Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022 Holy Baptism

> Westminster Presbyterian Church

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GATHERING

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. On this Baptism Sunday, the prelude is based on hymns that affirm God's presence throughout our days. "I was there to hear your borning cry" reminds us that God remains with us as we go through all the challenges and changes of life. The hymn prelude, based on the tune WATERLIFE, seems timeless and uses double pedal to enrich the harmony. The Biery prelude is based on the tune DUNLAPS'S CREEK, an early American hymn tune from William Walker's Southern Harmony of 1814, in a graceful unfolding of the sturdy, faith-filled tune and text.

Hymn 268

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound. TEXT: Matthew Bridges, 1851; MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1868.

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

PRELUDE

Two Baptismal Hymn Settings

Waterlife (Borning Cry)David ChristiansenWe Walk by Faith and Not by SightJames Biery

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Lift your hearts, raise your voices, and join the heavenly host who forever sing: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might to be our God forever and ever! Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

You watch over your creation,
a shepherd with whom all living things are safe.
You know us all and keep us wherever we move.
O God, do this, we ask you, all the days of our lives.
May we never want and may we enter your rest and know your peace,
today and every day of our lives. Amen.

(The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality in worship of Jesus Christ - the Living Word, and the Bible - the written Word.)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 268**

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

CALL TO CONFESSION

When the time comes to repent, let us not accuse our neighbor, but face the truth within us, and not to belittle or shame, **but to seek grace, that we can turn our lives around with God's help.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,
in the presence of our enemies,
we divide and demonize.
When you face our enemies,
you choose neither contempt nor punishment,
but set a table and make provision for us all.
Our ways are not your ways, O Creator,
and they are an affront to the work of your
hands.
Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us.
Send our risen Lord among us again
to repair relationships and restore humanity.
Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus
just as he does at his table.

(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. 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.") 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 arace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

Act of Praise

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

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.

Acts 9:36-43

(New Testament, page 128 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 23

Allen Pote The Lord Is My Shepherd The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life, Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me. The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want... You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and in the house of my God I will live forever. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. 4

John 10:22-30

(New Testament, page 104 in your pew Bible)

"Hearing Voices?" SERMON Donovan Drake (A moment for meditation) Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us *HYMN 187 BRADBURY Hymn 187 This unattributed SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM hymn, like many that Presentation are now meaningful to adults, was written for Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ... children and develops shepherd imagery Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, from Psalm 23 and and confident of his promises, John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for we baptize those whom God has called. these words, was In baptism God claims us and seals us originally named for the text but has come to show that we belong to God. to be known by the God frees us from sin and death, composer's name. uniting us with Jesus Christ in his TEXT: Thrupp's *Hymns* for the Young, 1836; death and resurrection. **MUSIC: William** By water and the Holy Spirit, Batchelder Bradbury, we are made members of the Church, 1859. 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.

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.

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

(8:30 a.m.)

The Call

Z. Randall Stroope

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a Way as gives us breath; such a Truth as ends all strife; such a Life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength; such a Light as shows a feast; such a Feast as mends in length; such a Strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; such a Joy as none can move; such a Love as none can part; such a Heart as joys in Love. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

(11:00 a.m.)

John Ylvisaker

I was there to hear your borning cry. I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child with faith to suit you well, in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell. When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on, You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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.)Christus ParadoxAlfred Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave. You, the ever-lasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might up on the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss, You, the ever-lasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.

You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
You, the ever-lasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.
Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the ever-lasting instant; You who are our death and life.
Alleluia. You, who are our death and our life.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) Fairest Lord Jesus Martin How

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation, Jesus, of God and Mary the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour, O thou my soul's delight and crown.
Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the verdure and bloom of spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes the saddest heart to sing.
Fair are the flowers, Fairer still the sons of men, In all the freshness of youth arrayed: Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting; My Jesus, my Jesus thine will never fade. To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



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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!

