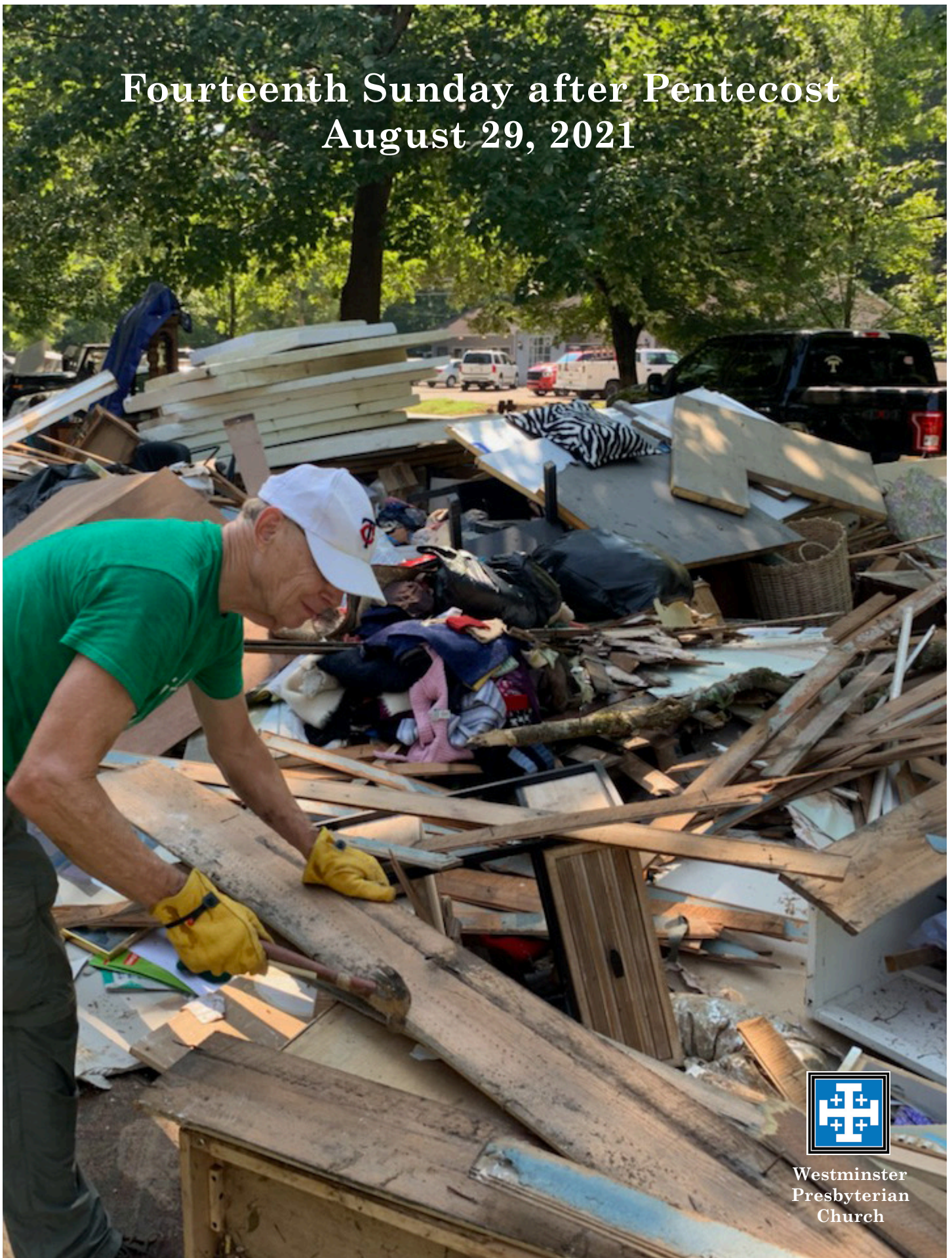


# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 29, 2021



Westminster  
Presbyterian  
Church

## GATHERING

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

### *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. Today's Prelude by Nashville native Phillips is a lively mixed-meter setting of the last hymn tune.

### *Worship on the Lord's Day*

Worship begins as the people gather - greeting one another, praying in silence, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.

### *Call to Confession*

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

### PRELUDE

Toccata on Hyfrydol

Craig Phillips

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

We gather to worship in the presence of God,  
**as if we stood on God's holy hill.**

We gather to worship as children of God,  
**as if we were standing in the waters of grace.**

We gather to worship the living God,  
**for God is here among us.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Holy God, you know the thoughts of our minds  
and all the works of our hands.**

**Teach us both to honor you with our lips  
and to worship you in our hearts,  
so that we may live according to your Word;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

### CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins,  
God, who is faithful and just,  
will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8-9)*

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God  
and one another.



