Second Sunday of Christmas January 2, 2022 Holy Communion



Westminster Presbyterian Church

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Maurice Duruflé

DIX

Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

This is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

You came to us, Word made flesh, to show us what it means to love. You came to us, Word made flesh, to teach us how to serve. You came to us, Word made flesh, to clothe the naked and feed the hungry. Come to us now, Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Show us. Teach us. Clothe us. Feed us. Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 150**

As with Gladness Men of Old

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.

In humility and faith, Let us confess our sin to God.

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.

Worship on the Lord's Day

The Cross and 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.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Please wear your mask when singing

About Hymn 150

The first three stanzas here use an as / so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it. TEXT: William Chatterton Dix, 1858; MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the job of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

(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.

Ezekiel 10:9-14

(Old Testament, page 776 in your pew Bible) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

About the Kyrie

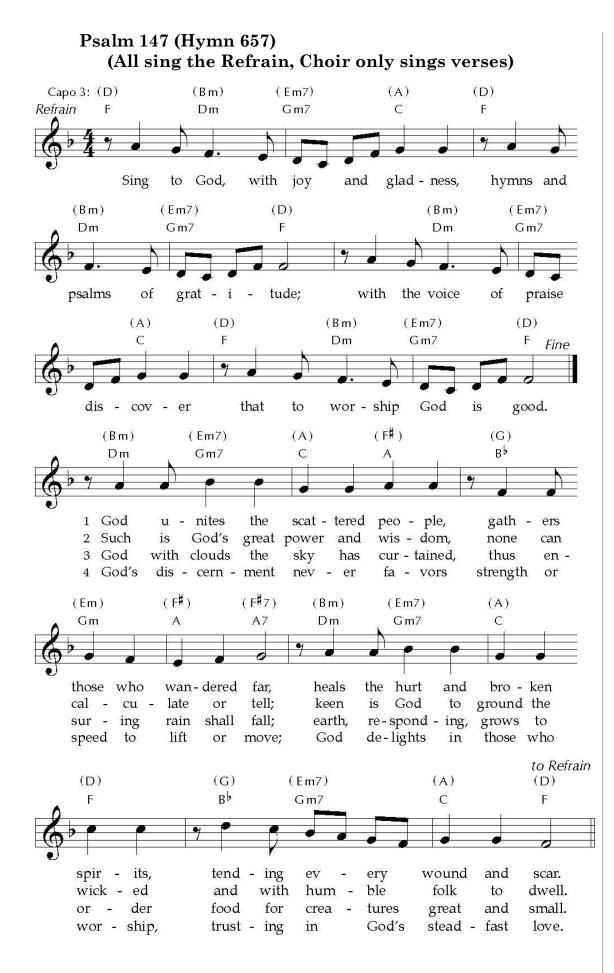
The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

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.

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.



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The five songs of praise that conclude the biblical psalter (Psalm 146-150) all begin and end with "Hallelujah!" That ecstatic Hebrew word is expanded here into the refrain that opens and closes this paraphrase of Psalm 147, an appropriate frame for its theme of thanksgiving. To GIVE, please scan the QR code.



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.

Born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, organist and composer Alfred V. Fedak graduated from Hope College in 1975 with degrees in Organ Performance and Music History. He earned a Master's degree in Organ Performance from Montclair State University and has done additional study at Westminster Choir College, Eastman School of Music, the Institute for European Studies in Vienna, Austria, and in England at the first Cambridge Choral Studies Seminar at Clare College, Cambridge.

Doxology

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

1 Kings 19:1-9

(Old Testament, page 326 in your pew Bible)

SERMON "Divine Being and Ordinary Care" (A moment for meditation) T.J. Piccolo

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She responded, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

We respond with the same faithfulness and assurance of Martha: *Yes, Lord, I believe*.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

Alfred Fedak

Now greet the swiftly changing year with joy and penitence sincere; rejoice, rejoice with thanks embrace another year of grace.

> For Jesus came to wage sin's war; this Name of names for us he bore; *rejoice*, ...

> His love abundant far exceeds the volume of a whole year's needs; *rejoice*, ...

> With such a Lord to lead our way in hazard and prosperity, what need we fear in earth or space in this new year of grace? "All glory be to God on high, And peace on earth," the angels cry; *rejoice*, ...

*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 God, we praise you ... and know your forgiving love.

So, with our sisters and brothers, those before us and those beside us, we sing our songs in the gathering of the faithful:



(The congregation may be seated.)

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.

