

  
**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Holy Baptism**

**Day of Pentecost**

**May 23, 2021**

**GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE**

We are one in the Spirit

David Schelat

Variation on Veni Creator

Maurice Duruflé

*Adagio espressivo*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

The Spirit rushes like a wind and blows life through us all.

**We gather in the renewing life the Spirit gives to us.**

Let us then worship with great joy, and celebrate the new life among us.

**We bring praise and song, joy and laughter before God!**

**Let the world hear our praises!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

**Gracious God,**

**you come among your people**

**as One who fashioned all things,**

**who, face-to-face, revealed your knowledge of our lives,**

**and whose presence brings assurance and hope.**

**Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love**

**so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life,**

**we may know the way to live in thanksgiving;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us call on the name of the One  
**who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves  
and our relationships and promises to show us mercy.**

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and Merciful God,  
we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
and we know too well our constant failures  
to do as you have commanded  
and to hold fast to your word.**

**Forgive us for the divisions we nurture,  
guide us to your way,  
keep us in your care, and  
lead us into faith.**

**We trust your word that the Spirit of truth  
will show us all things  
and grant us courage and peace. 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.")*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

**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.**

**Ezekiel 37: 1-14**

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

**Psalm 104**

Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

Marty Haugen

***Refrain***

Lord, send out your Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ and re -  
 new the face of the earth; \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, send out your  
 Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ and re - new the face of the earth.

O bless the Lord, my soul; O Lord, how great are your ways!  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your glory! ***Refrain.***

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created.  
You renew the face of the earth! **Refrain.**

May the glory of God be forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in all works!  
May my thoughts and my deeds be pleasing to God.  
I find my joy in the Lord! **Refrain.**

### **Romans 8:22-27**

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**SERMON**

“Wait For It”

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.**

## Baptismal Anthem

Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me

ADORE TE/Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions neighborly, Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;  
Separate from sin, I would, And cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.  
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

## 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

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Spiritual/arr. Hogan

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.  
On the mountain, my Lord spoke, out His mouth came fire and smoke.  
Down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please.  
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

Jerdon river, chilly and cold, chills the body not the soul.  
All around me looked so fine, ask my Lord if all was mine.  
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.  
St. Peter waitin' at the gate, said come on sinner, don't be late.  
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

**\*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.**

**God of mercy,  
we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates.  
The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to you  
and our intent to relieve others of their burdens.  
Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown  
deeds of power through them;  
in Jesus' name. 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 300

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

## We Are One in the Spirit

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) B<sup>b</sup>m (Em) Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) B<sup>b</sup>m (Em) Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain* (C) D<sup>b</sup> (Em) Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) B<sup>b</sup>m (Em) Fm (Am) B<sup>b</sup>m (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm (Am/E) (Em) Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

## \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Final on Veni Creator, op.4

Maurice Duruflé

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
with gratitude for our many blessings by Beth and Jim Felch.*

## SERVICE NOTES

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Liturgist: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; (11:00 a.m.) Presenting Elder for Baptism: Sylvia Leins.

**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 11:00 a.m. worship service to*

Harrison Lake, son of  
Haley and Rob Eakin

Hunter Andres, son of  
Gabrielle and Brent Hannafan

## 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](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org)).

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:** To watch a service later in the day or week, go to [nashvillewpc.org](http://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.

**UPDATED MASK POLICY:** Westminster continues to follow the guidelines from the CDC and Metro Health. If you are fully vaccinated, masks are not required. If you or a family member are not fully vaccinated or are immune compromised, please wear a mask. We also encourage you to wear a mask if it makes you feel more comfortable.

**SECURITY COMMITTEE NEEDS SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS:** The Security Committee is looking for additional volunteers to help with security on Sunday mornings during worship at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Specific needs include monitoring the church’s security cameras and walking the church campus. For more information, please contact Scott Portis at [smporis@gmail.com](mailto:smporis@gmail.com).

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

**PENTECOST OFFERING FOR CHILDREN AT RISK, YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULTS:** Through the Pentecost Offering, the church shares in ministries that help our young people build deep, lifelong connections to their faith and communities. Please click here (<https://bit.ly/2Roljqq>) or scan the QR Code below to go directly to the PC (USA) Donations page to give generously.



**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](mailto:jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org) or 615-292-5526x 231, Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair at [mkoban@prodigy.net](mailto:mkoban@prodigy.net), or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer at [suzannegm58@gmail.com](mailto: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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## **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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