























GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Sharpthorne

Marilyn Biery

What does the Lord Require

St. Anne

Rebecca Groom te Velde

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

O Lord, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Loving God,
you have led us to this place
to sing your praises and
to glorify your holy name!
We worship you,
aware of the wounds of the world,
and you draw us here not to shield us
from the heartache and pain of human life,
but to heal us and inspire us,
to redirect and shape us,
until we see ourselves and the world as you do,
and follow Christ every day of our lives. Amen.

*HYMN 12 ST. DENO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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 features works by two contemporary women composers. Eric Routley's tune Sharpethorne is most often paired to the same text as the anthem What does the Lord Require. Biery's setting is a homage to J.S. Bach. St. Anne (today's psalm) is an aria on a ground bass.

Worship on the Lord's Day

Worship begins as the people gather - greeting one another, praying in silence, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



About Hymn 12

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units. TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; MUSIC: Welsh folk melody.

Prayer of Confession

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the errant state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts washed clean, our bodies bathed with pure water. Heb. 10:22

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

O Lord, you are the maker of justice

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

and the source of righteousness,
the one who hears the cries of the suffering
and who fills the hunger of the poor.
Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect
your just love:
when we have food and food leftover,
yet we do not share with any in need;
when we have power for good and power for change,
yet we use it only for our own self-preservation;
when we have the words of the prophets before us,
yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable.
Forgive us, O Lord,
and teach us to follow in your way.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

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

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

(Old Testament, pages 853 and 854 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 90:12-17 (Hymn 687)

ST. ANNE

[See page 6 for hymn]

Mark 10:17-31

(New Testament, page 46 in your pew Bible)

SERMON "It's good news! Remember?" Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

*HYMN 482 Baptized in Water [see page 7 for hymn]

BUNESSAN

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Act of Praise

The Act of Praise brings together the choir and congregation to sing God's praise.

PSALM 90 (Hymn 687)

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist. TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719; MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

About Hymn 482 Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century. TEXT: Michael A. Saward, 1981; MUSIC: Gaelic melody.

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.

*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

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

John Arnn

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

Anthem

What Does the Lord Require?

Eric Nelson

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring? To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly, walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Then do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly,
walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life, how shall our life fulfill, fulfill God's law so high?

Let Christ, let Christ endue our will, let Christ endue our will with grace.

How shall our life, how shall our life fulfill God's law?

What does the Lord require?

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?

What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?

To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly, walk humbly with your God.

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God's grace elicits our heartfelt gratitude. We respond to the good news of forgiveness with joyful acclamations of praise!

*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!

*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.

God, whose giving knows no ending, we offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities. May our offerings reach beyond the limits of our former thinking and doing, for in the Spirit of Christ, we would pray and live. Grant to each of us a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of our lives: to share your saving love and mercy with the world. To this end, we dedicate our offerings and ourselves, in the way of Jesus Christ. 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.



About Hymn 724

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused. TEXT: John Ernest Bode, 1866; MUSIC: Arthur Henry Mann, 1881.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. Today's Postlude closes Bach's epoch Clavierubung III. It is a five-voice triple fugue.

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 Pastor

Liturgist

T.J. Piccolo

Associate Director of Youth

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Jane Kirchner 11:00 AM

Beadle

8:30 AM Frances Strauss

Presenting Elder for Baptism

8:30 AM Ann Schulze 11:00 AM Linda Koon

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir 11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson Director of Music Ministries

Dr. Polly Brecht Organist

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Anne Felch by the Felch family.

Baptisms

The sacrament of baptism will be administered today at the 8:30 AM worship service to

Louis Lyle, son of Amber and Will Douglass

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

Charles Michael, son of Katie Koban and William Braddy

Elizabeth Jennings, daughter of Mary Brette and Cook Wylly

Childcare Room Locations

Classroom 146 - babies

Classroom 152 - toddlers

Classroom 151 - 2s and 3s

Classroom 160 - 4s, 5s and kindergarten

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

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 Congregational Care, 615.292.5526;

Fall New Member & Inquirer Class Continues Today!

hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM • Room 10 (lower level Mayfair side)
In-Person & via Zoom

All Are Welcome!

Contact Co-Chairs Luke Gebhard, lgebhard@gmail.com; Suzanne Allen, sallen2009@comcast.net; Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler for more information.

NEW Worship Service For Young Families 9:45 AM ● Parlor Courtyard

Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to nashvillewpc.church and look for a Past Services box, go to Worship Service Archive and click on the service you would like to watch.

Dial-A-Service

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM to listen to the sermon.

Mask Policy

Due to the Delta variant, mask-wearing is mandatory at the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM worship services.

FINANCIALS

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:

Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair, mkoban@prodigy.net

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Jo Ann McFarlin, Administrator, jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 x231.

September 30, 2021

September Year to Date

Income: \$214,160 \$2,447,713 Expense: \$235,312 \$2,214,440 Net Income: \$(21,152) \$ 233,273

(loss)



Baptism Sunday is the second Sunday of each month except during Lent.

