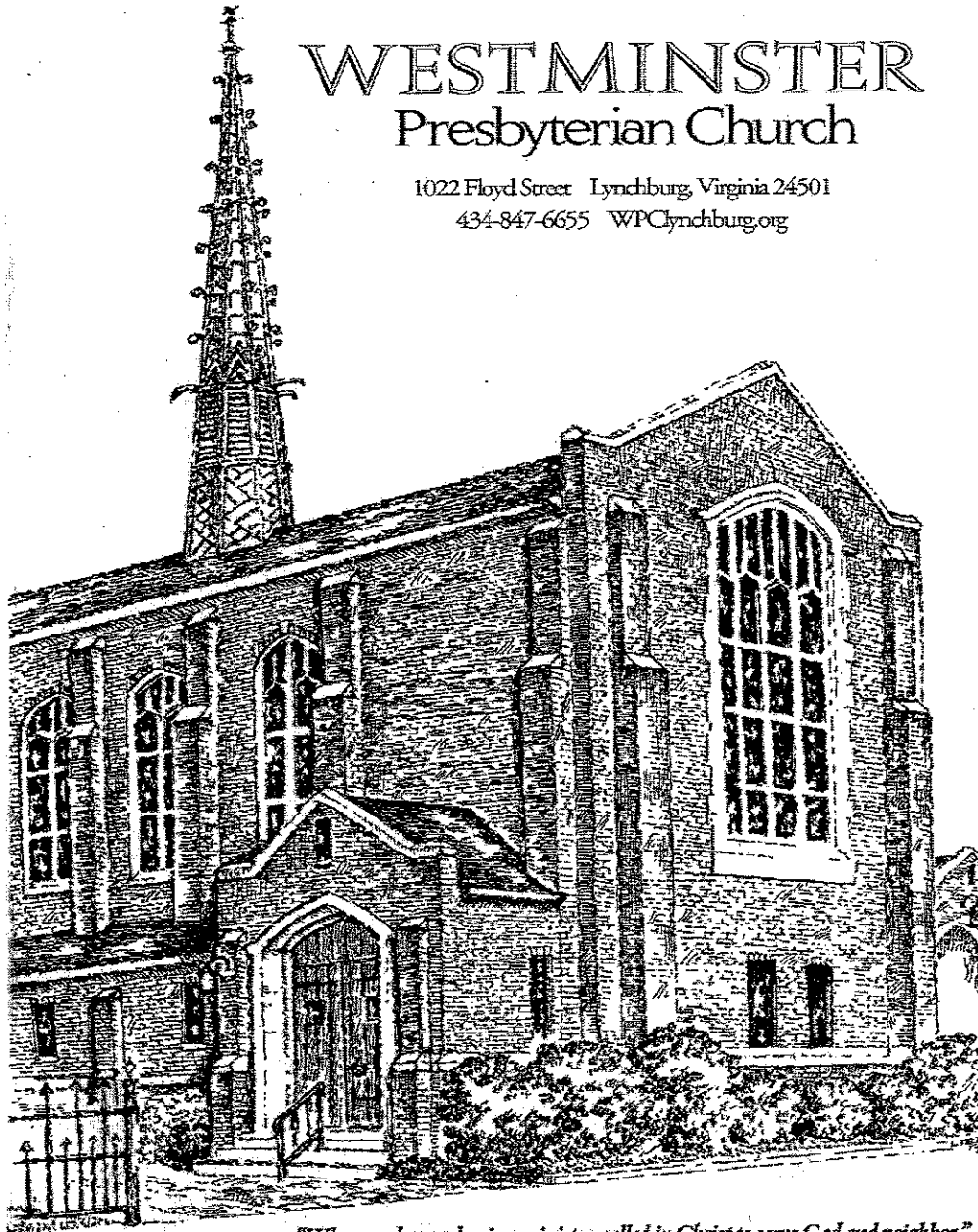


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"Where each member is a minister, called in Christ to serve God and neighbor."

