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Greetings & Announcements

Refrain: God is good / *All the time* / All the time / *God is good*

Prelude – *There Is A Fountain* arranged by Cindy Berry

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*

*Call to Worship (*from Psalm 19*)

The heavens declare the glory of God!

The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,
the night expounds God's knowledge without a word,
and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

***Let us join our voices with the voice of creation
in declaring God's glory!***

*Hymn (see insert) – *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity. Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption, decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.

*Response – *Trisagion*

***Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy, have mercy on us.***

*Passing of the Peace:

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: ***And also with you.***

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

Jonah David Pickens, child of Jon and Chelsea Pickens

Scripture Reading – Matthew 21:33-41

Sermon – *Abundance: Taking Inventory*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Andante* by Francis Linley (1771-1800)

***Doxology, Hymn #592**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***People: Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,***

We praise thee, we praise thee. Amen.

Leader: ... Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

The Prayer After Communion

SENDING

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response (here and also on screen)

May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You by P. Sutcliffe

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you.

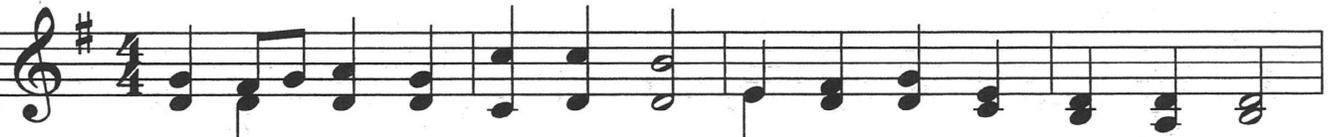
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

*Postlude – *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* arranged by Cindy Berry

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Reminders: It is Westminster College policy that we *must wear masks* from the time we set foot on campus until the time we leave. **Seating has been arranged to ensure social distance**, between individuals (near the front), couples (near the middle), and family groups (near the back). The chairs provided are the metal folding chairs used for the mission conference. If you prefer to use your own lawn/camp chair, you are welcome to do so. Hand sanitizer is provided, as are printed bulletins.

♪ **NWPC Handbell Choirs to resume:** Beginning Tuesday, October 13 the Joybells will rehearse at 5:30pm and the Carillon Choir at 7pm, in the sanctuary.



Mission Flag Focus for October centers on the local ministries our congregation supports that provide food for those in need: City Rescue Mission Thanksgiving baskets, PB&J program for WASD students, Westminster College Food Pantry, and the NWPC Blessing Box. More information to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October is the PLAY-DOH CHALLENGE: The Discipleship Steering Committee/UKirk have October gift bags for WC college students that each contain a little tub of Play-doh. During October, along with the students, the committee challenges members of the congregation to join the fun. **Please make a model to represent your favorite day of the creation story**, and then send a picture of your model to media@nwpresby.org. If you don't have any Play-Doh, there are lots of easy recipes online. Enjoy!

SHYG & JHYG are meeting — Yeah!! (Mask required.)
SHYG on Sunday, JHYG on Wednesday; 6-7:30pm

The **Nominating Committee** is beginning to meet and would appreciate receiving suggestions of folks you would like to have serve as elders, deacons or trustees. The form for that purpose in today's bulletin. Once completed, you may leave it on the table at the back of the amphitheater, return it to the NWPC office by dropping it off / via the mail, or send names by email to committee co-chairs Judy Veon (jltv331@gmail.com) or Dan Forsberg (deforsberg@comcast.net). Please pray for them.

SALT is meeting via Zoom with a discussion of Revolutionary Love, A Political Manifesto to Heal and Transform the World, by Michael Lerner. **9am on Sundays**, allowing time to travel to Anderson. Please contact Jim Hines, jhines55@hotmail.com, for a Zoom invitation. Join the conversation; all are welcome.

A new Adult Bible Study is meeting in our **Social Hall, 9–10am on Saturday mornings**. Chairs are spaced 6' apart. Please wear a mask. Contact Wally King (724-866-1027) or Dave Dawson (724-946-8828) for more details.



There are Sundays available on the **flower calendar** in October and November. Please sign-up for a date important to you by contacting the church office (724-946-3541/office@nwpresby.org). Or, stop by the church — the calendar is posted on the bulletin board right inside the southeast door. Thank you.

Online giving available: If you want to donate, a one-time gift/setup recurring payments, visit nwpresby.org/give. If you want instructions on setting up the smartphone app or need help setting up your payments, find the Instructions link under the Give tab on nwpresby.org. Another option: email Kay Taylor (kay@nwpresby.org) about Bill Pay. **If you or someone you know in our NWPC family needs assistance**, please contact Rev. Camlin: matt@nwpresby.org/724-747-7422.

Suggestions for Nominees

Your Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions of those active members of our congregation, including yourself, who might serve as Elder, Deacon or Trustee. On the reverse side of this form you will find a brief explanation of the role of these church officers.

“To those called to exercise special functions in the church, God gives suitable gifts for their various duties. In addition to possessing the necessary gifts and abilities, natural and acquired, those who undertake particular ministries should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world. They must have the approval of God’s people and the concurring judgment of a governing body of the church.”

Presbyterian Book of Order

Please offer your suggestion(s) for potential nominees, including yourself, on the form below. Place this form in the box labeled “Nominee Suggestion Forms” on the table at the back of the amphitheater, take/mail to the Church Office, or send suggestions via email to either Nominating Committee co-chair, Judy Veon (jltv331@gmail.com) or Dan Forsberg (deforsberg@comcast.net).

Thank you.

Suggested name: _____

Suggested for (CIRCLE ONE):

DEACON ELDER TRUSTEE

Reason for suggesting this person to the committee:

Your name (optional): _____



From the Presbyterian Book of Order:

G-2.0201 Deacons defined:

The ministry of deacons as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.

Section G-2.0301 Ruling Elder defined:

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named ...because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life.

Overview of Trustees:

The ministry of trustees is to serve as stewards of the congregation's facility and resources, ensuring that a church building intended for worship, education and fellowship works *for* the congregation and not against it. Trustees coordinate with staff members in overseeing all levels of maintenance. They also provide leadership to the congregation in the form of long-range facility, capital campaign, and resource management planning. While not ordained like Elders and Deacons, the role of the Trustee is vital to the congregation's ministry and mission.

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