



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Baptism
September 12, 2021



Westminster
Presbyterian
Church

Front Cover

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Tom Snider;
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José baptism.

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 comes from a collection of Sketches on Themes of Baptism. The 6th century chant Vexilla regis, the Royal banners, has been interpreted symbolically to represent baptism.

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.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE From A New Creation David M. Cherwien
I. Prelude – Water
Vexilla regis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asked,
and Peter answered, “The Messiah.”
Let us worship the One who is our savior
and follow in Christ's path of love.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God,
you call your church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 265

DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CALL TO CONFESSION

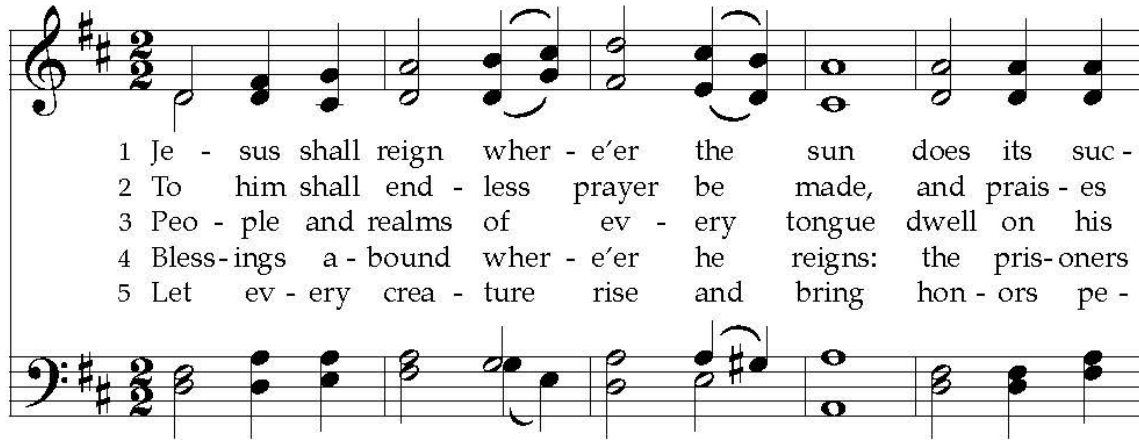
The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him,
we dare to approach God with confidence.

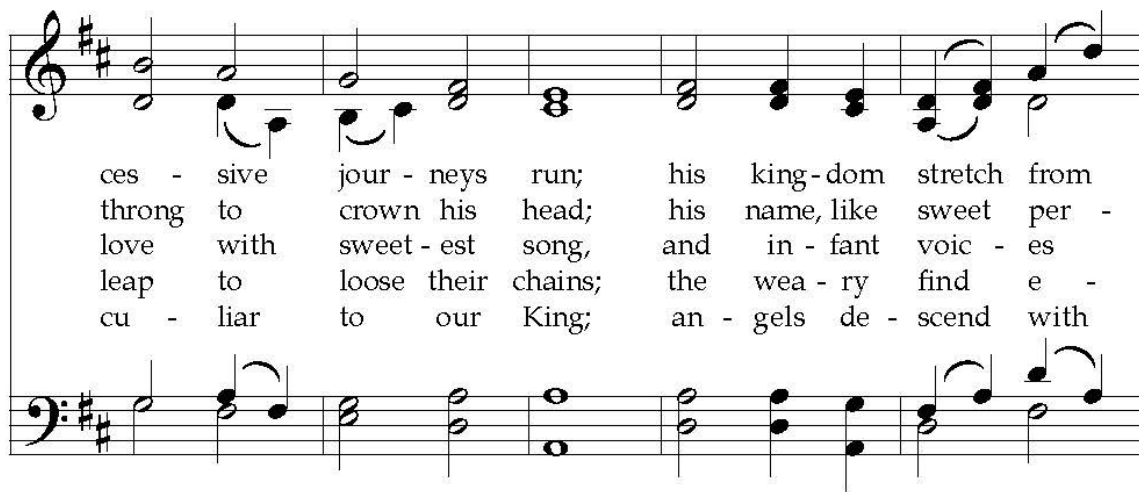
(Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16)

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.


