

21st Sunday after Pentecost



October 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

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*At the ringing of the carillon please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.***

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

COME

Voluntary on “*Cwm Rhondda*” *setting by Theodore Beck*

*Call to Worship

Mark Nelson

When we look to the rock from which we were cut, and to the quarry from which we were dug,

we see our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, who were alone until God blessed them and made them many!

When we look to the cornerstone of the church, we see Christ, the Son of the living God. Beginning with Peter, God has made us into living stones.
God’s house will stand forever!

*Hymn #420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

Brothers and sisters, with hope in the mercies of God, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We think we can do it alone. So, we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. We struggle to reconcile relationships and recognize differences of opinion, both as individuals and as a community of your children. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in the mercy of your grace. Help us to be the body of Christ, to live in community, to care for one another, depend on your love instead of our own, and to use our different gifts to transform our community and ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord,
have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers. God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Amen.

***Response 567** **Glory Be to the Father** *Gloria Patri*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Amen. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**
Greet both friends and strangers saying,
The peace of Christ be with you.

During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand will suffice.

Moment for Ministry

Stacy Franzmann and the Blaha Family
Stewardship/Worship

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

God has given us gifts to share: acts of service, teaching, and leading, encouragement, diligence, and cheerfulness, giving without strings attached. Freely, then, we open our hearts, hands, and resources to a world in need.

Offering plates may be found as you exit the sanctuary.

Offertory

God of Mercy, God of Grace

Jerry F. Davidson

God of Mercy, God of Grace, show the brightness of thy face; shine upon us, Savior shine, fill thy church with light divine, and thy saving health extend, unto earth's remotest end. Let thy people praise the Lord, be by all that live adored; let the nations shout and sing Glory to their Savior King; let all be below, above, one in joy and light and love.

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Time with Young Disciples

Following the Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain with their families or to visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Lord our God, your name and your word are exalted above everything. We are listening for your word; we are looking for your light. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our minds and hearts so we may discern your will and respond in faith. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Psalm 100:1-5

Old Testament

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn #404 Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD

The Second Lesson Romans 12:1-5 New Testament

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

4 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,

5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Grounded in Worship The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for us according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

Prayers of the People

O great God, glorify yourself in all the earth. Be glorified in creation, be glorified in your church, be glorified in our worship here this very morning. Though we are so small and you are so grand, help us nevertheless to magnify your name. Help us to make your name and the nature of your grace larger and easier for people to see. Help us to live and to worship in such a way that we become like magnifying glasses through which our neighbors and coworkers and children and friends can see you come into focus in ways they may not have seen before.

When people ask for an explanation of the hope we have, give us the words to answer thoughtfully and well. When people wonder out loud who Jesus is and why he matters, help us to reply in words that will echo the sweetness of your gospel. Help us to magnify your name, O Lord, so that you may be glorified in all the earth.

We need the glory of your grace in a world bent on revenge, the glory of your truth in a world in love with lies, the glory of your holiness in a world filled with tawdriness, the glory of your resurrection life in a world mired in death. Make us transparent to you so that, because of your Spirit at work in us, this world can become a better place, a more kingdom-like place, a place of peace.

Be glorified in all that we do. We pray it ever and only in Jesus' precious name. **Amen.**

We pray silently...

And finally, together, as the people of God, we offer the prayer that Christ taught us, saying in one voice:

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.

*Hymn #446 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Charge and Benediction

Though we are many, remember that we are one body in Christ and members of one another. Offer your gifts according to the grace given you, as a living sacrifice to God.

May God who restores, Christ who calls, and the Spirit who empowers bless you and increase your joy and gladness, now and always.

Voluntary

On "*Thaxted*"

Gustav Holst
Setting by John A. Behnke



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers in the Chancel are given in memory of Martha D. Nelson MD (10/15/1931 – 8/6/2020) in honor of her 90th birthday by Roger Nelson and their children, Mark Nelson and Jane Nelson Hutchison.

Reverse Halloween/Event Rescheduled to Sat., Oct 30.

All ages are welcome to wear their costumes and meet at WPC's playground at 1:00 p.m. to decorate pumpkins and prepare treat bags before we parade over to Rockynol to brighten the fall time for the residents there! Candy and pumpkins are provided by WPC.

Monthly Financial Report

September 2021	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<u>Total Revenues</u>	\$46,514.36	\$55,235.16	\$443,362.36	\$398,853.94
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$31,352.33	\$44,705.81	\$340,890.08	\$426,078.64
Net	\$15,162.03	\$10,529.35	\$102,472.28	(\$27,224.70)

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the detailed financial report for the period ending September 30, 2021.



The music for this morning worship service is chosen by Roger Nelson as a tribute to his late wife Martha D Nelson, MD in honor of her 90th Birthday on October 15.



Martha served Westminster as an Elder on Session for three separate terms, Class of 1986, 1997, and 2010. Martha served as the Health Commissioner of Summit County Public Health for 38 years until her retirement in 1996.

Today's Liturgist is Martha's son Mark H Nelson, a resting Elder of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

For the most recent CDC guidance, we encourage you to visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Westminster's policy presently includes the following:

- Masks are now optional for all vaccinated adults. Unvaccinated adults are asked to continue masking.
- Masks are also optional for children and youth of every age, whether they have been vaccinated or not. This is at the discretion of the parent or guardian of the child or youth.
- Solos and congregational singing will continue both with and without masks.
- We will continue to observe social distancing measures, and the ushers will assist worshippers with seating in the sanctuary. The pews where worshippers are asked to sit are marked with a green sticker. If you would prefer to sit at a greater distance from others, please inform an usher who can guide you to a place where you will feel more comfortable.
- We have returned hymnals, Bibles, and giving envelopes to pews with green stickers. Offering trays and fellowship pads will not be passed at this time. Offering trays may be found at the entrance to the worship space.
- Livestreaming services will continue on YouTube.

Giving Online During these difficult times, the church remains grateful for your faithful support. To give electronically on the WPC website click under the tab "online giving" and use this QR Code.



Calendar of Church Events for the week of October 17—23, 2021

Sunday, 10/17

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Parenting group
- 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & on YouTube Livestream
Children's Choir in the Choir Room
- 11:30 am Worship Committee Meeting in Room 106

Monday, 10/18

- 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Women's Evening Circle in WHH

Tuesday, 10/19

- 9:30 am Quilt Ministry Meeting in WHH
- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Chancel

Wednesday, 10/20

- 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting in Room 106

Thursday, 10/21

- 9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting



Staff Schedule in the Office:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Other Staff:

Val Stewart, Director of Children's Choir

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Traci Range, Director of Childcare wpcchildcare1250@gmail.com

Volunteers:

Kristy Yates, Director of Adult Bell Choir

Finance Office: Shelley Koutnik. Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contact wpctreasurer1250@gmail.com for assistance.

The Church Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.



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