If you would like more information about baptisms at Westminster, please contact Sophie Maness, 615.292.5526, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

If you would like to schedule a baptism, please contact Hannah Sims, 615.292.5526 hsims@nashvillewpc.org

MINISTRIES

ADULT EDUCATION Classes begin at 9:45 AM

New Class Series

Sustenance for the Long Haul: Caring for Our Families, Community, Ourselves

9:45 AM ● Fellowship Hall Starting October 10

The evolving pandemic has thrust us into roles as givers and receivers of care in expanded ways within our families, church, and community. Feeling that one's reality is a 36-hour day was already common for many parents raising children, and for families impacted by chronic illness and Alzheimer's/dementia.

This four-week series will explore the uncertainty and anxiety, guilt and grief, fear and anger that can result in the midst of long-haul caregiving, as well as the spiritual evaporation and collective depression that may emerge. Sustenance through spiritual renewal and self-care, relationships and community, hope, and faith will be engaged.

Today's Class

"The Power of Naming and Reshaping: The Challenges of COVID, Caregiving, and the 36-Hour Day"

Presenter:

Dr. Evon Flesberg is a clinical pastoral therapist, retired professor of the Practice of Pastoral Theology and Counseling at Vanderbilt Divinity School, and a Lutheran (ELCA) pastor.

Today's Classes:

Faith & Fellowship ● 214

What is The Kingdom of God?

Broadly speaking, the kingdom of God is the rule of an eternal, sovereign God over all the universe.

More narrowly, the kingdom of God is a spiritual rule over the hearts and lives of those who willingly submit to God's authority.

There is another sense in which the kingdom of God is used in Scripture: the literal rule of Christ on the earth.

Search ● 211

We will discuss scripture Mark 10:17-31 and how we are trying to live into that in our lives, in addition to checking in with each other.

The CALLING • Goodpasture Hall

Hear about the amazing ministry of the Nashville Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition, which is a Christ-centered nonprofit based in Nashville that works to rescue women and children from human trafficking. You will likely be surprised by the magnitude of this. We will hear from Founder Mary Trapnell, Director of Operations (and Survivor) Christina Meadows, and Board Member Mary Morgan Ketchel. Please plan to attend!

Westminster Academy

Wednesday, October 13 7:00 pm ● Zoom

Sue Tully Trout leads a discussion on Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison.

MINISTRIES

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women's Covenant Group Monday, October 11 11:30 AM ● Parlor Courtyard

Donovan leads a discussion on COVID-19 and our church.

Bring your own lunch.

For more information on this meeting or future meetings, please contact Mary Prue Alley, marypruealley@comcast.net; Cathey Fuqua, catheyfuqua@hotmail.com; or Ann Humbracht, annhumb@yahoo.com.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

WPC Medical Lending Closet

A reminder that WPC has a medical lending closet, with an inventory including wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, crutches, portable toilets, knee scooters and more! If you or a family member, or a friend in the community has need for an item or would like to donate an item, please let us know.

You may contact Ward DeWitt 615-500-3761, dewittmoving@comcast.net or church staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder & Trustee Nominations

Nominations for next year's elder class and Legacy Fund trustees (the Class of 2025) are requested from Westminster Presbyterian members.

To nominate a church member, complete a suggestion form found:

- (1) in the Parlor by the wooden suggestion box
- (2) online at www.nashvillewpc.church

Nominations close TODAY!

For more information, please contact Linda Koon, Irussellkoon@bellsouth.net.

Westminster Golf Outing Monday, October 18, 2021 Gaylord Springs Golf Links

All proceeds will benefit Second Harvest Food Bank.

Lunch and practice facilities will be available at 12:00 pm with a shotgunscramble starting at 1:30 pm.

Opportunities for hole sponsorship are available starting at \$100. Contact Lisa Levine, li5k@aol.com, for information or to sponsor a hole.

The total fee for food and play is \$100/person.

Please contact Roger Maness, roger.maness@comcast.net to register.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, October 10

8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Youth

Covenant Class Faith & Fellowship Search Class

Search Class The CALLING

Young Families Worship New Member & Inquirer Class

11:00 AM Worship
2:00 PM Youth @PTM
5:00 PM Laudate Rehearsal

Monday, October 11

9:00 AM Sacred Pauses 11:30 AM Covenant Group 11:45 AM Centering Prayer

Tuesday, October 12

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM The Isaiah Study

9:00 AM Harvard Handbells rehearsal 1:15 PM Cong Care Steering Comm Mtg

7:00 PM What Would Jesus Do?

Wednesday, October 13

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 11:00 AM Pearlseekers

What Would Jesus Do?

5:30 PM Earth Care Task Force Mtg 6:15 PM Benevolence Committee 7:00 PM Westminster Academy

7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 14

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, October 15

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, October 16

11:30 AM AA

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

Contacts:

If you have questions about a certain event listed on our calendar, please contact a member of our program staff.

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