

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 22, 2021 Confirmation Sunday Holy Baptism

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About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God. Today's Prelude includes two pieces based on hymns that will be sung later in worship. Quietly listen, pray, or read the words of the hymns in preparation for worship.

Worship on the Lord's Day

We gather to worship God on the Lord's Day (Sunday) because the Gospels testify that Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week. The Service is a service of Word and Sacrament in which we meet to interpret the Scriptures through preaching and singing. Additionally, we celebrate the Sacraments of Holy Communion (Eucharist) and Baptism which are the Word of God enacted and sealed in the life of the Church, the body of Christ.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Toccatina on Azmon Alfred V. Fedak O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Prelude on Bunessan Morning has broken George McPhee

CHORAL INTROIT

Spiritual/Alan Bullard

O Lord! O Lord! Early in the morning, Late in the evening, Feel like shouting, feel like praying, O Lord, Shout for joy!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

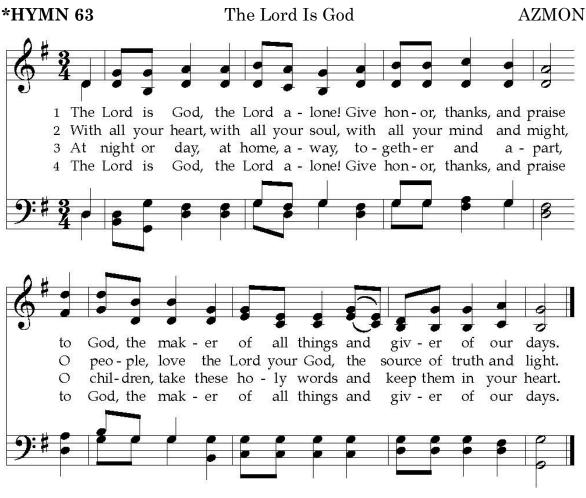
Put aside the distractions of this world's many gods, stand in awe before God's love, prepare to worship in sincerity and faithfulness.

The Lord Jesus and his God, we will serve, and his voice we will trust and obey.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Your love has brought us together, O Lord, and it is your love that sustains us through each day. We pray that you would keep us faithful. Give us the courage to witness your presence in the world, today, tomorrow, and into the future. We pray in the name of the One who comes, Christ our Savior. Amen.



CALL TO CONFESSION

Because God is near to the brokenhearted, (*Ps. 34:18*) let us consider how we have lived, confessing our sins and trusting in God's mercy to save.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our redemption,
we confess that we have not been faithful servants.
We have not served you with sincere hearts

nor trusted in your salvation.

We have forsaken you, the living God,
and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols

of worldly power and wealth.

Forgive us our sin, O God.
Lead us to heartfelt repentance

that we may honor you with our lips
and serve you with our lives;
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent confession)

About Hymn 63

This hymn paraphrases the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and greatest commandment (Matthew 23:28 / Mark12:28-29 / Luke 10-26-28).

Confession

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

About the Kyrie

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

Assurance of Pardon

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

Kyrie

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE 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

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker

(The congregation sings with the choir.)



The Word of the Lord lasts forever. What is the Word that is living? It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Register, which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)

THE WORD

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

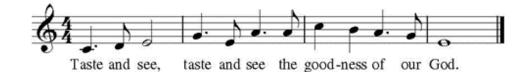
Ephesians 6:10-20

(New Testament, page 195 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 34:15-22

Robert E. Kreutz



The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous. and God's ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them, and delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed. Refrain Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them from every one. God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken. Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished. O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished. *Refrain*

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

(Old Testament, page 215 and 216 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Timing is Everything"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

About Scripture

The scriptures bear witness to the word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who "became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14). Where the word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord's Day.

*HYMN 702

BUNESSAN

About Hymn 702

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick. Such a prayer for protection is know as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody, Bunessan, the name of a village on the island of Mull, Scotland.

About the Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

About Baptism and Confirmation

See page 11.



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30 a.m.)

This is the good news, which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE CONFIRMANDS AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Presentation of the Confirmands

Presenting Elder: Suzanne Allen

*Profession of Faith

Questions to the Confirmands

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? I will, with God's help.

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, we give you thanks. ... lives and reigns forever.

