

Westminster Presbyterian Church

BAPTISM OF CHRIST SUNDAY

January 10, 2021

11:00 a.m.



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WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Paul Manz

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

✠Call to Worship

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;

People: **worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: **the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

People: **the voice of the Lord is full of majesty**

✠Please stand as you are able.

✠Hymn Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG



1 Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
 3 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:



ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.



✠Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Holy and Merciful God, you sent your Son to be with us. Baptized by John, Christ identified with sinners. Instead of power and status, he chose the path of humility and service. Yet we fail to follow his way. We point to our own righteousness and the faults in our neighbors. We treat repentance as what the rest of the world needs; not us. Instead of being inspired to greater love, we use your grace to excuse our own misbehavior and selfishness.

Forgive us, O God. Grant us pure hearts to love as we have been loved. Give us fresh eyes to glimpse the way of your kingdom for the first time. Remind us that in our baptisms, you have declared us to be new creatures, freed for obedience and service. Amen

(time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Children of God, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Anthem Arise, Shine, Your Light has Come

arr. Purifoy

Time for Personal Reflection, Prayer, and Giving

Prayer Meditation Take Thou Our Minds

HALL



1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum-bly pray;
2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;



give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.



teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
help us to shed a - broad thy death-less love;
guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;



grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

...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.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn Down Galilee's Roadways

WEST MAIN



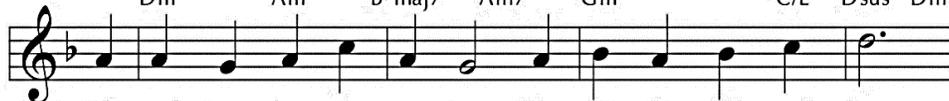
1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on
 2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
 3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.

(A9) (D/A) (G) (F#m)
 C9 F/C B^b Am



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.
 it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
 We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.

(Bm) (F#m) (Gmaj7) (F#m7) (Em) (A/C#)(Bsus)(Bm)
 Dm Am B^bmaj7 Am7 Gm C/E Dsus Dm



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
 The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:
 But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.

(G) (D/F#) (Em7) (G/A) (Asus)(A7) (D)
 B^b F/A Gm7 B^b/C Csus C7 F



but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
 "You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
 "You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

✠Benediction

Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 10, 2020

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor:	Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell	Sound Technician:	Bill Vilbig
Worship Leader:	Laurel Henderson	Livestream:	Leiza McArter
Interim Music Director:	Anna Peeples		Dexter Colorado
Interim Organist:	Seth Luna		

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school has resumed in the form of "Presbyterian 101" (and 201) for the purpose of training our newly elected elders! If you would like to attend this class, you can join on zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84162743555>. If you would like to join by phone, call 1-346-248-7799 (long distance). The meeting ID is 841 6274 3555. There is no participant ID or password.

2021 STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGET UPDATE

To date, we have received roughly \$133,000 in pledges from approximately 26 giving units for 2021. This marks a more than 50% decline from 2020, when we received \$280,000 in pledges from 43 giving units. Thanks to the generosity and stewardship of our leaders in years past, the church's balance sheet is able to absorb this deficit for next year. However, if the decline in giving becomes permanent, we would likely be looking at some difficult decisions regarding our staffing and mission support in the near future. Please make sure you have submitted your 2021 pledge. The session deeply thanks everyone who has supported Westminster during this unprecedented and anxious time! If you did not receive a stewardship packet in the mail, you may pick one up from the church office or fill out an online pledge card at: <https://forms.gle/P9w4pd7Bmx6bSrRK7>.

UPDATE: MISSION STUDY GROUP

The results presentation for the Congregational Assessment Tool survey was given on December 20. This presentation included important information about the spiritual profile and health of our congregation. If you were unable to "attend" the presentation, you are strongly encouraged to watch the recorded video of it, available here: <https://youtu.be/ykA9YJPN0nM>

DONATION REQUEST

The Stewpot, one of our partner mission agencies, is in need of the following items: large body wash bottles, large shampoo and conditioner bottles, large bars of soap and individually wrapped toilet paper. You can drop off the items in the wood box by the church office at WPC. If you have difficulty finding the box, or have questions, please call or text Mike Stanley at 817-724-7430. Thank you for your support!

PRAYER AND DEVOTION

Pastor Alex will host a brief time of midday devotion and prayer on Facebook Live every weekday at noon. Please visit our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas at 12:00pm every Monday through Friday to participate in the prayer.

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 11am every Sunday morning. To access the livestream, be sure to "Like" the Westminster Presbyterian Church - Dallas Facebook page at www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas. Even if you are not a registered Facebook "user," you should be able to access the live stream by clicking that above link. You can see previously broadcast full worship services and sermons by clicking the "Videos" tab on the Facebook page. Videos of services, sermons, and choral anthems are also available on our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YYEjyOBjYTxzSzEwiTw>.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Westminster welcomes your continued support. Checks can be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8200 Devonshire Dr, Dallas, TX 75209 or give online through Venmo (our username is West-Presby). If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office dans@wpcd.org or 214-351-3251.

FACEBOOK PAGE AND GROUP

Westminster has a Page and a Group on Facebook. The Group name is "WPCD Church Family Group," while the Page is "Westminster Presbyterian Church - Dallas." The Page is public: <https://www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas/> This is where you can stream the worship service and get other important news and announcements. The Group is private, and you must request to be admitted: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wpcdallas/> This is where we will share prayer requests, conversations about our church identity and mission, and other "private" matters. Join us today!

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