Hymn 547

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service. TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983; MUSIC: Welsh melody.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. This lively setting by Bach breaks up the melody in the upper voice and punctuates it with a repeated motif of joy that recurs in the pedal. "In Thee is gladness, amid all sadness,' "Jesus, sunshine of my heart," the hýmn text begins. This tune and text insist on the celebratory nature of the Easter season.

*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 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**

(Prayed in unison; see page 35 in your hymnal for text)

SENDING

*HYMN 547

AR HYDY NOS

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness

Johann Sebastian Bach

*(Those who are able may stand.)

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 and Head of Staff

Liturgist

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastor for Congregational Care **Baptisms**

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Steve Sullivan 11:00 AM Clisby Hall

Presenting Elder for Baptisms

8:30 AM Deb Hudson 11:00 AM Jackie Shrago

Music

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

Dr. John Semingson Director of Music Ministries

Carol Tate Interim Organist

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cherrie Forte Farnette by her family - Jennifer, Giles, Henry, and Sarah Jean Caver.

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

Daniel Grant, son of Claire and Kyle Davis

Philip Maxwell, son of Meg and Jack Hudson

Dakota May Smith, daughter of Jacqueline and William Smith

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

Anne Murphree, daughter of Elizabeth and Ben McAlpin

Mary Hayes, daughter of Ellen and Matt McCord

Margot Ellis, daughter of Lauren and Trevor Mitchell

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; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org

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.

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found on the Welsh dresser in the Parlor and by the window in the Narthex.

Mask Policy

An update from Session: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional.

The balcony will remain masks required. The Session will continue to reassess as conditions warrant.

Dial-A-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon is available all week.

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:

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April 30, 2022

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\$286,403 <u>\$325,058</u> ne (loss): \$(38,655)	\$1,213,780 <u>\$1,057,978</u> \$155,802

BAPTISM



Baptism Sunday is the second and fifth Sundays 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT EDUCATION Classes begin at 9:45 AM

Today's Classes:

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

The Crisis in American Christianity: Am I My Brother's Keeper? Led by Rev. Dr. James Hudnut-Beumler

Faith & Fellowship • Room 214

Steven Reed leading Topic: Post Resurrection Stories

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

Young Families • Overlook Room Guest Speaker: Christine Cully Highlights Magazine

Summer Book Study Starts June 2 • 9:30 ам Goodpasture Hall

We'll be studying *Accidental Saints: Finding God in the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber.

The class will be taught by Jean Broadhurst, LCSW, Jean Oldfield's granddaughter, who is a Princeton Theological Seminary graduate.

Books are available in the office.

NOT MEETING TODAY

Music Camp Rehearsals May 1, 15, 22 • 4:00 рм Goodpasture Hall

If your child has not signed up to be in this summer's music camp, please contact Sally Mae Arnn, sarnn@ nashvillewpc.org.

Women's Covenant Group

May 9 • Cathey Fuqua's Home 11:30 ам • Bring Your Own Lunch 12:00 рм • Discussion

Anyone is welcome! - whether you're a regular of many years or have never come before. We're a fun, friendly group and love making new friends and seeing old ones while we learn something new.

We will visit and eat for the first hour and then spend a little time talking about books and sharing our recent favorites.

For more info, please contact: Mary Prue Alley, marypruealley@comcast.net

Cathey Fuqua, catheyfuqua@hotmail.com

Ann Humbracht, annhumb@yahoo.com

Something's Brewing (literally) for Mother's Day

Join us in the Parlor in between services for a sneak peek of the Café Justo coffee Westminster will begin to try.

Café Justo coffee is 100% certified USDA Organic, shade and estate-grown, and hand-harvested in Mexico through The Just Coffee Cooperative, a faith-based initiative in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico.

For an extra treat, visit our Westminster Café Cart for espresso Café Justo drinks made to order.

We also have baked goodies brought to you by the Joy in Learning Ministry and the GET*connected* committee.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 8

7:00 рм Vox Grata Concert Wednesday, May 11		



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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