265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

About Hymn 265

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5-19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer. Text by Isaac Watts, 1719. Music attributed to John Hatton, 1793.

*Prayer of
Confession*

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the errant state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

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.

Act of Praise

The Act of Praise brings together the choir and congregation to sing God's praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow you:
to carry the truth of your justice like a banner
and bear the yoke of life as your servant.
We are hesitant, O God, to serve anyone but ourselves.
We draw from the imagery of the cross,
forgetting that, in you, it has become a source
of glory.
Forgive us, O God, and call us once more
to set aside our selfishness and follow in
your way.**

(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** Glory to God in the Highest John Weaver

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

James 3:1-12

(New Testament, page 230 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 116

Philip Stopford

I love the Lord, for he has heard
the voice of my supplication,
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me,
by grief and sorrow was I held.
I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul!”

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
The Lord watches over the simple;
I was brought very low and he saved me.
Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has been gracious to you.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
For you have delivered my soul from death,
delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling;
in the land of the living.

Mark 8:27-38

(New Testament, pages 43-44 in your pew Bible)

Psalm 116

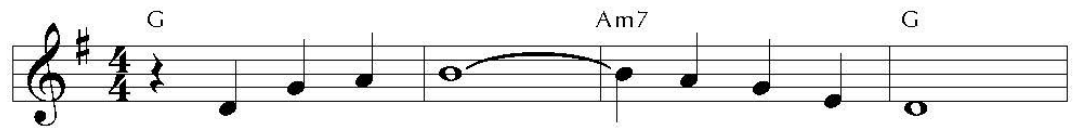
This beautiful setting of Psalm 116 was composed by British church musician, Philip Stopford (b. 1977). Stopford began his musical career as a chorister at Westminster Abbey in London and later graduated from Oxford University. He is now Organist and Choirmaster for Christ Church, Bronxville, NY.

(A moment for meditation)

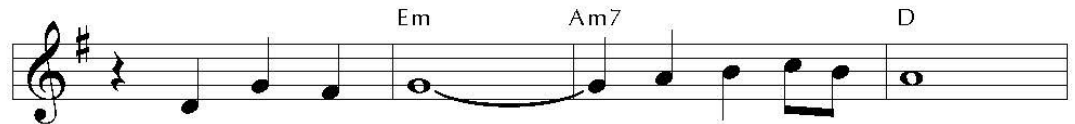
About Hymn 693

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaption of an English folk melody. Text by Hal Hopson, 1972 (Hal is a former Director of Music for Westminster); Music: English folksong.

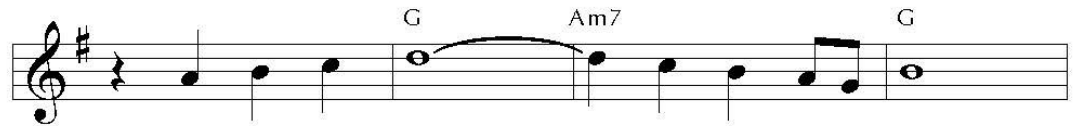
***HYMN 693** **Though I May Speak** **GIFT OF LOVE**



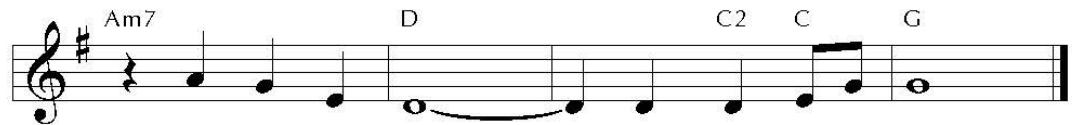
1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (8:30 a.m.)

(See Profession of Faith on page 7.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

O obeying the word of our Lord Jesus,
 and confident of his promises,
 we baptize those whom God has called.

**In baptism God claims us and seals us
 to show that we belong to God.
 God frees us from sin and death,
 uniting us with Jesus Christ in his
 death and resurrection.**

**By water and the Holy Spirit,
we are made members of the Church,
the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry
of love, peace, and justice.
Let us remember with joy our own baptism,
as we celebrate this sacrament.**

Questions to the Parents, Congregation and Children of the Church

***Profession of Faith**

Through baptism we enter the covenant...