The Baptism

Charge to the Confirmands

About Prayers of the People

We pray for the world God so loves-joining Christ's own ministry of intercession and those of the Spirit. These prayers are not the work of a single leader, but an act of the whole congregation as Christ's royal priesthood. We affirm our participation in the prayer through our "amen" and other responses.

Offering

The collection of tithes and offerings takes place as a response to the Word. These actions are signs of our gratitude for the grace of God proclaimed in the gospel.

About the Doxology

A short hymn of praise to the triune God (God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit).

About the Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks for God's many gifts and dedicate them to God's service.

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

John Gardner

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's grace, Lift thine eyes and seek God's face; Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: His boundless mercy will provide; Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear; Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee. Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

*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. Almighty God, we dedicate ourselves to serve you, for you alone are our God. Receive, O God, the gifts we offer, and with these gifts accept the offering of our lives; through Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 269	Lead On, O King Eternal!	LANCASHIRE	love and serve the Lord in daily living.
*BENEDICTION			In so doing, we seek to fulfill our
POSTLUDE	Fight the Good Fight Duke Street	Michael Burkhardt	chief end: to glorify and enjoy God for- ever.

*(Those who are able may stand.)

About The Lord's Prayer

A summary of all prayer and the final climactic prayer of our worship service.

Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4.

Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day; we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living. In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. Today's Postlude is based on the tune sung as the final hymn. Listen how the composer has used the hymn tune to create a new, original piece of music.

About Hymn 269

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.



Our Mission

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)

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

The Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake Senior Pastor

Liturgist

The Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture

Lay Liturgists

8:30 Fran Linley 11:00 Bill Christie

Music

Hannah Sims, Cantor; (8:30 a.m.) Chamber Choir; (11:00 a.m.) Westminster Choir

John Semingson Director of Music Ministries

Polly Brecht Organist

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of our granddaughter Charlotte Miller Choppin, daughter of Will and Julie Choppin, on July 15, 2021 by Marees and Walker Chopin.

Childcare Room Locations

Classroom 146 - babies Classroom 152 - toddlers Classroom 151 - 2s and 3s Classroom 160 - 4s, 5s and kindergarten

Today @ Westminster

The Baptismal Rite

Confirmation

The Apostles' Creed: The oldest surviving baptismal liturgy, dating from around the year 200 C.E., describes the candi-date for baptism standing in water and affirming the faith bv responding to three questions. Each question corre-sponds to one person of the Trinity. The Paschal Candle is symbolic of Christ's death and of God, who resurrection. The Lamb takes away the sin of the world, is Paschal sacrifice. Pas-chal The our 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 fami-ly is given a Paschal Candle to use annu-ally on the anniversary of the baptism as a symbolic reminder of God's gift of re-demption and new life in Jesus Christ.

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

> Helen Ghertner Ava Krumwiede Maston Ballew Johnny Isaacs

CONFIRMATION is a rite that has been celebrated in the Christian Church since the second century. Originally, it was when the Holy Spirit was imparted on believers, following Baptism. Since the Middle Ages, churches have understood Confirmation as a rite that concludes a period of instruction of young people who had made a public profession of faith and had been baptized. Westminster has a two-year Confirmation ministry that begins in the seventh grade and concludes at the end of the youth's eighth-grade year. During these two years, the youth learn about the Trinity, the Bible, the church, the sacraments, and what it means to be a Presbyterian. We celebrate with them this morning on their Confirmation, which is a significant moment in their faith journeys.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

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 Cong Care 615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org

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 $\mbox{\sc mm}$ to listen to the sermon.

Mask Policy

Due to the Delta variant, mask-wearing is mandatory at the 8:30 AM worship service.

Mask-wearing will continue to be strongly encouraged at the 11:00 AM service. 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.

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GETconnected

Today is KICKOFF Sunday. The Youth are meeting in the Koinonia Youth Café and adults are meeting in Fellowship Hall to learn what classes and studies are available this fall.

H.O.S.T. Groups

Hearts Open to Sharing Together! HOST groups are small groups of 12-20 men and women that meet monthly 8-10 times a year. Some groups are inter-generational, some are similarly aged.

These small groups experience fellowship around dinner followed by engaging faith reflection and discussion. These gatherings are designed to be casual and are hosted in homes.

