

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 15, 2021**

**GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Neil Harmon

From Three Liturgical Improvisations

George Oldroyd

*“My soul hath a desire and longing  
to enter the courts of the Lord”*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

God is the source of wisdom,  
**the fount of life eternal.**

Let us listen for the wisdom of God  
**and worship the One whose words shape the  
world.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires are known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hid:**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you**  
**and worthily magnify your holy name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

1 When the morn-ing stars to - geth - er their Cre - a - tor's  
 2 When in syn - a - gogue and tem - ple voic - es raised the  
 3 Voice and in - stru - ment in un - ion through the a - ges  
 4 Lord, we bring our gift of mu - sic; touch our lips and

glo - ry sang, and the an - gel host all shout-ed till with  
 psalm-ists' songs, of - fer-ing up the ad - o - ra - tion which a -  
 spoke your praise. Plain-song, tune - ful hymns, and an - thems told your  
 fire our hearts. Teach our minds and train our sens - es; fit us

joy the heav - ens rang, then your wis - dom and your great-ness  
 lone to you be - longs; when the sing - ers, trum - pets, cym - bals  
 faith - ful, gra - cious ways. Choir and or - ches - tra and or - gan  
 for these sa - cred arts. Then with skill and con - se - cra - tion

their ex - ul - tant mu - sic told, all the beau - ty  
 all com - bined, your praise to share, awe - struck peo - ple  
 each a sa - cred of - fer-ing brought, while, in - spired by  
 we would serve you, Lord, and give all our powers to

and the splen - dor which your might - y works un - fold.  
 saw your glo - ry fill the sa - cred house of prayer.  
 your own Spir - it, po - et and com - pos - er wrought.  
 glo - ri - fy you, and in serv - ing ful - ly live.

## 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.**     *Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, the voice of your wisdom rings out in  
 the world,  
 guiding us to place our trust in you.  
 The voice of your wisdom rings out in  
 the world,  
 challenging us to seek the things that matter.  
 Too often, O Lord, we refuse to listen.  
 We place our trust in things that are fleeting.  
 We seek the things that make us comfortable,  
 rather than seeking the way of your peace.  
 Forgive us, God of grace,  
 and teach us to walk in the path lined by your  
 wisdom.**

*(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** *(Singing together Hymn 581)*

**GLORIA PATRI**

**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

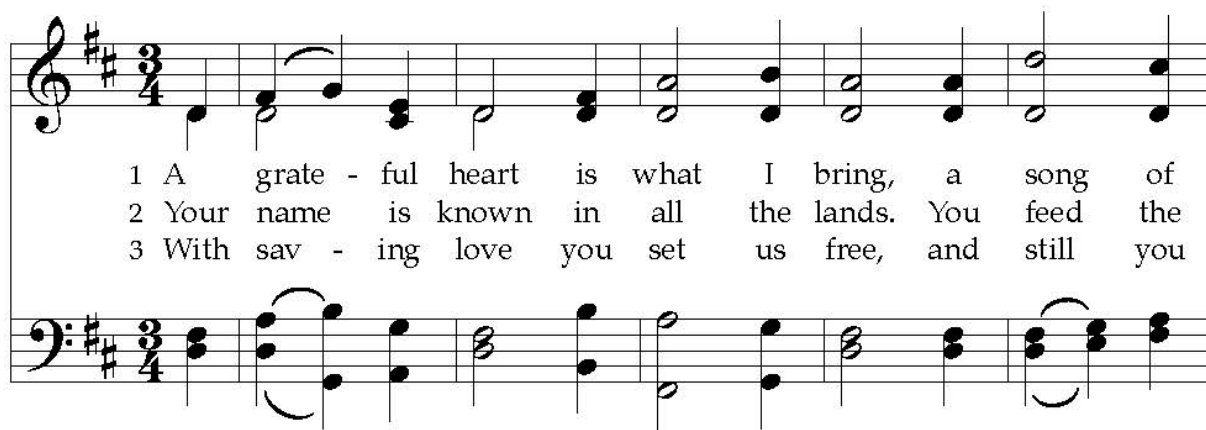
Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

**Proverbs 9:1-6** *(Old Testament, pages 591-592 in your pew Bible)*

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

Psalm 111 (Hymn 652) (Verse 1: Choir only; Verses 2-3: Sung by all)

ROCKINGHAM



1 A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of  
2 Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the  
3 With sav - ing love you set us free, and still you



praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I  
poor with gen - tle hands. Your word is true, your  
dwell in mys - ter - y with wis - dom none can



lift my voice: in you, O God, I will re - joice.  
works are just; in you, O God, the faith - ful trust.  
com - pre - hend. Your praise, O God, will nev - er end.

