

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Communion

**Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 6, 2021**

According to Jewish tradition, creation did not end with Adam, it began with him. When God created man, God gave him a secret-and that secret was not how to begin but how to begin again.

In other words, it is not given to [us] to begin; that privilege is God's alone. But it is given to [us] to begin again-and [we do] so every time [we choose] to defy death and side with the living. Thus [we justify] the ancient plan of the most ancient of men, Adam, to whom we are bound, both by the anguish that oppressed him and the defiance that elevated him above the paradise we shall never enter.

Elie Weisel, *Messengers of God: Biblical Portraits and Legends*
(New York: Summit Books, 1976) 32.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

J.S. Bach

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 656

*O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer.
And patient still and lowly, yourself to scorn did suffer.
Our sins by You were taken, or hope had us forsaken.*

- 1. Have mercy on us, Jesus!*
- 2. Have Mercy on us, Jesus!*
- 3. Your peace be with us, Jesus!*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Beloved of God, hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord there is steadfast love. (Ps. 118:24; 130:7)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

O God,
you have assured the human family of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in him,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN 504**

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We Come as Guests Invited

CALL TO CONFESSION

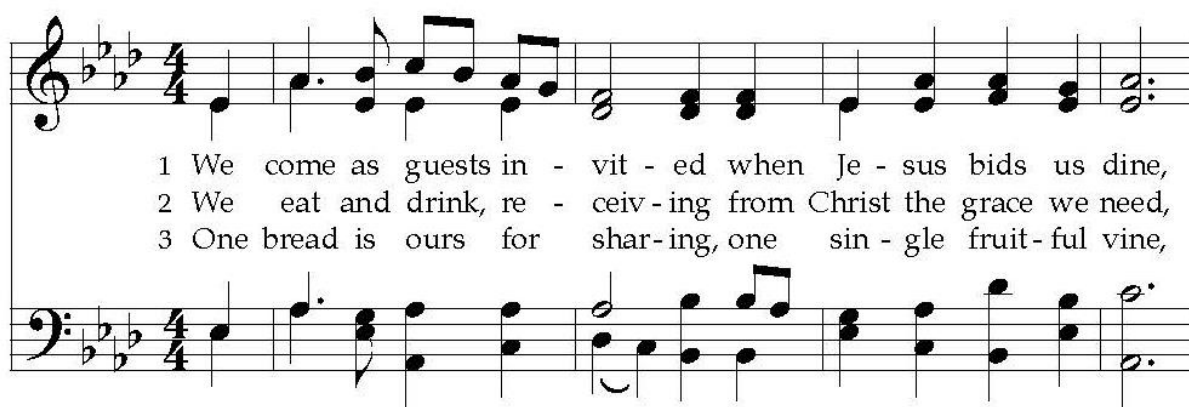
The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him,
we dare to approach God with confidence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

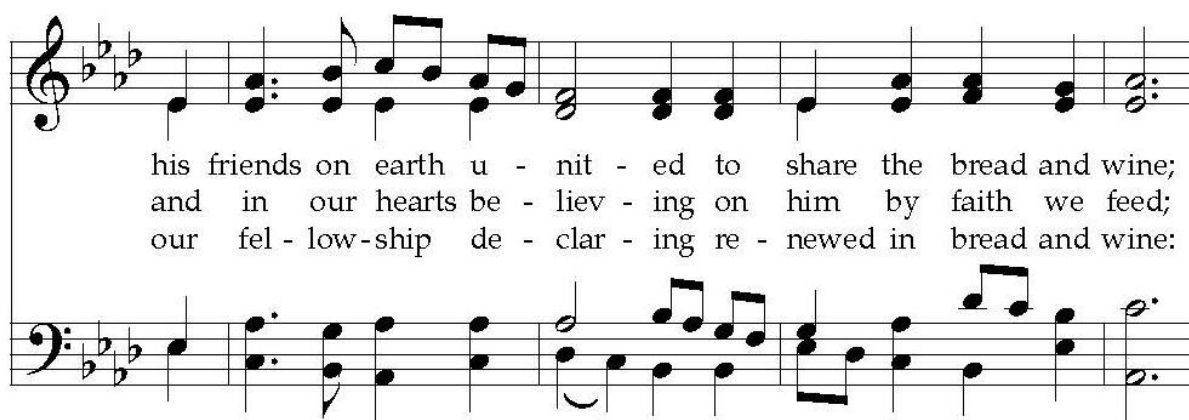
Living God, we confess
that we look for the living among the dead.
You have offered us your Word;
still we trust in worldly things.
You have offered us eternal life;
still we cling to temporary things.
Forgive us; give us new life.
Show us the glory of your presence
and the gift of your promise:
the life death cannot destroy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent confession)