New HOST groups are being created for fall 2021, so please let us know if you would like join one or have questions. **Everyone is invited!**

Please contact: Deb Hudson, 615.594.8994; debhudson5543@gmail.com or

Beth Moore, 615.210.5841; bmoore@srvhlaw.com.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Following both worship services, lemonade (along with coffee, water, and treats) will be served outdoors in front of the Sanctuary steps, weather permitting. **All are welcome!**

MINISTRIES

ADULT EDUCATION

FALL CLASSES

Please join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM to learn about all the classes and studies that will be start this fall.

For more information, please contact: Guy Griffith, 615.292.5526 ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Join us in the Covenant Class on September 12, 9:45 AM in Fellowship Hall as we welcome our guest speaker, Laura Fabrycky, author of *Keys To Bonhoeffer's House*. Books are available in the office for \$12.

KOINONIA YOUTH MINISTRY

KICKOFF

Youth in grades seven through twelve, please come to the Koinonia Youth Café at 9:45 AM this Sunday to hear about exciting plans for the year, enjoy donut holes, and games!

There will be a Parents of Youth Party on Sunday evening from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the home of Fran and David Linley.

For more information, please contact: Margie Quinn, 615.292.5526; mquinn@nashvillewpc.org

CHILDREN

The Session of Westminster has voted that, with the emergence of the Delta variant, and since children ages eleven and under, cannot yet be vaccinated, we will offer a new opportunity for nurturing

the faith of our families with children. *At this time, the church is unable to operate as a pod to minimize interactions.*

As an alternative, we will offer an outdoor service for young families.

- September 12 October 17
- 9:45 AM in North Parking Lot
- 30 45 minutes long with an educational element to it
- Casual dress

After fall break, we will re-evaluate. We will begin regular, in the classroom, Sunday School for children as soon as we can safely do so.

For more information, please contact: Sophie Maness, 615.292.5526; smaness@nashvillewpc.org

MUSIC

The Session of Westminster has voted to delay the start of regular, in-person, indoor Children's Ministries right now due to the Delta variant of the Corona virus and the lack of a vaccine for children under the age of 12. Therefore, CHOIRS for children in Kindergarten through the 6th grade will not resume on Sunday, August 29. The plan is to delay our delay our first rehearsals through Fall Break for schools and then reassess the health situation at that time. We hope we will be able to resume the following week, Sunday, October 24. We pray that families with children will leave the

MINISTRIES continued

MUSIC

Sunday afternoon rehearsal time (4:00 PM) open so that all children will be free to join us in October. We regret that we have to delay our plans once again, but the health and welfare of our children is our deepest concern. We will resume children's choirs as soon as we can safely do so. Thank you for your patience and continued commitment to this important ministry of Westminster.

For more information, please contact: John Semingson, 615.292.5526 johns@nashvillewpc.org

August 29

Sunday Afternoons 4:00 - 4:50 рм Tintinnabulation (Handbells for 7th-12th grades)

5:00 - 6:00 РМ Laudate Youth Choir (7th-12th grades)

CONNECT

Joy in Learning

If you have taken a Joy in Learning class, then you know how much fun it is to learn a new skill. This fall, there are plenty of new opportunities to learn how to do a new craft or sharpen an old skill. **PLUS, Joy in Learning has a new website.** Check it out and register for a class that fits your schedule:

For more information, please contact: Beth Drake, beth@westminsterjoy.org

Earth Care Task Force

We meet at 5:30 PM the second Wednesday of every month. Currently, our meetings are virtual. Come for the environmental education and fellowship, stay for the projects we plan to do.

For more information, please contact: Curtis Baysinger, 803.603.8221; Cbaysinger2@gmail.com



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, August 22

8:30 am	Worship
9:45 ам	Youth Kickoff
9:45 ам	Adult Ed Kickoff
	Search Class
	Faith & Fellowship
11:00 am	Worship
5:00 рм	Youth Parent Party

Tuesday, August 24

7:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday, August 25 7:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, August 26

9:30 AM Book Study

Friday, August 27

7:00 AM Bible Study

For more information on the events listed here, please contact the church office, 615.292.5526.

You may also look at the calendar listed in our Church Life app for more details on all the events at Westminster. To learn more about the Church Life app, please contact Hannah Sims, 615.292.5526; hsims@nashvillewpc.org.

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