

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Baptism

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 18, 2021

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

1. Allegro from Sonata V, BWV 529

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Come as you are to worship the Lord.

Let us bring our songs, our prayers, and our worries.

For the Lord is our shepherd, and we shall not want. The Lord is our redeemer, and we shall be free.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Holy One,
fill our weakness with your strength;
bind up our brokenness with your unity;
calm our fears with your peace.
Let us be about the tasks of your love.
Use us to build a holy place
where healing and caring and joy
blend in the tones of worship
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.



CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

Let us confess our sins to God in faith and penitence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We love you, O Lord, with our prayers and our songs.

Forgive us when we do not love you with our actions.

You have called us to tend your sheep; to care for your people around the world, to share what we have, and to reflect your love. Forgive us, O Lord, when our love for you is shallow,

when our love for our neighbors is empty, and when our love for ourselves is hard to find.

Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short, and by your forgiveness, free us to try again.

(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.

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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (Old Testament, page 725 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 23

Southern Folk Hymn/arr. Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name; In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways, And leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, No more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (New Testament, pages 41 and 42 in your pew Bible)

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

SERMON

"Know What You Need"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30 a.m. - see "Profession of Faith" below")

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

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 you into the body of Christ.

Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others. Amen.

Baptismal Anthem

John Arnn $(11:00 \ a.m.)$ Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, Keep thy lambs in safety keep; Nothing can thy pow'r withstand, None can pluck them from thy hand.

May they praise thee ev'ry day, Gladly all thy will obey; Like thy blessed ones above, Happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd ever near Teach thy lambs thy voice to hear;

Suffer not their steps to stray from the straight and narrow way;

Where thou leadest may they go, Walking in thy steps below.

Then, before thy Father's throne, Savior, claim them for thine own.

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

Gerald Near (8:30 a.m.)

My Song Shall be Alway of the Loving Kindness of the Lord

My song shall be alway of the loving kindness of the Lord.

With my mouth will I show forth Thy truth.

For I have said, "Mercy is set up for ever; Thy truth shalt Thou 'stablish in the heav'ns."

My song shall be always of the loving kindness of the Lord. With my mouth will I show forth Thy truth.

Christ has broken down the wall. Let us join our hearts as one.

Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are. Through God's love all is reconciled.

We're accepted as we are. Cast aside your doubts and fears.

Peace and love, freely offered here; cast aside your doubts and fears.

We will tear down the walls! We will tear down every wall! God has called us, one and all. Christ has broken down the wall.

*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.**

O God,

we thank you for calling us when we had no hope and for crowning us with salvation.

We thank you for enriching our lives with all that is good and for providing for us in times of trial.

Make us ever more mindful of the blessings you grant us each day; deepen our trust in your love and mercy.

Unite us all in a community of thanksgiving. 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 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD



*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia from Wir danken dir, Gott, BWV 29 We thank you God

J.S. Bach

*(Those who are able may stand.)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents Jane and Olin West, Jr., and Betty and Malcolm Thomas by Carol and Olin West.

SERVICE NOTES

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

MUSICIANS: (8:30 a.m.) Chamber Choir; (11:00 a.m.) Summer 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

Ecton Wills II, son of Montgomery and Ecton Green.

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 should contact Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: *Please use the Mayfair or Wilson entrances only as we are repairing pavers in front of the Sanctuary.* To view past services, visit <u>nashvillewpc.org</u> 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.

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!

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, Annette Callaway, born June 19, 2021, to Melinda Higgins Louden and Jay Louden. Grandparents Leslie and Chuck Higgins are over the moon! Great Aunt and Great Uncle Melinda and Ron Coles are thrilled, too!

REPAIRS OF THE CHURCH BUILDING: Please excuse our mess as we continue to move forward this summer with construction projects around the Church. We are currently repairing pavers in front of the Sanctuary. *Please use the Mayfair or Wilson entrances only to access the building.* 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 OUTING: Mark your calendars for the Westminster Golf Outing! Join us Monday, October 18, 2021, at Opryland's Gaylord Springs Golf Club. 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 615-292-5526x 231, Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair at mkoban@prodigy.net, or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer at suzannegm58@gmail.com.

June 30, 2021

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

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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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