## 630

## Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come  
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of  
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry  
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I  
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is  
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines  
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

*About Hymn  
630*

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German texts exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence,  
who may dwell on your holy hill:  
those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and who speak the truth from their heart.  
And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly.  
So often we stumble on the path of faith.  
The truth makes us nervous,  
and we pretend not to know what is right.  
Have mercy, O God.  
Convict us by your wisdom,  
cleans us by your grace,  
challenge us by your presence,  
and, by your forgiveness, free us to try again.

*(Silent confession)*

### About the Kyrie

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

### 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

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 grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

## 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.")*

### \*ACT OF PRAISE

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker

*(The congregation sings with the choir.)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Word of the Lord lasts forever.  
What is the Word that is living?  
It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead.

# CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

**James 1:17-27**

*(New Testament, page 229 in your pew Bible)*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*(New Testament, page 42 in your pew Bible)*

#### SERMON

“Where do you draw the line?” Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*

#### \*HYMN 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

#### *Scripture*

The scriptures bear witness to the word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who “became flesh and lived among us” (John 1:14). Where the word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord’s Day.

#### *About Hymn 708*

Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune’s name, no source has been found in Schumann’s works.

*Affirmation of Faith*

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

*Prayers of the People*

We pray for the world God so loves - joining Christ's own ministry of intercession and those of the Spirit. These prayers are not the work of a single leader, but an act of the whole congregation as Christ's royal priesthood. We affirm our participation in the prayer through our "amen" and other responses.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.  
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.**

**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

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,  
over and around us lies: *Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:  
*Lord of all ...*

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
*Lord of all ...*

For each perfect gift of thine To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,  
*Lord of all ...*

## **\*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!**

### *Doxology*

A short hymn of praise to the triune God (God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit).

## **\*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.**

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

We give thanks for God's many gifts and dedicate them to God's service.

Gracious Father, giver of all good things:  
For our home on earth and for your unfailing mercy,  
**we give you thanks.**

Christ, our Redeemer:  
For your sacrifice on the cross  
and rising from death that we might live,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life:  
For your abiding presence in our lives  
and for comforting and guiding us,  
**we give you thanks, praise, and glory.**

O triune God: To you be glory and praise  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## **\*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.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

A summary of all prayer and the final climactic prayer of our worship service.

*Matthew 6:9-13  
and Luke 11:2-4.*

*About Hymn 717*

The text was commissioned in 1987 by Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, where it has continued to be used each Sunday as the offertory response. The triune activity of God as Creator (line 1), Savior (line 2), and Sustainer (line 7) enables and inspires our thanks and praise.

*About the Postlude*

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. Today's Postlude is from a larger collection by R.V. Williams of Welsh hymn tunes.

*Christian worship and service* does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day; we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living. In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.

## SENDING

### \*HYMN 717

HYFRYDOL

For the Life That You Have Given  
*(First verse sung by choir alone, then all repeat)*

For the life that you have given,  
for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor,  
with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises;  
heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you,  
living what we pray and sing.

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol

R.V. Williams

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*\*(Those who are able may stand.)*



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# 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)*

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## Today @ Westminster

### Worship Leaders

#### Preaching

The Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake  
*Pastor*

#### Liturgist

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

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Julie Wilson  
11:00 AM Bob Hines

#### Music

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

Dr. John Semingson  
*Director of Music Ministries*

Dr. Polly Brecht  
*Organist*

### Flowers

*The flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Dunk and Virginia Love Bowman  
by Jennie Graves Bowman.*

### Childcare Room Locations

Classroom 146 - babies  
Classroom 152 - toddlers  
Classroom 151 - 2s and 3s  
Classroom 160 - 4s, 5s and kindergarten

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org)

### New Member & Inquirer Class to Start September 12th!

If you would like to be a part of this class or have questions about exploring or joining Westminster, please contact Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (see above).

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### Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or week, go to [nashvillewpc.org](http://nashvillewpc.org) and in the Quick Links box, go to "WPC Live Stream and Recent Services" and click on the Media icon on the far right.

### Dial-A-Service

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM to listen to the sermon.

### Mask Policy

Due to the Delta variant, mask-wearing is mandatory at the 8:30 AM worship service.

Mask-wearing will continue to be strongly encouraged at the 11:00 AM service. The balcony is now open as an additional space for mask-wearers only. If you are wearing a mask, you are welcome to sit in the balcony.

## GETconnected

### Lemonade on the Lawn

Following both worship services, lemonade (along with coffee, water, and treats) will be served outdoors in front of the Sanctuary steps, weather permitting. **All are welcome!**

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### H.O.S.T. Groups

#### Hearts Open to Sharing Together!

HOST groups are small groups of 12-20 men and women that meet monthly 8-10 times a year.

Some groups are inter-generational, some are similarly aged.