God our righteousness ... Christ is the Bread of Life.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Move over these gifts ... singing your praises until the end of time.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, 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

Eat This Bread

Berthier

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

Response

Anthem

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

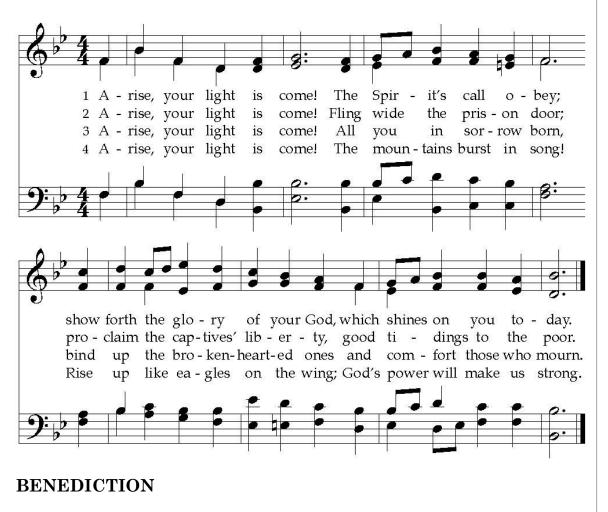
Jacques Berthier (27 June 1923 – 27 June 1994) was a French composer of liturgical music, best known for writing much of the music used at Taizé.

I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Creator. **Response.** Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven. **Response.** Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. **Response.** If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life. **Response.**

SENDING



Arise, Your Light Is Come!



POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness

J.S. Bach

FESTAL SONG

Please wear your mask when singing.

About Hymn 744

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19thcentury tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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*(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

T.J. Piccolo Associate Director of Youth

Liturgist

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

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM John Douglass 11:00 AM Rudy Kalis

Music

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

Dr. John Semingson Director of Music Ministries

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.



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.

Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for the Chancel urns in the Sanctuary (\$150) or the refectory table in the Parlor (\$75) during 2022, please contact Terri Eckert by email at teckert@nashvillewpc.org to select your Sunday. Please note that reservations for flowers do not carry over from year-to-year. Arranged by members of Westminster's talented Flower Guild, this is a wonderful way to celebrate or honor your loved ones.

GENEROSITY 2022



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



MINISTRIES

ADULT EDUCATION Classes begin at 9:45 AM

Today's Classes:

Faith & Fellowship • 214

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Westminster Book Group

January 25 9:45 AM • Room 192 In-Person & Zoom

The Awakening by Kate Chopin Leader: Carol Brewer

Please join WPC Book Group in person, or through Zoom, for a presentation by Westminster member and recently retired AP English teacher, Carol Brewer.

Originally titled A Solitary Soul, this novella by Kate Chopin, was first published in 1899. Set in New Orleans and the Southern Louisiana coast at the end of the nineteenth century, the plot centers on Edna Pontellier and her struggle to reconcile her increasingly unorthodox views on femininity. (Amazon blurb)

This book is about the struggle to find personal identity.

"In the Footsteps of Paul" Study Trip to Greece and Turkey Planned for This Fall

Rev. Guy Griffith and Keith Cole will be co-leading a study trip to Greece and Turkey from September 29 – October 12, 2022. Information and sign-ups will be available in January.

For more information or a brochure, contact Guy, ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org, or by calling (615) 292-5526 x226.

CHILDREN

Second Grade Prayer Workshop Sunday, January 9, 2022

Our focus will be to explore all the different ways we can pray as individuals, as families and as a community. We will meet on the Wilson Wing during the Sunday School hour.

For more info, please contact Sophie Maness, smaness@nashvillewpc.org

Children's Choirs will resume with a kick-off event at 4:00 PM on Sunday afternoon, January 16, 2022.

Alleluia Choir (Kdg) Led by Susan Ramsey

Gloria Choir (1st-3rd) Led by Ally Hard

Jubilate Choir (4th-6th) Led by Roberta Rodgers

Chiming Children will begin rehearsals at 5:00 PM on Sundays

For more info, please contact Sally Mae Arnn, sarnn@nashvillewpc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Koinonia Youth Ministry Montreat Trip

We are so excited to announce that we are offering two different weeks for Montreat this coming summer!

We heard your feedback. We want our Youth to experience this place, to meet God, and to experience faith in a wider Presbyterian community. We are thrilled to have two different weeks that our ministry will be attending Montreat!

Week 1: June 5-11, 2022 *Newly added!* Week 5: July 24-30, 2022 *Annual week* \$100 deposit, non-refundable

To make your deposit, please visit nashvillewpc.church and make sure to note which week you are reserving in the memo!

The total cost for Montreat is \$575. Deposits are due by January 16, 2022. Final payment due by May 1, 2022.

We have scholarships and alternative payment plans available to those who may need assistance.