Sunday, October 18, 2020

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in D Minor*

Johann Pachelbel

WESTMINSTER CHIMES – Striking the Hour

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love your neighbor as yourself by doing all you can to minimize infection risk:

- ♥ *Maintain 6' distance between yourself and others with whom you do not live.*
- ♥ *Stay seated throughout today's service.*
- ♥ *Don't touch your face.*
- ♥ *Use the hand sanitizer available in the Narthex.*
- ♥ *During hymns, you may sit quietly and meditate on the words of the songs, you may hum, or sing quietly.*
- ♥ *Take your bulletin home with you or please leave it in the pew where you have been sitting.*

... Let us worship God...

CALL TO WORSHIP

(congregation in bold)

Exalt the Almighty and worship at God's holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.

Look! The Lord draws near; come into the presence of the Holy One.

Let us behold the glory of our God.

Faithful God, you are here. Tuck us into the cleft of the rock; cover us with your hand when we are anxious, that we may be courageous to do your will, through Christ, who calls us by name.

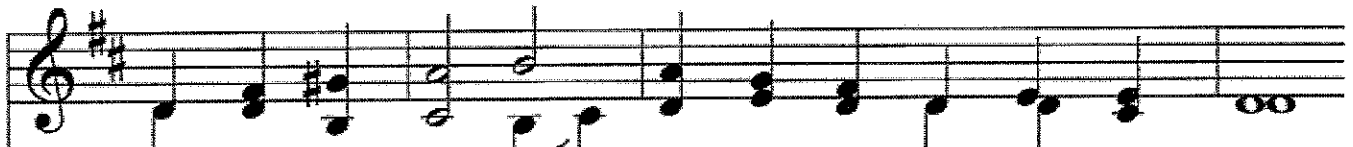
Amen.



Roman Coin of Caesar Augustus¹



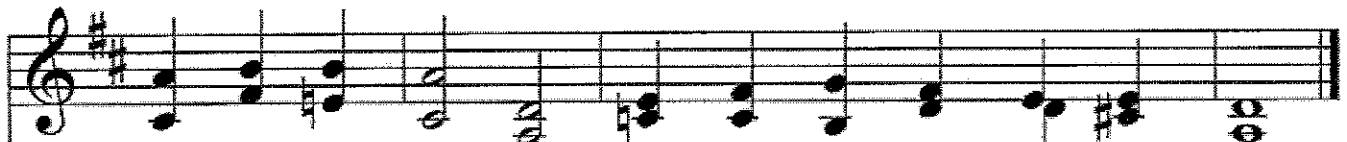
1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports
 4 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice



is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
 who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;
 the faint - ing mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace.
 is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.



My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought
 whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought



and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
 the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
 and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Psalm 99

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; God is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is the Lord!

...

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the LORD our God; worship at God's footstool.

Holy is the Lord!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on God's name. They cried to the LORD, and God answered them. God spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept God's decrees, and the statutes that God gave them. O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

For the LORD our God is holy.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ²

(We begin with a time of silence for personal confession.)

God of mercy, we place our trust in tangible things — things we can see and touch — and question whether you are really there.

Forgive us, Holy One, when we fail to recognize that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory. Help us when we lose our way, and forgive us when we forget to whom we truly belong.

Lover of justice, open our eyes to see you; open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you; and open our hands to serve you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be. World without end, Amen, Amen.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

These are the Words of Holy Scripture for the People of God. **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

MESSAGE

"Standing in the Cleft"

Rev. Kristie Miles



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

TOPLADY



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

PRESENTATION OF AND PRAYER FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

RESPONSE

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

HYMN *

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"


ST. DENIO



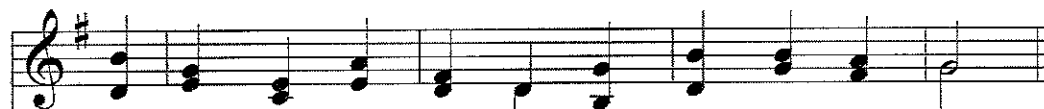
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

CHARGE and BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE

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*Ann Allen
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Secretary: Eloise Peters

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¹ <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57565>

² <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5455/worship-elements-october-18-2020>

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

October 18 - 25, 2020

NO Fellowship until further notice.

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence so that we may be at peace so that we may worship you with all our mind, heart, and spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We welcome all who worship with us today at Westminster Presbyterian Church, and we invite you to join us as we celebrate the difference that God's grace is making in our lives.

SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS

Week of: October 18, 2020

Sunday School – Ashley Thulin
Acolyte: Jerry Ferguson
Ushers: Ann Allen & Nancy Duncan
Collection Counter: Kendall Sydnor
Nursery: Lee Thulin

Week of: October 25, 2020

Sunday School: Ashley Thulin
Acolyte: Jerry Ferguson
Ushers: Angela Hart & Nancy Duncan
Collection Counter: Robert Roberts
Nursery: Lee Thulin

LOOKING AHEAD:

Week of: November 1, 2020

Sunday School – Ashley Thulin
Acolyte: Jerry Ferguson
Ushers: Chris Harris & Jeff Evans
Collection Counter: Charlie Ross
Nursery: Lee Thulin

Week of: November 8, 2020

Sunday School-Ashley Thulin
Acolyte: Jerry Ferguson
Ushers: Robert Roberts & Richard Mahler
Collection Counter: Jeff Evans
Nursery: Lee Thulin

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the
glory of God and in loving memory of
Mary and Claude Booth
and in honor of
Christopher and Megan Reed
in celebration of their wedding yesterday.

Remember These and Others in Prayer

- *Becky Maxey *Louise Motley *Maymie Keys *David Oliver *Reinhild Sydnor *Queen Webb
- *Paula Wyatt *Stuart & Barbara Turille *Eloise Peters *Pat Heath *Helen Hester
- *Jane & Jimmy Reed *Helen (Riley) Ross
- *Valerie Harris's cousin's little boy, Nolan
- *Julia Crim & son, Tom Campbell.
- *Men and women serving in the military & their families.
- *Pastor Kristie and husband, Brian. Brian has been critically ill with covid19 virus.

ELDERS & TRUSTEE - Please fill out the insert for recommendations for two Elders and one Trustee for the Class of 2023. Return or mail to the office.

Meetings & Events:

Sun., Oct 18 – Worship 11:00 a.m.

Mon., Oct 19 – Chimes Deadline

Wed., Oct 21 – Worship & Music Committee at 3:00 p.m. at Shirley Caskie’s home

Wed., Oct 21 - Zoom on Race - Fellowship 6:45-7:15 p.m. Race Discussion 7:15–8:30 p.m.

Sat., Oct 24 –Blessing Place 10:00 am – 1:00 p.m.

Sun., Oct 25 – Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wed., Oct 28 - Zoom on Race - Fellowship 6:45-7:15 p.m. Race Discussion 7:15–8:30 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 1 – **FALL BACK** – Daylight Savings Time Ends –**ALL SAINTS DAY**

Sun., Nov 1- Christian Education Committee Meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Sun., Nov 1 – Sunday School at 9:30 am, Worship at 11:00 am

Tues., Nov 3- Election Day

Tues., Nov 3- Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Wed., Nov 4 - Zoom on Race - Fellowship 6:45-7:15 p.m. Race Discussion 7:15–8:30 p.m.

Sat., Nov 7 – Blessing Place 10:00 am – 1:00 p.m.

Sun., Nov 8- Sunday School at 9:30 am, Worship at 11:00 am

Sun., Nov 8- Session Meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Mon., Nov 9- PW Circle followed by a covered-dish lunch at 10:30 a.m.

Sun., Nov. 15- Sunday School at 9:30 am, Worship at 11:00 am

Wed., Nov. 18- **CHIMES DEADLINE**

Churches for Urban Ministry Annual Fruit Sale

Sale Dates: **Now until Sunday, November 1st.** The fruit this year will be a little different because of COVID 19. The company that provides our fruit will be using strict CDC approved measures to insure the safe handling of the fruit, and we will do the same thing on our end. Fill out forms in the bulletin, November Chimes, or on the table outside of the office. Return or mail to the church office with your payment.

Fruit will be delivered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, December 7, 8, or 9.

(All checks should be made payable to ChUM.) Thank you for your continued support!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

On behalf of all of us at Churches for Urban Ministry, thank you for hosting a food drive!! The food you donated will make a positive difference in the Lynchburg area.

Thanks again, Churches for Urban Ministry

*New Directories are available on the credenza in the Office.
Please let the office know of any changes in your address, phone, etc*