These small groups experience fellowship around dinner followed by engaging faith reflection and discussion. These gatherings are designed to be casual and are hosted in homes (modifications will be made as needed for COVID-safety).

New HOST groups are being created for fall 2021, so please let us know if you would like join one or have questions.

#### **Everyone is invited!**

Please contact:

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Beth Moore, 615.210.5841;  
[bmoore@srvhlaw.com](mailto:bmoore@srvhlaw.com).

# MINISTRIES

## CHILDREN

### Third Grade Bible Presentation

**Our third graders will receive their own personalized Bible on Sunday, September 12.**

**If you have not submitted your child's full name, please contact Hannah Sims, 615.292.5526; [hsims@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hsims@nashvillewpc.org).**

The Session of Westminster has voted that, with the emergence of the Delta variant, and since children ages eleven and under, cannot yet be vaccinated, we will offer a new opportunity for nurturing the faith of our families with children. *At this time, the church is unable to operate as a pod to minimize interactions.*

**As an alternative, we will offer an outdoor service for young families.**

- September 12 - October 17
- 9:45 AM in North Parking Lot
- 30 - 45 minutes long (worship and education)
- Casual dress

After fall break, we will re-evaluate. We will begin regular, in the classroom, Sunday School for children as soon as we can safely do so.

For more information, please contact Sophie Maness, 615.292.5526; [smaness@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:smaness@nashvillewpc.org).

## MUSIC

Laudate Youth Choir (grades 7-12) resumes today, 5:00 - 6:00 PM. We will begin in the Choir Room. For safety sake right now, it is necessary that you be vaccinated and masked for rehearsal. We look forward to being together again and making some great music!

For more information, please contact John Semingson, 615.292.5526; [johns@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:johns@nashvillewpc.org).

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## ADULT EDUCATION

### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Join us in the Covenant Class on September 12, 9:45 AM in Fellowship Hall as we welcome our guest speaker, Laura Fabrycky, author of *Keys To Bonhoeffer's House*. Books are available in the office for \$12.

### FALL CLASSES

If you are interested in joining a Disciple class or short-term study, please look at the list on the following page and contact Guy Griffith, 615.292.5526; [ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org).

### Westminster Book Group

**September 28  
9:45 AM - 11:00 AM  
Goodpasture Hall**

***Keys to Bonhoeffer's Haus:  
Exploring the World and Wisdom  
of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*  
by Laura Fabrycky  
Leader: Guy Griffith**

## **Disciple Studies**

### **Disciple I**

Fast Track

Thursday • 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM • Zoom

Led by Guy D. Griffith

Starts September 16

### **Disciple II**

Fast Track

Tuesday • 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM • Hybrid

Led by Guy D. Griffith

Starts September 14

Regular Series

Wed • 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM • In-Person

Led by Melinda Coles

& Susan Weathersby

Starts September 1

### **Disciple IV**

Regular Series

Sunday • 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM • Hybrid

Led by Guy Griffith & Jonathan Cole

September 12

Wed • 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM • Hybrid

Led by Guy D. Griffith & Jim Hartman

Starts September 15

## **Short Term Studies**

### **Monday**

Sacred Pause

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Led by Sophie Maness & Janet Kuhn

Join us for a study of the book *Sacred Pauses* by April Yamakaki.

For moms of young children. It is easy to feel run-ragged, and out of energy on every level. This time on Mondays is time for adult conversation with other moms, and a time to create space to care for

yourself spiritually.

Childcare will be provided.

Starts September 13

### **Wednesday**

Disciple XV

9:30 AM • ZOOM

*Prayer in The Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep*

Led by Sharon Warfield

Starts September 8

## **Bible Studies**

### **Sunday**

Journey with Jesus

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Meets in person once a month and meets via Zoom the other Sundays.

Led by Suzie Lane

The Journey with Jesus Bible study group uses the weekly lectionary essay at <https://www.journeywithjesus.net> to lead weekly discussions.

Starts August 29

### **Tuesday**

What Would Jesus Do?

A Journey through the Gospels

Come with us - just one hour a week - as we slowly walk through the Gospels.

Join either:

Tuesdays • 7:00 PM • Zoom  
starting September 14

Wednesdays • 11:00 AM • Zoom  
starting September 15

To join this class, please email Terri Eckert, [teckert@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:teckert@nashvillewpc.org), and indicate which class you would like to attend. Zoom information will follow.



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# SERVE

## **Elder Nominations**

Nominations for next year's elder class and Legacy Fund trustees (the Class of 2025) are requested from Westminster Presbyterian members.

To nominate a church member, complete a suggestion form found (1) in the Parlor by the wooden Suggestion Box, or (2) online at [www.nashvillewpc.church](http://www.nashvillewpc.church).

Nominations close October 10, 2021.

