

### **GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias

King's Weston

Robert Powell

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Jesus Christ is coming to reign.

to God be glory forever and ever!

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

God of all glory,
on this first day you began creation,
bringing light out of darkness.
On this first day you began your new creation,
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.
On this Lord's Day, when we celebrate
the reign of Christ,
grant us the grace and courage to follow him.
In his saving power which is love, we pray. Amen.

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2

ITALIAN HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

If we claim 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 our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins, whatever separates us from God, from our neighbors, and from ourselves.

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 preludes celebrate Christ the King. William Mathias (1934-1992) was a noted Welsh composer of primarily choral works. The text for King's Weston (At the Name of Jesus) can be found in the hymnal, Hymn 264.

Worship on the Lord's Day

The Cross and the Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality in worship of Jesus Christ—the Living Word, and the Bible—the written Word.

#### 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.



Please wear masks when singing.

#### About Hymn 2

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of Biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words. **TEXT: Collection** of hymns for Social Worship, 1757; MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess
that we have failed to seek your will.
You come to us in glory,
yet we hide our faces from you.
You speak to us in truth,
yet we close our hearts to your word.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Release us from sin, restore our lives,
and rule in our hearts, this day and always;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent confession)

#### 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.

## **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.

### 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.

John 18:33-37

(New Testament, page 113 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 93 David Hurd

The Lord shall reign forever and ever.
The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel,
and girded himself with strength.
He has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.
The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from the everlasting.

The waters have lifted up their voice, the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

Mightier that the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, Mightier is the Lord who dwells on high. Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, forever and for evermore.

The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

#### Revelation 1:4b-8

(New Testament, page 245 in your pew Bible)

**SERMON** 

"The One Who Loves Us"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

Prayer for Illumination

A Prayer for Illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

David Hurd (born 1950) is a composer, concert organist, choral director and educator. Dr. Hurd was Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Chapel Music at the General Theological Seminary, Chelsea, New York City, for 39 years. He is presently the Director of Music at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin (Manhattan)in Times Square, New York City. In 1977 he received first prizes in both Organ Performance and in Organ Improvisation from the International Congress of Organists, being the only person ever to win both prizes in the same year.

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#### 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.

"Who Was and Is and Is to Come" is a cantabile setting of the Revelation text, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth." The composer is currently Director of Choral Activities at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, GA and has successfully led choral programs in middle school, high school and colleges. He holds a DMA in Conducting from the University of South Carolina and his Bachelors and Masters degrees from Belmont University.

Malcolm Archer (born 1952) is an English composer, conductor and organist. Archer was formerly Organist and Director of Music at Wells Cathedral and at St. Paul's Cathedral, and Director of Chapel Music at Winchester College. Malcolm Archer was educated at King Edward VII School, Lytham before studying at the Royal College of Music as a Royal College of Organists scholar. He was later an organ scholar at Jesus College, Cambridge.

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess

to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

(Philippians 2:5-11)

#### THE EUCHARIST

#### **OFFERING**

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Timothy Michael Powell

Who Was and Is and Is to Come

Then I saw a new heaven and earth,
for the first earth and heaven had passed away.
And the One who was seated on the throne said,
"See, I am making all things new!
I am the Alpha, the Omega, the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will give water;
death and mourning, crying, pain, shall be no more."
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty! Holy, holy ...
Who was and is and is to come, who was and is to come!
To the One who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb, to the Lamb be blessing.
To the Lamb be all glory and might forever and ever, amen!
I am the Alpha, ...

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Malcolm Archer

Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore: lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above: lift up your...

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys to death and hell are to our Jesus given:

lift up your hearts ...

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,

and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet:

lift up your hearts ...

#### \*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

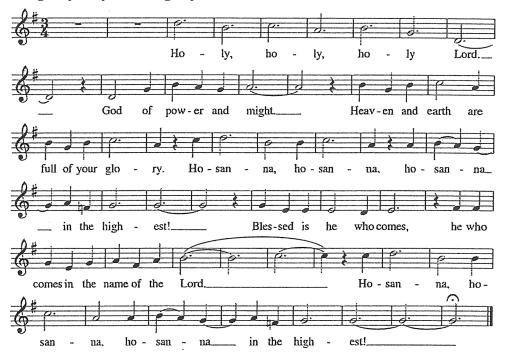
#### \*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise... over the pride and greed of nations.