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

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.

Eternal and gracious God...lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Welcome

The Apostles' Creed: The oldest surviving baptismal liturgy, dating from around the year 200 C.E., describes the candidate for baptism standing in water and affirming the faith by responding to three questions. Each question corresponds to one person of the Trinity. The Paschal Candle is symbolic of Christ's death and resurrection. The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, is our Paschal sacrifice. The Paschal Candle also symbolizes the light of the risen Christ, shining in the world. The use of this symbol dates from the early days of the Church. New Christians were given a lighted candle, symbolic of their having died and been raised to new life in Christ through baptism. Each family is given a Paschal Candle to use annually on the anniversary of the baptism as a symbolic reminder of God's gift of redemption and new life in Jesus Christ.

"Borning Cry" is one of the most popular songs in recent hymnals. The ballad style of the music lends itself to a feeling of a love song. A love song it is—between God and the singer. Many hymns address God from the human perspective, but few address humanity from God's point of view. The spirit of "Borning Cry" is one of a God who loved us from the beginning of time and continues to love us throughout the seasons of our life.

The author and composer is John Carl Ylvisaker (b. 1937), a native of Fargo, N.D. He studied at Concordia College in Minnesota, where he received a bachelor's degree in 1959.

Ubi caritas is an ancient Gregorian Chant and text from about 796. French organist and composer, Maurice Duruflé, used this chant tune and text as the theme for his much-beloved gem of choral repertoire composed in 1960. Victor Johnson (b. 1978) composed an original musical setting of this very old text. He teaches at the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the body of Christ.

Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others. Amen.

Baptismal Anthem

(11:00 a.m.)

John Ylvisaker

I was there to hear your borning cry. I'll be there when you are old.
 I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
 I was there when you were but a child with faith to suit you well,
 in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on,
 You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
 If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
 When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
 I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old,
 I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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

Ubi Caritas *(8:30 a.m.)* Maurice Duruflé
(11:00 a.m.) Victor C. Johnson

Where all charity and love are, God is always there.
 We are all gathered unto one by the Christ's love.
 Let us all rejoice and be glad in him: let us praise God!
 Let us revere and love the living God, Let us love each other
 from the depths of our heart. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

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Doxology

**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!**

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.

**O God our Sovereign,
author and giver of all good things,
we thank you for all your mercies
and for your loving care for all your creatures.**

**We bless you for the gift of life,
for your protection around us,
for your guiding hand upon us,
and for the tokens of your love within us.**

**We are grateful for friendship and duty,
for good hopes and precious memories,
for the joys that cheer us
and the trials that teach us to trust you.**

**Most of all, we glorify you
for the saving knowledge of your Child;
for the living presence of your Spirit;
for your Church, the body of Christ;
for the ministry of word and sacrament
and all the means of grace.**

**In all things, O God,
make us wise in the right use of your gifts
and make of our lives, through all our days,
an acceptable thanksgiving. 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.**

SENDING

***HYMN 722**

CANONBURY

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak
[see page 11 for hymn]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

From A New Creation
III. Postlude: Community
Ubi caritas et amor

David M. Cherwien

*About the
Postlude*

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. Today's Postlude also from Sketches on Themes of Baptism, is a spirited setting based on the 8th century chant translated as "Where true charity is, God is there."

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

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

About Hymn 722

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes. Text by Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; Music by Robert Schumann, 1839.

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

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. Donovan Drake
Pastor

Liturgist

Sophie Maness
Executive Director of Family Ministries

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Jennie Renwick
11:00 AM X Lucas

Presenting Elder for Baptism

11:00 AM Suzanne Allen

Music

8:30 AM Westminster Choir
11:00 AM Laudate 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
Roberta and John Hill Bailey, Jr.;
Sarah Faulconer and Ed Weaver;
Frances Bailey Graves; and David K.
Linley, Sr. by the family.*

Baptisms

*The sacrament of baptism will be
administered today
at the 11:00 AM worship service to*