Following the end of nominations, the Church Nominating Committee will recommend a slate of elder and Legacy

Fund trustee candidates representing the demographics of the church as a whole. Photos and biographical information on nominees will be published in a future issue of the *Community* newsletter. Elections will be conducted at the March 6, 2022 congregational meeting. The new class of elders will begin their three-year terms on May 1, 2022.

For more information, please contact Linda Koon, [lrussellkoon@bellsouth.net](mailto:lrussellkoon@bellsouth.net).

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# CONNECT

## **Westminster's First Annual Benefit Golf Outing Monday, October 18, 2021 Gaylord Springs Golf Links**

Lunch and practice facilities will be available at 12:00 PM with a shotgun-scamble starting at 1:30 PM.

There will be a closest to the pin and a putting contest.

Opportunities for hole sponsorship are available for \$100.

Other winner categories will be determined by the committee.

We need 70 players to be able to have use of the entire course. Players of all abilities are encouraged to participate. If you do not have partners you will be

assigned to a group.

This is an opportunity for a wonderful afternoon of fun and community.

The total fee for food and play is \$100/person.

*All proceeds will benefit Second Harvest Food Bank.*

Please contact Roger Maness, [roger.maness@comcast.net](mailto:roger.maness@comcast.net) to register if you are interested.

For other questions, please email Terry Allen, [tallen1939@gmail.com](mailto:tallen1939@gmail.com).

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# MISSIONS



## **Cockrill Elementary - Pencil Partner**

Become a Reading Partner with the children at Cockrill Elementary. It is a 30-minute, once per week commitment for one semester. Training is provided. More information on Reading Partners will be coming soon.

For more info, contact Jennifer Anderson, [andersonjl2001@yahoo.com](mailto:andersonjl2001@yahoo.com).



## **Hillwood High School - United4Hope**

Want to help more high school youth feel they can make it in college? Think you don't have time or subject knowledge? Afraid of multi-week commitment? AVID is the answer. And Hillwood High students need you. This is a very different style and expectation than usual tutoring. You can learn more in today's Minute for Mission. A flyer is available in the Parlor.

For more info, please contact Ann Schulze, [anngschulze@outlook.com](mailto:anngschulze@outlook.com) or Janet Kuhn, [janetkuhn@comcast.net](mailto:janetkuhn@comcast.net).

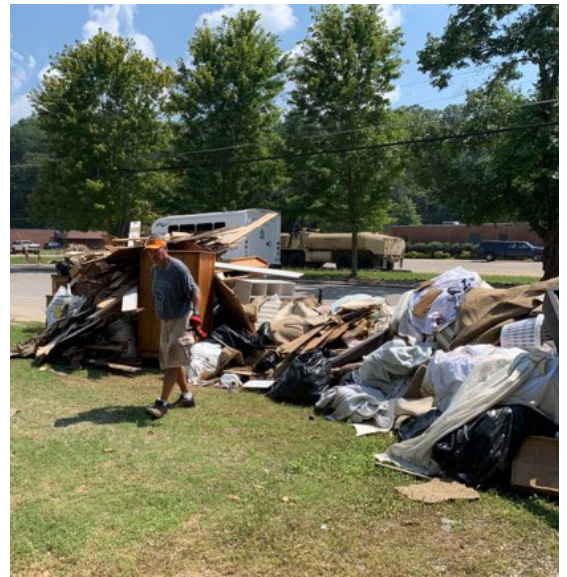


## **Earth Care Task Force**

We meet at 5:30 PM the second Wednesday of every month. Currently, our meetings are virtual. Come for the environmental education and fellowship, stay for the projects we plan to do.

For more information, please contact: Curtis Baysinger, 803.603.8221; [Cbaysinger2@gmail.com](mailto:Cbaysinger2@gmail.com)





Westminster members jumped into action this week to help our neighbors in Waverly, Tennessee after the recent flooding.

Thanks to all the folks who pitched in. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please drop a check by the church office and write "disaster assistance" in the memo line.

Photos: Donovan Drake



# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

## Sunday, August 29

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Youth
- 9:45 AM Covenant Class
- Search Class
- Faith & Fellowship
- The CALLING
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Tintinnabulation Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Journey with Jesus
- Laudate Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

## Monday, August 30

- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer

## Tuesday, August 31

- 7:30 AM Bible Study

## Wednesday, September 1

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 AM Disciple II (Melinda Coles)
- 11:00 AM Pastor's Aides Ministry Team Mtg
- 6:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team Mtg
- 6:15 PM Benevolence Mtg
- 7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, , September 2

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Youth Small Group
- 7:00 PM Families with Children Care Team

## Friday, September 3

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 AM Ladies' Bridge

For more information on the events listed here, please contact the church office, 615.292.5526.

## 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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