**1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14** (*Old Testament, page 304 and pages 305-306 in your Bible*)

<sup>10</sup> Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. <sup>11</sup> The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup> So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

<sup>3</sup> Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. <sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup> If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

**SERMON**

"Getting What You Want From God"

Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*

\*HYMN 174 (Verse one: Choir only; Verses 2-3: Sung by all)

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

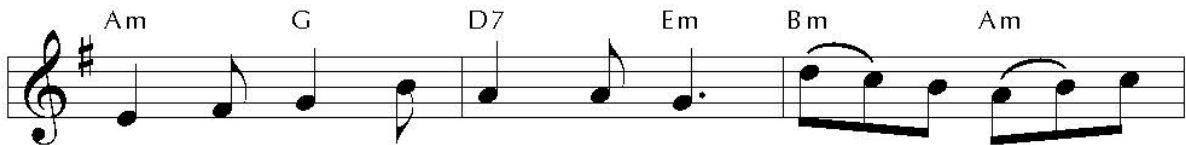
MADELEINE



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when  
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the  
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,  
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,  
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the  
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes  
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.  
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves  
and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,**

**claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks,  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

## **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

The Call of Wisdom

Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy;  
walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.  
Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction,  
entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger.  
*I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me?  
I am here, I am with you.*

Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value,  
jewels sparkle for a while, what you long for is not lasting.  
*I am here, I am with you . . .*

Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom.  
Those who know me know my love; those who seek find their answer.  
*I am here, I am with you . . .*

God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit co-eternal.  
Glory, glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.  
*I am here, I am with you . . .*



**\*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 and merciful God,  
from whom comes all that is good,  
we praise you for your mercies,  
for your goodness that has created us,  
your grace that has sustained us,  
your discipline that has corrected us,  
your patience that has borne with us,  
and your love that has redeemed us.  
Help us to love you,  
and to be thankful for all your gifts  
by serving you and delighting to do your will,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

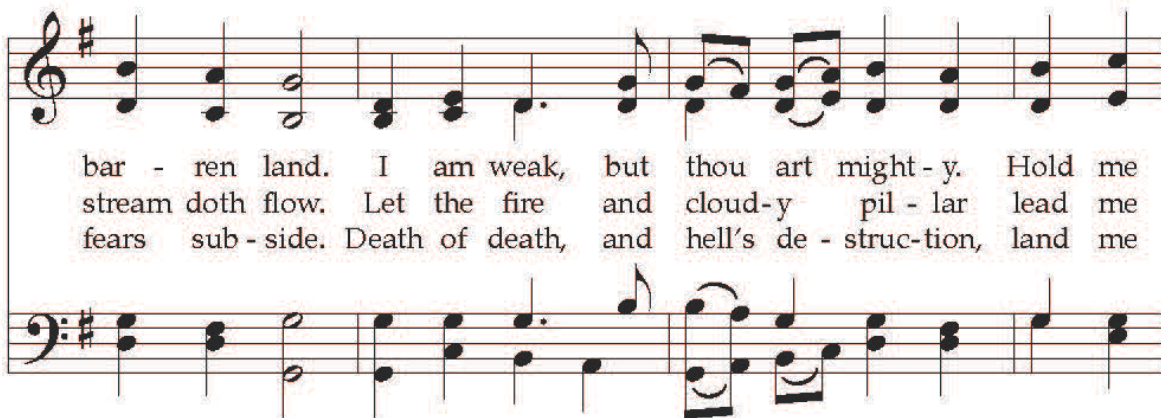
\*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

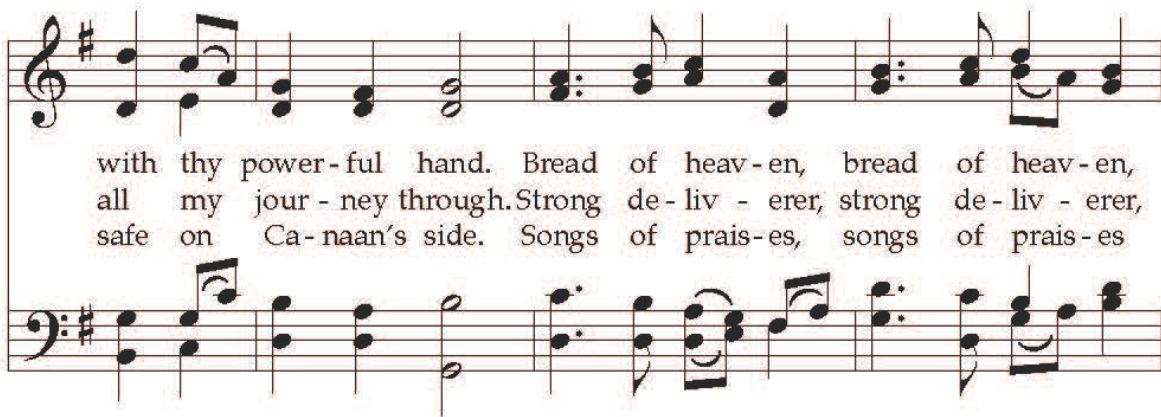
CWM RHONDDA



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

## \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Nicholas Bowden

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Tommy Baird and David Baird  
by their family.*

## SERVICE NOTES

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Liturgist: Guy D. Griffith, Associate Pastor of Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture.

**MUSICIANS:** (8:30 a.m.) Chamber Choir; (11:00 a.m.) Summer Choir; Susan Kelly, Conductor; Jeff Light, Guest Organist. The Offertory Anthem is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Marshall and Doris Semingson by Bill and Kelly Christie.

## 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](mailto: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](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.

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

**MASK POLICY:** *Due to the Delta variant, masks are strongly recommended.* 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.*

**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. Please enter the building from the Wilson or Mayfair sides only. The Narthex entry to the Sanctuary will be closed for paver repair. Thanks for your patience!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org) or 615-292-5526x231, 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).

July 31, 2021

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$ 332,196	\$2,169,759
Expense:	<u>\$ 477,004</u>	<u>\$1,922,076</u>
Net Income (loss):	<u>\$(144,808)</u>	<u>\$ 247,683</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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