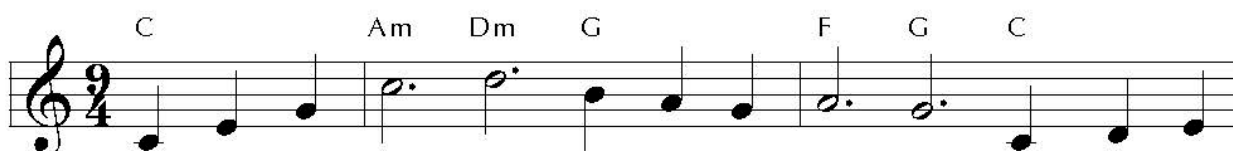
Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

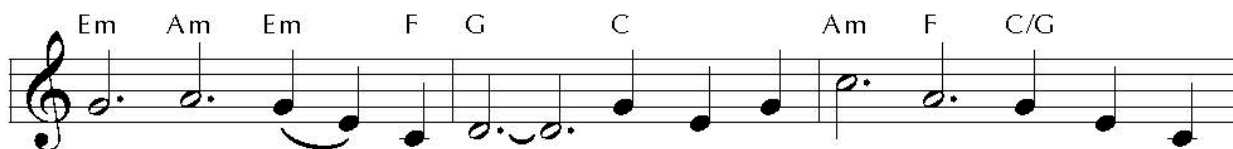
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Baptized in Water

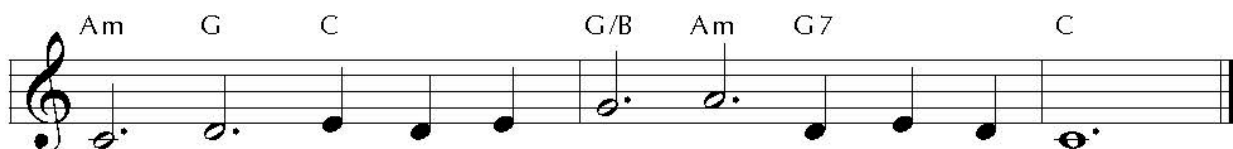
BUNESSAN



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obeying 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

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry John Helgen

I was there to hear your borning cry. I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child with faith to suit you well,
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell,
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on,
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
That He may abide with you forever;
E'en the Spirit, e'en the Spirit, e'en the Spirit,
the Spirit, the Spirit of Truth.

And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

*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

**Holy God,
in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends
and to know your will in the world.
Therefore we pray in Jesus' name
that the gifts we offer
spread your love near and far. Amen.**

*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 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Holy Manna

Wilbur Held

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

*The flowers on the Chancel re-table are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Cherrie Forte Farnette
by her family - Jennifer, Giles, Henry, and Sarah Jean Caver.*

*The flowers in the Chancel window are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of
Kennedy Elizabeth Kelly and Wilson Roe Moore
on Friday, May 7, 2021.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Staff Liturgist: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Presenting Elders for Baptism: (8:30 a.m.) Harriet Sewell, (11:00 a.m.) Luke Gebhard.

MUSICIANS: Tintinnabulation (Youth Handbells), Keith Cole, Director; Susan Kelly, cantor; 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*

Emerson Anne, the daughter of Frances and Carl Grote

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

Douglass B. III, the son of Jennifer and Doug Smith, Jr.

Magnolia June, the daughter of Amber Marrow-Jones and Mackenzie Wilsey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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).

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!

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BIRTHING KITS NEEDED FOR DELIVERIES IN TETE PROVINCE, MOZAMBIQUE In last month’s Westminster Community Newsletter, Berry Long shared an update about work in Tete Province, Mozambique. Much had been accomplished prior to late March 2020. Although Tete continues to be challenged with spikes in COVID cases, plans are to resume construction projects (churches, wells, teacher housing, school toilet blocks) after the rainy season and to also resume leadership training. The villages in Tete continue to struggle with food scarcity, clean water, and lack of medical supplies.

Specifically, Birthing Kits used in deliveries are urgently needed. Over the years, Westminster members have answered the call to provide Birthing Kits for the delivery of babies in Tete. Each Birthing Kits contains enough supplies for the delivery of up to 15 babies and costs \$175. Currently, the amount in the fund is low and Kits are needed. The use of the Kits by the village Birthing Attendants is critical in improving the survival rate of both mothers and babies.

Westminster has been an active mission partner with Tete Province since 2008 when Rev. Guy Griffith journeyed to Tete to see God at work in this part of Mozambique. Members have traveled to Tete Province since 2009. God has called the people of Westminster to be present in this place with our support of the faithful apostolic work of Sebber Banda, Rev. Carlos Faquione and the late Rev. Nedson Zulu.

Please consider giving generously to the Birthing Kit fund so that the Birthing Attendants can improve the survival rate and delivery experience of these precious mothers and newborns.

Ways to Give:

1) Westminster Check: Write a check to Westminster Presbyterian Church with “Tete Birthing Kits” in the Memo Line. Mail to the church or place in the offering plate provided during in-person worship.

2) The Outreach Foundation Check: You may write a check to The Outreach Foundation and indicate “Tete Birthing Kits” in the Memo Line. You may mail to Westminster, place in the offering plate provided during in-person worship, or mail directly to The Outreach Foundation. Address: 381 Riverside Drive, Suite 110, Franklin, Tn 37064.

3) The Outreach Foundation Give Page: <https://give.theoutreachfoundation.org/>

4) QR Code:



If you would like more information or have any questions about Westminster’s partnership with Tete Province in Mozambique, please feel free to contact:

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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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