Therefore we praise you, singing with the servants around heaven's throne and with all the faithful of every time and place, to the glory of your mighty name:



(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty... dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### Doxology

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

#### 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.

At the conclusion of the Christian year, we celebrate with Communion the sovereignty of the God who is known to us in Jesus Christ. On this day, as on every day, we give honor and glory to the Lord of heaven and earth and watch and pray for the coming of God's real of righteousness, justice, and peace. Above all earthly powers, the crucified and risen Lord alone claims our beginning and end, Alpha and Omega. A relatively recent addition to the church's calendar, Christ the King/Reign of Christ was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Originally it took place on the last Sunday in October, just prior to All Saints' Day; now it is celebrated on the Sunday before the beginning of Advent and the start of a new Christian year.



Gracious God, give us your Holy Spirit ... and we feast with him in eternity.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor, praise and adoration are yours, now and forever.



#### 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

#### DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

By his Word was all created; he commanded; it was done: heaven and earth and depths of ocean, universe of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft shining, all that breathes beneath the sun, evermore and evermore!

Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages. TEXT: **Aurelius Clemens** Prudentius, 5th cent.; MUSIC: Plainsong Mode V.

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord, whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word. Now he shines, the long-expected. Let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven, adore him. Angel hosts, his praises sing. Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent; every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

#### **SENDING**

\*HYMN 348 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending HELMSLEY [continued on page 10]



Please wear masks when singing.

#### About Hymn 348

Despite unclear musical origins, the result here is a characteristic early Methodist hymn tune, notable for its breadth and range. It effectively sets a text of similarly mixed sources, one that Charles Wesley regarded as related to "Thy Kingdom come" in the Lord's Prayer. TEXT: Stanzas 1,3 Charles Wesley, 1758; **MUSIC Thomas** Olivers, 1763.



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About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. Today's Postlude is by Michael Burkhardt, well known for his creative hymn settings. "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

### **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Marion Michael Burkhardt

\*(Those who are able may stand.)

## **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

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

## **Lay Liturgists**

8:30 AM Annie Linley 11:00 AM Caroline Bryant

## **Beadles/Acolytes:**

8:30 AM Fletcher Thomas 11:00 AM Luke Johns

#### Music

8:30 AM Laudate Choir 11:00 AM Westminster 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 memory of our grandson,
John Reid Comita
by Terry and Suzanne Allen.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in memory of James Kaminski by Anna and MJ Kaminski.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Webb Cowan by his family.

## **Childcare Room Locations**

Classroom 146 - babies

Classroom 152 - toddlers

Classroom 151 - 2s and 3s

Classroom 160 – 4s, 5s and kindergarten

## **TODAY @ WESTMINSTER**

## **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

### **Worship Services**

To watch a service later in the day or the 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.

## **Mask Policy**

An update from Session: Mask-wearing is strongly-encouraged at the 8:30 AM service and mandatory at the 11:00 AM worship service. The balcony remains open only for people wearing masks.

#### **GENEROSITY 2022**



Please scan the QR code below to make your 2022 pledge.



When I think of Westminster, I think of a place that is welcoming and trusted. A place where, through the love of Christ, we live out the Word each day in visible ways. In worship, by invitation, in our relationships, with our agency partners, and with those in need across the globe - some of whom we may never meet. In the bible, we have numerous stories where Jesus nurtured and lifted up those who were suffering, troubled and forgotten. He left us an example that we might follow Him (1 Peter 2:21). Westminster lives out the Word so that others can experience our generous hearts. Each of our stories take twists and turns that could create barriers between us. Instead, because we choose whom we will serve, these experiences create momentum for tremendous gratitude. We replace the energy for 'more' with the energy of 'thank you'. We become the reason why someone else feels seen, heard and supported. There is no greater gift. Our gifts sustain the provision of our community of believers, our worship services, care teams, dedicated staff, numerous youth activities, our outstanding music programs and our beautiful campus. As we consider our pledges for 2022, let us remember that our generous gifts to Westminster have the power to affect us and others in powerful and life-giving ways that honor everyone's humanity.

- Kelly Christie, Generosity Chair

## **MINISTRIES**

# ADULT EDUCATION Classes begin at 9:45 AM

# **Conversations with Karl Barth** 9:45 AM ● Fellowship Hall

Karl Barth (1886-1968) was arguably the most significant Protestant theologian of the twentieth century. His academic writings are sometimes difficult to interpret. Few have the patience to read the twelve volumes of Karl Barth's Church Dogmatics. Toward the end of his long career, however, Barth granted interviews to the press, students, and fellow theologians about matters of contemporary interest ranging from biblical interpretation, communism, ecumenism, student protests, to the future of Christianity in the West. During this class, we will read through these newly-translated interviews and discuss the relevance of Barth's perspective today.

Clifford B. Anderson is Associate University Librarian and Professor of Religious Studies at Vanderbilt University. He is also a member of the Karl Barth Translators Seminar at Princeton Theological Seminary.

