

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 8, 2021**

Conceiving love only as a warm fuzzy, you can readily forget just how much work it entails. But it's authentic work, strenuous and productive: doing a do, not avoiding a don't. It puts you in a right relation with God and others, reciprocal rather than hierarchical. At one time or another, legal penalties have been imposed for violations of all the ten commandments. . . . But the great commandment is extralegal. Love cannot be forced. It must be chosen. You love not out of dread but out of your own fullness. It's what you were made for. When you fail at it, you aren't sent to prison, or to the electric chair, or to hell. You are commanded again: Love.

Nancy, Mairs, *Ordinary Time: Cycles in Marriage, Faith, and Renewal*  
(Boston: Beacon Press, 1993), p. 139.

I like not only to be loved, but also to be told that I am loved. I am not sure that you are of the same kind. But the realm of silence is large enough beyond the grave. This is the world of light and speech, and I shall take leave to tell you that you are very dear.

George Eliot, Letter to a friend.

## **GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE** From Symphonie Gothique, op.70 Charles-Marie Widor  
II. Andante sostenuto

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;  
**make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.**  
Sing to the Lord, sing praises,  
**and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

*(Psalm 105:1-2)*

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**Grant us, O Lord,  
the grace always to do and think  
what accords with your purpose;  
that we, who cannot exist without you,  
may be enabled to live according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **\*HYMN 407**

**NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'**

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Remember that our Lord Jesus  
can sympathize with us in our weakness,  
**since in every respect he was tempted as we are,  
yet without sin.**

Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace,  
**that we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help in time of need.**

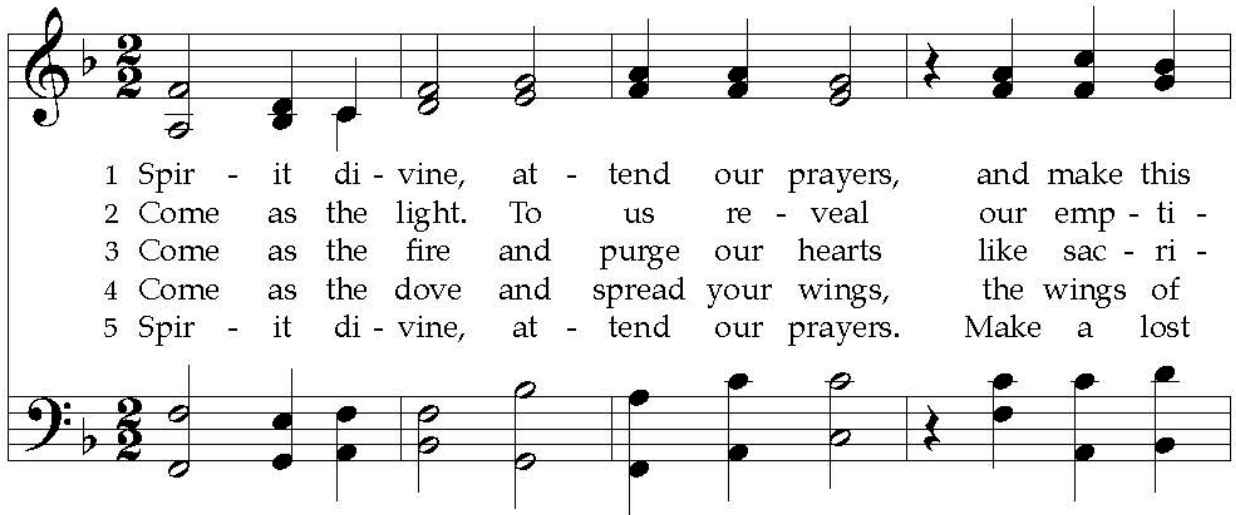
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We have not loved you, O God,  
as you have loved us.  
We have been like children who accepted love  
without knowing its cost.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
for every act of betrayal,  
every failure to be kind,  
every gratification of self,  
and every blindness to the needs of others.  
Come and dwell in us  
with your spirit of generosity,  
that we may bless the world  
with what you have given us.  
For your name's sake. Amen.**