504 We Come as Guests Invited



1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,
2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,
3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,



his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;
and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;
our fel - low - ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:



the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured
with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no end,
re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,



for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.
the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

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,
and then speaks words of pardon.)*

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) FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

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.**

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (*New Testament, page 181 in your pew Bible*)

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

Out of the depths I cry to thee. O Lord, hear my voice!
If thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou might be feared.
My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, hop in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
And with him is plenteous redemption.
And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
Out of the depths I cry to thee. O Lord, hear my voice!

Genesis 3:1-15 (*New Testament, page 3 in your pew Bible*)

SERMON

“Playing Hide and Seek”

Guy D. Griffith

“. . . the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God
. . . . But the Lord God called . . . and said . . . ‘Where are you?’” *Genesis 3:8-9*

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Question 1. What is God’s purpose for your life?

**God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.**

Question 2. How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

**I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus
Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I entrust myself
completely to his care, giving thanks each day for his wonderful
goodness.**

Question 3. How do you live for the love of God?

**I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a
love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I
live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death,
for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially
those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less
than for me.**

Question 4. How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?

By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. I am baptized into Christ's body, the church, along with all others who confess him by faith. As a member of this community, I trust in God's Word, share in the Lord's Supper, and turn to God constantly in prayer. As I grow in grace and knowledge, I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life.

(from *The Study Catechism: Questions 1-4*)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

Lamb of God

Tom Mitchell

Lamb of God, who takes away our sin.
Have mercy on us, Kyrie eleison.
Lamb of God, who takes away our sin.
Have mercy on us, Christe eleison.
Lamb of God, who takes away our sin.
Grant us peace. Kyrie eleison,
Lamb of God, have mercy. Grant us peace.

*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 up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator of the cosmos ... you rescue us from ruin and anoint us with blessing.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place singing:

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.)

Rising Sun, ... you feed us with grace and overwhelm us with love.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

By your Spirit, ... and bright unending song.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

ALL:
[organ] A - men, A - men, A - men.

***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

Music during Communion

Anthem Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with a perfect heart
before thee now and evermore. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

***HYMN 846** Fight the Good Fight DUKE STREET

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Duke Street Michael Burkhardt

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Janet, Robert and Ada Felch
by Beth and Jim Felch.*

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Life with its way be - fore us lies;
Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
that Christ is all in all to thee.

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Margie Quinn, Director of Youth and Their Families.

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 are truly sorry for their sins and 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.

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: 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.

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.

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

THE RED ROSE IN THE CHANCEL this morning gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a daughter, Parker Reed Weeden was born January 11, 2021 to Ann Parker and Douglas Weeden. Ann and Rex Hammock are excited to welcome their precious granddaughter.

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE: Please consider participating in the Summer Choir this year. The choir will rehearse for one hour (9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m.) and sing for the 11:00 a.m. worship service throughout the summer months. The first rehearsal will be held on Sunday, June 20, 2021. Please contact John Semingson (615.292.5526 or johns@nashvillewpc.org), for additional information.

SUMMERTIME FELLOWSHIP STARTING!: Please join us on Sunday, June 13, for our first summer informal fellowship time after and between worship services. Join us right outside the sanctuary narthex where light refreshments will be provided. Come share in the joy of connecting and re-connecting together!

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.

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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