

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 11, 2021**

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Philip Moore / Timothy Albrecht

Two Settings of Lobe den Herren
Praise to the Lord

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Let me hear what the Lord will speak.

**For God will speak peace to the people,
to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet.

Righteousness and peace will embrace each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Surely salvation is at hand!

Psalm 85: 8-11

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Creator of life,
you call each of us by name.

Loving God,
you breathe your Spirit upon us
and sustain us with your love.

Giving Jesus,
you teach us compassion and the way of mercy.

Healing Spirit,
you invite us to rest in grace and peace.
We open our hearts to you. Amen.

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel-ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are a people born of water and the Spirit.
**We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples,
and to show his love to our life's end.**

Although we strive and fail to fulfill those baptismal vows,
God's faithful love endures forever.

**Confident of God's grace,
let us confess our sin and the sin of this world.**

John 3:5

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most gracious and loving God,
how much more could we ask of you,
how much more could you give us,
than you have given us in Jesus Christ?**

**Yet we confess that we have not claimed
the fullness of your grace to us.
We place our hope in material things,
in our accomplishments and striving,
instead of in your spiritual blessing.
We neglect to serve you with all our strength.
We love those whom we choose,
instead of those whom you call us to love.**

**From these and all our sins, holy God,
free us and forgive us.
Make our hearts thrill once more
to the calling of your voice alone.
Fulfill your will in us and through us,
as ambassadors of reconciliation commanded to love.**

(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.")

***ACT OF PRAISE** Glory to God in the Highest John Weaver

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.**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 *(Old Testament, pages 280-281 in your pew Bible)*

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

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, lift up your heads, O ye gates,
and be ye lift up ye ever-lasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory? Who is ... The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, lift up your heads, O ye gates,
even lift them up, ye ever-lasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory? Who is ... The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of Glory, glory, glory, glory.

Ephesians 1:3-14 (*New Testament, pages 191-192 in your pew Bible*)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

SERMON

“Glorious Grace”

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

(A moment for meditation)

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that God calls us to live in freedom:
to be God's loving and faithful people,
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to resist the power of evil around us and within us,
to be servants in serving humanity,
and to bear witness to God in history like Jesus Christ.**

**We believe that God calls us to live in love:
to love with a love that knows no bounds,
to love with compassion and forgiveness,
to receive each other as children of God,
and to live together as heirs of the grace of life.**

**We believe that in responding to God's call we are promised:
God's presence in times of trial and joy,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
food for the journey and solace for our souls,
and fullness of grace which has no end.** *(Reformed Sources)*

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 (8:30 a.m.)

Amazing Grace

Sacred Harp, arr. McVey

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen!

Anthem (*11:00 a.m.*)

Amazing Grace

Jay Althouse

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

***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.

Merciful and gracious God,

all that we have is a gift of your grace.

You call us, you name us,

you watch over us with your steadfast care.

We give you these gifts, and our lives,

in response to your goodness.

Use them and us to further your redeeming purposes in Christ.

In the power of your saving love in him,

we pray and live. 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 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and not it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,
and seek, but its and by righ - teous - ness,
you shall ev - ery find; word

al - le - lu - ia,
and knock, that all these things and the door pro - ceeds shall be o - pened from the mouth of add - ed un - to you.
un - to you. God.

al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Postlude

William Mathias

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the pastors, staff, sextons, and congregation of
Westminster Presbyterian Church who loved and supported us
for seven and a half wonderful years
by Melissa, Tony, Lillian, and Miles Threatt.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Preacher: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Liturgist: Sophie Maness, Executive Director of Family Ministries.

MUSICIANS: (8:30 a.m.) Chamber Choir; (11:00 a.m.) Summer Choir; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of 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).

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TIME: Following both worship services, lemonade (along with coffee, water, and treats) will be held outdoors in front of the Sanctuary steps, weather permitting. If the weather is poor, these refreshments will be moved into the Parlor. Please join us for this happy time of being together again – come greet an old friend, or make a new one! All are welcome!

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.

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

MASK POLICY: Westminster follows the CDC and Metro Health guidelines. 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. *The balcony is now open as an additional space for mask-wearers only. If you are wearing a mask, you are welcome to sit in the balcony.*

THE RED ROSE IN THE CHANCEL this morning gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth “Libby” Gray, born May 19, 2021, to Sally and Thomas Avery. Big sister Nell is overjoyed!

REPAIRS OF THE CHURCH BUILDING: Please excuse our mess as we continue to move forward this summer with construction projects around the Church. We’re painting, repairing/replacing windows, and more. Thanks for your patience!

JOIN THE SUMMER CHOIR: The Summer Choir rehearses for one hour (9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m.) and sings for the 11:00 a.m. worship service throughout the summer months. Please contact John Semingson (615.292.5526 or johns@nashvillewpc.org) for additional information.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WESTMINSTER GOLF TOURNAMENT: Mark your calendars for the Westminster Golf Tournament! Join us Monday, October 18, 2021, at Opryland's Gaylord Springs Golf Club and land yourself some birdies and barkies amongst friends! From tee to green, golfers of all abilities are welcome! Contact Roger Maness at roger.maness@comcast.net with your non-binding intention to play.

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 mikoban@prodigy.net, or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer at suzannegm58@gmail.com.

June 30, 2021

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$179,795	\$1,837,563
Expense:	<u>\$200,424</u>	<u>\$1,445,072</u>
Net Income (loss):	<u>\$ (20,629)</u>	<u>\$ 392,491</u>

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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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