

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
September 5, 2021

Faith
& Works

one cannot be without the other



Westminster
Presbyterian
Church

There is no difference between the words and works of Jesus. The works have exactly the same message as the words. The message and words concentrate on the announcement of the Kingdom of God. The miracles and works show us what the Kingdom is like.

John Wimber

The Person who teaches others by actions, not by words, is truly wise.

Abba Hyperichius

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

J.S. Bach

Chorale Prelude on Schmücke dich, BWV 654
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds God's people.

(Ps. 125:1-2)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Direct and help us, O Lord,
in all our deeds,
that in all our works**

**begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally, by your mercy,
obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

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 traditionally accompanies Holy Communion as a joyous fest. Bach has "adorned" Johann Crüger's tune with ornaments and melismas, perhaps making the popular tune difficult to recognize.

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.

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

About Hymn 610

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

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.

About the Kyrie

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

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In raising Jesus from the dead
God shattered the power of sin and death.
All the prophets testify
that everyone who believes in Christ
receives forgiveness of sin through his name. *(Acts 10:43)*

Let us confess our sin before God
and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, as we walk with each other
on the path of discipleship,
we confess that we argue and bicker.
Forgive us when we are distracted by concerns
that keep us from hearing your teaching.
We seek our own glory and privilege,
even as you call us to service and sacrifice.
Forgive us for seeking to be first.
Call us, again, to be your servants,
and teach us to welcome one another
as you welcome all.**

(Silent confession)

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

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**

(Hymn 513) FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in
the hymn of all creation. Refrain.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

(Old Testament, page 604 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalms 146 (Hymn 806)

OLD 113TH

[see page 6 for hymn]

James 2:1-10, 14-17

(New Testament, pages 229 and 230 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

“Come, Labor On”

Guy D. Griffith

*“Dear friends, do you think you’ll get anywhere in this
if you learn all the right words but never do anything?”*

(James 2:14, The Message)

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world
as God’s reconciling community.**

**This community, the church universal,
is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation
and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities,
which separate people from God and from each other.
Christ has called the church to this mission
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**The church maintains continuity
with the apostles and with Israel
by faithful obedience to Christ’s call.**

(from The Confession of 1967)

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.

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.

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I'll Praise My Maker

(Psalm 146)

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.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

Irish folksong/arr. Fedak

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.
Spirit, open my heart ...

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought and word and deed, may my living bring you glory.
Spirit, open my heart ...

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.
Spirit, open my heart ...

Doxology

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

*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!**

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord ... raising the dead to life.

Therefore, we join our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful in every time and place
who forever sing your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
 God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na
 in the high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes, he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

(The congregation may be seated.)

Thank you, Lord ...resurrection and life.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Spirit, come ... in the world to come.

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,
 honor and power, forever and ever!

ALL:
 [organ] A - men, A - men, A - men.

*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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

Anthem

ADORO TE DEVOTE/arr. Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me know thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me. I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And with actions neighborly, Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let they word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

SENDING

***HYMN 79**

TEMPLE OF PEACE

Light Dawns on a Weary World
[see page 10 for hymn]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

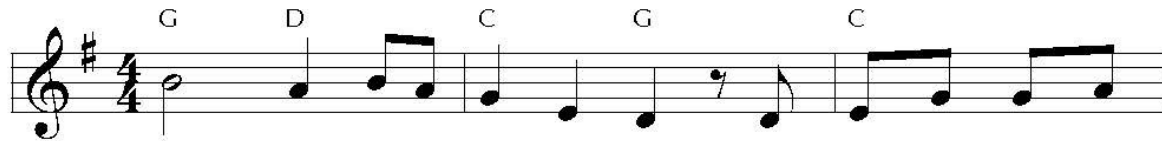
Fugue in C "Jig", BuxWV 174 Dietrich Buxtehude

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

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. Today's Postlude: Buxtehude was a great influence on J.S. Bach, and this Fugue is thought to be the inspiration for Bach's gigue fugue in G, which came out a few years later.

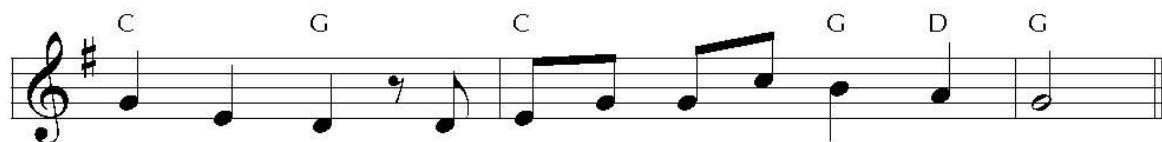
79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



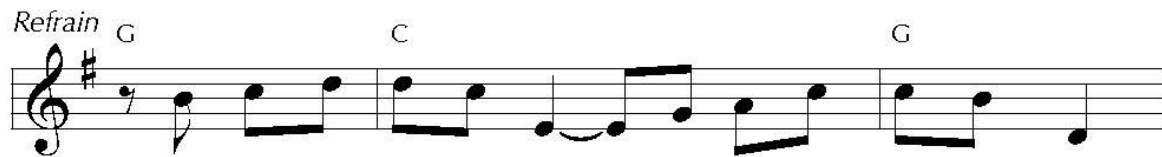
1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