Elizabeth Love,
daughter of Kate and Ben Blocker

Esther Sims,
daughter of
Lucy Kay and Marshall Haggard

Childcare Room Locations

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

Today @ Westminster

Third Grade Bibles

It is a privilege to present New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Bibles to the children in our Third Grade Church School Class. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

(Psalm 119:105, NRSV)

Tennyson Coles Armstrong
Caroline Grace Fend
Ava Ralls Gebhard
James Zachary Keiper
Frank Mitchell Kinnett
Charles Hylton Lyman
William Alexander McKnight, Jr.
Minna Reid Maggart
Conner Matson Mulron
Molly McClain Reynolds
Tatum Rebecca Schick
Lila Catherine Sieveking
Harrison Charles Frank Stafford
Andrew Myers Thomas
William Price Thompson
Emily Christina Warner
Walter Colin Weeks
Jack Greyson Williams

Journey Through The Bible

September 12 • 3:00 PM

Parlor Courtyard

We would love to have all third and fourth grade children and parents join us!

It is a one hour workshop to help children and their parents get a sense of their Bible. It is set up in centers, so you go at your pace. There is bread to taste, and there are interactive things to do as you explore your Bible together.



NEW Worship Service For Young Families

9:45 AM • Parlor Courtyard

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.

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

- September 12 - October 17
- 30 - 45 minutes long (worship and education)
- Casual dress

For more information, please contact Sophie Maness, 615.292.5526; smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

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

Fall New Member & Inquirer Class Starts Today!

September 12 – October 24
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM • Room 10
In-Person & via Zoom

All Are Welcome!

Contact Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler for more information.

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 and 11:00 AM worship services.

GETconnected

Lemonade on the Lawn

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

FINANCIALS

Each month, the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses.

If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact:

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Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer, suzannegm58@gmail.com

Jo Ann McFarlin, Administrator, jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org or 615-292-5526 x231.

August 31, 2021

	August	Year to Date
Income:	\$243,793	\$2,413,552
Expense:	\$237,051	\$2,159,127
Net Income: (loss)	\$ 6,742	\$ 254,425

MINISTRIES

ADULT EDUCATION

Today's Classes:

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Special guest speaker, Laura Fabrycky is author of the new book, *Keys to Bonhoeffer's Haus*.

Faith & Fellowship • 214

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.

The CALLING • Goodpasture Hall

Westminster Academy

Wednesday, September 15

7:00 PM • Zoom

Climate Change:

**What We and the PC(USA) Can Do
A short tour and longer discussion**

We start our fall series, in conjunction with the Earth Care Task Force, with a discussion of the film, "Chasing Coral."

The film shows the devastation that climate change is having on coral reefs worldwide. Mark Eakin, PhD, a retired coral scientist from NOAA, will moderate the discussion.

SERVE

Elder & Trustee 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
- (2) online at www.nashvillewpc.church

Nominations close October 10, 2021.

For more information, please contact Linda Koon, lrussellkoon@bellsouth.net.

CONNECT

Westminster Golf Outing

Monday, October 18, 2021

Gaylord Springs Golf Links

All proceeds will benefit Second Harvest Food Bank.

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

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

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

Please contact Roger Maness, roger.maness@comcast.net to register.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 12

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Youth
 - Covenant Class
 - Faith & Fellowship
 - Search Class
 - The CALLING
 - Young Families Worship
 - New Member & Inquirer Class
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Tintinnabulation Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Journey with Jesus
 - Laudate Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Disciple IV
- 6:05 PM Youth Group

Monday, September 13

- 9:00 AM Sacred Pauses
- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer

Tuesday, September 14

- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM The Isaiah Study
- 11:15 PM Cong Care Steering Com
- 6:30 PM Disciple II FT
- 7:00 PM Families w/Children Care team
- 7:00 PM What Would Jesus Do?

Wednesday, September 15

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 AM Disciple II (Melinda Coles)
 - Disciple XV
 - Disciple IV
- 11:00 AM Pearlseekers
 - What Would Jesus Do?
- 5:30 PM Finance Meeting
- 7:00 PM Westminster Academy
- 7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 16

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
- 11:45 AM Disciple I FT
- 3:00 PM Berevement Ministry Meeting

Friday, September 17

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

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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