## **Today's Classes:**

#### Search • 211

Mike Hassell will be leading our class discussion today.

## Faith & Fellowship ● 214

## What is The Kingdom of God?

Broadly speaking, the kingdom of God is the rule of an eternal, sovereign God over all the universe. More narrowly, the kingdom of God is a spiritual rule over the hearts and lives of those who willingly submit to God's authority. There is another sense in which the kingdom of God is used in Scripture: the literal rule of Christ on the earth.

## The CALLING • Goodpasture Hall

Calling all Senior High and Parents of Youth! Please join us to hear 12<sup>th</sup> graders Latham Hall and Nora Wheliss reflect about their experiences in the Mission Scholar program as they present on faith, scripture, and mission!

For a year on a monthly basis, Latham and Nora met via Zoom with youth from across the country to take a deeper dive into scripture, mission, their faith, and how it all connects. They also volunteered with local agencies year-round.

Nora will be presenting on FaithWorks. She went to each site at the most recent FaithWorks, took pictures, developed them, and will be showcasing a gallery about the day and each organization.

Latham's presentation is a social media approach to faith and the intersection of the LGBTQ+ community. She engages with scripture that, both for better and for worse, has been tied to the LGBTQ+ community.

You won't want to miss out on this opportunity to hear directly from our 12<sup>th</sup> graders about these topics that mean so much to them! Thank you to the CALLING for hosting this presentation!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

Journey with Jesus Bible study group will be reading and discussing Jill Duffield's Advent in Plain Sight.

All are welcome for this study via Zoom on Sunday afternoons 12/5, 12/12 and 12/19.

If you are interested or want more information, contact the church office or Suzie Lane at suzielane0@gmail.com or 615-406-4915.

#### **POINSETTIA MEMORIALS & HONORARIA**

Poinsettias will once again grace our Sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship services.

If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a friend or family member, please place your order by scanning the QR code below, email to Terri Eckert at teckert@ nashvillewpc.org, or complete a form available at the Information Desk. A donation of \$10 per name is requested. Some of the funds received assist in the purchase of poinsettias for Congregational Care team ministries.

The deadline for submitting names to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins is Sunday, December 12, 2021.



## SECURITY COMMITTEE NEEDS SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

The Security Committee is looking for additional volunteers to help with security on Sunday mornings during worship at both the 8:30 AM and the 11:00 AM Services.

Specific needs include monitoring the church's security cameras and walking the church campus. For more information, please contact Scott Portis at smportis@gmail.com.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CAROLING, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN**

## Sunday, December 5 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm • North Parking Lot

We will head out to the neighborhood around the church to go Caroling.
Afterwards, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for boxed fried chicken dinners, hot chocolate and fun.

We will make cards for Alive Hospice and folks in nursing homes.

All are welcome! Bring friends, and bring some canned goods for Second Harvest.

Please scan the QR code to make your reservations for this fun afternoon.



#### SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING

## Sunday, December 5 7:00 PM • Sanctuary

As we enter the Advent/Christmas season, many feelings well up in us. Joyful Christmas carols seek to bring good cheer, yet for many experiences of grief and loss, anxiety and health concerns, depression and painful relationships are on our hearts.

Through scripture and prayers, candlelight and music, this service is for all people seeking hope and healing during this season. Join us as we claim the promises of God in Emmanuel, God-with-us, and pray for Christ's peace to make us whole.

## ENHANCE YOUR ADVENT EXPERIENCE WITH CENTERING PRAYER

The Westminster Centering Prayer Group gathers in the Harwell Chapel on Mondays from 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM.

## All are invited to join.

The prayer time begins with a brief liturgy and contemporary reading, and moves into 20 minutes of silent meditation. Participants have found it to be a peaceful and calming start to their weeks, sitting in holy silence and feeling the sacredness of shared intention and divine presence.

For more information, please email Elizabeth Trabue at elizabethtrabue@ gmail.com or Heidi Hudnut-Beumler at hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org.

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, November 21

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Children's Sunday School

Youth

Covenant Class Faith & Fellowship Search Class The CALLING

11:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Tintinnabulation Rehearsal

5:00 PM Laudate Rehearsal 5:00 PM Journey with Jesus

6:05 рм Youth Group

## Monday, November 22

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

## Tuesday, November 23

7:00 AM Daybreak Believers

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM The Isaiah Study

9:00 AM Harvard Handbells rehearsal

7:00 PM What Would Jesus Do?

#### Wednesday, November 24

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

11:00 AM Pearlseekers

What Would Jesus Do?

6:00 PM RITI

#### Thursday, November 25

- Church Campus Closed -

Happy Thanksgiving!

### Friday, November 26

- Church Campus Closed -

## Saturday, November 27

11:30 AM AA

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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