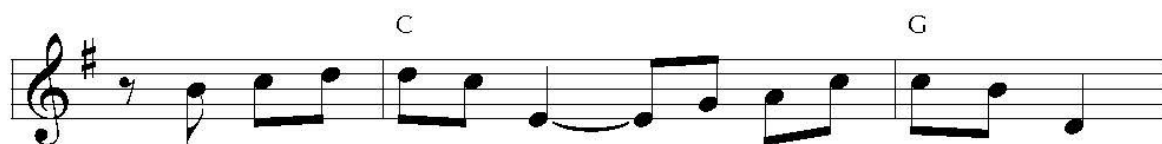
wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

About Hymn 79

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

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)

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

The Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith
*Associate Pastor for Adult Education
and Spiritual Nurture*

Liturgist

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Nathan Ridley
11:00 AM Ann Harris

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 Jim Crafton
on his September 10th birthday,
and every day, by his family, Kim,
Mary Helen, and Elizabeth.*

Childcare Room Locations

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

Communion

The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices “open Communion” without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Westminster celebrates the “Eucharist,” meaning “thanksgiving,” on the first Sunday of each month, on the first Sunday of each liturgical season, and on every Sunday during the Season of Easter, except Baptism Sundays.

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

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).

Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or week, go to nashvillewpc.church and look for a Past Services box, go to Worship Service Archive and click on the service you would like to watch.

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!**

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.

MINISTRIES

ADULT EDUCATION

Today's Classes:

Search • 211

We will discuss scripture James 2:1-10, 14-17 and how we are trying to live into that in our lives, in addition to checking in with each other.

Faith & Fellowship • 214

September 12

Covenant Class • 9:45 AM

Special guest speaker, Laura Fabrycky is author of the new book, *Keys to Bonhoeffer's Haus*. While her husband was stationed at the American Embassy in Berlin, Laura became a guide of the Bonhoeffer-Haus in Berlin and takes readers on a tour of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's home, city, and world. She shares the keys she has discovered there--the many sources of Bonhoeffer's identity, his practices of Scripture meditation and prayer, his willingness to cross boundaries and befriend people all around the world--that have unlocked her understanding of her own life and responsibilities in light of Bonhoeffer's wisdom.

Keys to Bonhoeffer's Haus tells his story in new ways and invites us to think beyond him into our own lives and civic responsibilities. Fabrycky shows readers how to consider what befriending Bonhoeffer might mean for us and the ways we live our lives today. Ultimately, through her transformative tour of Bonhoeffer's Berlin, she inspires readers to discover and embrace responsible forms of civic agency and loving, sacrificial action on behalf of our neighbors.

CHILDREN

September 12

NEW Worship Service

9:45 AM • Parlor Courtyard

Beginning September 12, we will have an outdoor worship service and learning time for families with children. We will begin promptly at 9:45 AM in the Parlor Courtyard. The courtyard will be covered with a tent, so we are not weather dependant.

Donovan will be the primary leader. We will explore stories of Jesus' life. Our first story is lowering the paralyzed man down through the roof. Where does healing have to occur in your life?

September 12 is a big day as we will hand out third grade Bibles.

When we finish the short service, we will have tables set up in Blevins Garden for families to explore the story further.

Our first Sunday, we will put together hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the folks who are recovering from Hurricane Ida. At another table, we will put together backpack tags that remind us of God's peace and presence with us. We will have another station with simple games about the story, and a station to make cards to give to others.

Our model each week will stay the same, worship followed by centers based on the story of the week. We will have these outdoor worship services for six weeks and will then reevaluate.

This is a short-term solution until we can get into our familiar routine.

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

Started September 1 - still time to join

Disciple IV

Regular Series

Sunday • 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM • Hybrid

Led by Guy Griffith & Jonathan Cole

Starts 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 Pauses

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

Started August 29 - still time to join

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

Tuesday & Wednesday

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, and indicate which class you would like to attend. Zoom information will follow.

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.

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.

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 starting at \$100. Contact Lisa Kirk Levine, li5k@aol.com, for information or to sponsor a hole.

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 to register if you are interested.

For other questions, please email Terry Allen, tallen1939@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 5

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Youth
 - Search Class
 - Faith & Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 5:00 PM Journey with Jesus

Monday, September 6

- Church Campus Closed -

Tuesday, September 7

- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 12:30 PM Caring Connections Ministry Mtg

Wednesday, September 8

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 AM Disciple II (Melinda Coles)
 - Disciple XV
- 11:00 AM Pearlseekers
- 5:30 PM Earth Care Task Force
- 7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 9

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, September 10

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

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



Communion kits are available for Seniors living in a residency or independently.

Please contact Sylvia Leins, srleins@yahoo.com to receive one or add someone you know to the list for the next Communion Sunday.

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If you have questions about a certain event listed on our calendar, please contact a member of our program staff.

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