*(Silent confession)*

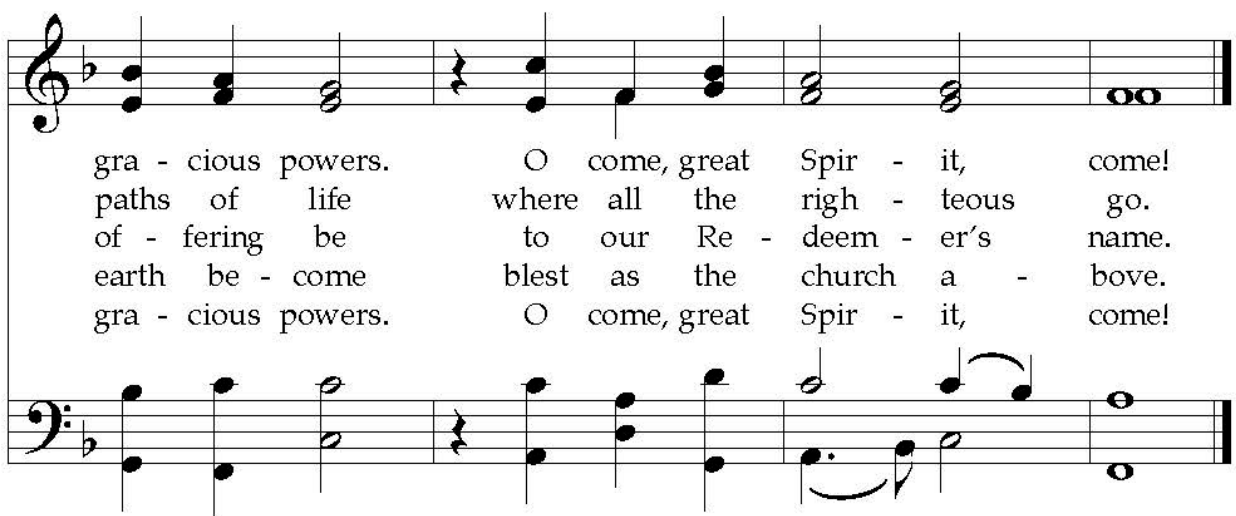
# Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers 407



1 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make this  
2 Come as the light. To us re - veal our emp - ti -  
3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sac - ri -  
4 Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of  
5 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers. Make a lost



house your home. De - scend with all your  
ness and woe. And lead us in those  
fi - cial flame. Let our whole soul an  
peace - ful love. And let the church on  
world your home. De - scend with all your



gra - cious powers. O come, great Spir - it, come!  
paths of life where all the righ - teous go.  
of - fering be to our Re - deem - er's name.  
earth be - come blest as the church a - bove.  
gra - cious powers. O come, great Spir - it, come!

**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.**

**John 6:35, 41-51** (*New Testament, page 98 in your pew Bible*)

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

**Psalm 34:1-8**

R. Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
blest is the one that trusteth in God.

**Ephesians 4:25-5:2** (*New Testament, page 194 in your pew Bible*)

<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

**5** <sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup> and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**SERMON**

“The Best Advice”

Guy D. Griffith

*“Watch what God does, and then you do it,  
like children who learn proper behavior from their parents.”*

*(Ephesians 5:1, The Message)*

*(A moment for meditation)*

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,  
In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still. (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 (8:30 a.m.)*

Spiritual/arr. Smallwood

**I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry**

**I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.  
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.**

**I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.  
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.**

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness only light;  
and where there's sadness ever joy.

*O Master, grant ...*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.  
Make me a channel of your 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!**

**\*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.**

**We give you thanks, great God,**

**for the hope we have in Jesus,  
who died, but is risen and rules over all.**

**We praise you for his presence with us.**

**Because he lives, we look for eternal life,**

**knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come  
can separate us from your great love  
made known in 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 738**                      O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee                      MARYTON

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                      Festival Voluntary, op.87                      Flor Peeters

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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 William Albert Caver  
by his family - Jennifer, Giles, Henry, and Sarah Jean Caver.*

*The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of the seventy-third wedding anniversary of  
John & Dakie Cowan  
by their five daughters and their families.*

# 738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;  
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;  
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,  
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the  
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and  
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in  
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 guide them in the home - ward way.  
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

## SERVICE NOTES

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

**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](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org)).

**SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TIME:** Following both worship services, lemonade (along with coffee, water, and treats) will be held in 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:** Westminster follows the CDC and Metro Health guidelines. *Due to the Delta variant, masks are encouraged.* 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 ROSES IN THE CHANCEL** this morning give glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a daughter, Charlotte Miller, born on July 15, 2021, to Julie and Will Choppin; grandparents Marees and Walker Choppin are over the moon! And for the birth of a son, Thaddeus Edward, born on July 25, 2021, to Allison and Jacob Beck; grandparents Terry and Ed Rappuhn are thrilled!

**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!

**THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY FOR SUMMER CHOIR:** The Summer 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. Please contact John Semingson (615.292.5526 or [johns@nashvillewpc.org](mailto: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](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 615-292-5526x 231, 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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