Faith and the Climate Crisis

A Winter Four-Part Class Last Four Sundays in January

You are invited to join in a free, four-part program called Faith and the Climate Crisis. It will be offered on Zoom on four consecutive Sundays, January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2022, 4:00-5:15 PM EST. This is an introductory class, and we encourage several members of the same congregation to register together.

Our goal is to engage hearts, minds and spirits to recognize the urgency of the climate crisis and inspire individuals and faith communities to take action to address this crisis, action that has been called for by many religious denominations and groups. Read more about the class here.

Registration is on a first-come, firstserved basis. A brief Zoom tutorial will be available for anyone expressing the need.

To register and receive your Zoom invitation, please go to our website: https://www.presbyclimateadvocates.org/ upcoming-classes/

This program is taught by the southern Indiana group Presbyterian Climate Advocates, made up of the Rev. Dr. Trisha Tull and Carol Dunn of Scottsburg (Indiana) Presbyterian Church, Beth Snyder of Jeffersonville (Indiana) First Prez, and Kristina Lindborg, an Indiana Citizens' Climate Lobby volunteer.

Questions?: email Curtis Baysinger at cbaysinger2@gmail.com

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Waverly Assistance

Westminster continues to send teams of volunteers each month to assist flood survivors in the Waverly/Humphreys County Tennessee area. Our work typically consists of removing debris, cleaning, and gutting flooded homes.

It's the type of work that everyone with a willing heart can do.

There is much that needs to be done in the area. **Our next trip is scheduled for January 14 & 15, 2022.** We leave the church at 7:30 AM each morning and we are back by 5:00 PM.

You can volunteer for one day or two. For more information, please contact Joe Gaines, joegaines12@gmail.com, or would like to participate.

Following the recent tornadoes in Tennessee and Kentucky there are many needs for help. At the current time, our best way to assist victims in these areas is to provide financial donations through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, pda.pcusa.org.

Afghan Refugees

Thanks for so many people who have already contributed: money, new items, and good use household goods and furniture. WE ARE PUTTING A HOLD ON RECEIVING ANY MORE FURNITURE until January. We need to coordinate with NICE and work out the logistics of getting these items to the refugees.

Many of the items will make new apartments feel like HOME. NICE (Nashville International Center for Empowerment) works with Catholic Charities to settle new refugees in Nashville. They take responsibility for finding apartment and get adult family member a job. They also help orient the people to Nashville.

If you can keep the following, these are items that we are pretty sure we can take, but need confirmation.

- Chairs used: folding chairs, kitchen table & chairs, living room chairs
- Tables end tables, coffee tables, kitchen table/chairs
- Lamps w/shades
- Dishes, flatware
- Pots, pans, cooking utensils, coffee makers

Checks can be made to Westminster (memo: Afghan Refugees).

Next Event: Saturday, January 8

We will have a drive-thru drop off in the North Parking Lot.

Questions? email:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

WPC Medical Lending Closet

A reminder that WPC has a medical lending closet, with an inventory including wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, crutches, portable toilets, knee scooters and more! If you or a family member, or a friend in the community has need for an item or would like to donate an item, please let us know.

You may contact Ward DeWitt 615-500-3761, dewittmoving@comcast.net or church staff.

The Gift of Meals: Can You Help?

The power of a meal, whether homemade or purchased, is immeasurable. At Westminster, we seek to provide meals at times of need, such as illness, loss, new babies, and recovery processes.

We are starting a new team to work with our Families with Young Children Care Ministry specifically focused on the young families with new babies, as well as in times of illness or other needs.

• If you would like to be part of this new meals team to support families with children, please be in touch with Catie Lee, catielee1@gmail.com.

• If you would like to join our existing Special Meals Team, please contact Cathey Fuqua, catheyfuqua@hotmail.com.

Might you have a need – or know of needs in our church family? Please be in touch with: Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org; 615-292-5526.

Yoga Workshop Returns to Westminster!

We are excited to announce that Claire Coenen will be leading a yoga workshop again at Westminster on Tuesdays, starting January 11, 2022! The classes will be from 5:30 - 6:30 PM in the Overlook Room (enter the church through the north parking lot door). Cost is \$10 per person per session.

Participants are required to be vaccinated.

THIS IS A GENTLE YOGA SESSION. Invite your friends, and please plan to join us on our mats again to improve our mental and physical health. If you have questions, please contact Susan Hassell, shassell@outlook.com.

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.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 2	
8:30 AM Worship	
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School	
11:00 ам Worship	
Monday, January 3	
11:45 AM Centering Prayer	
Tuesday, January 4	
7:30 ам Bible Study	
12:30 рм Caring Connections Comm	
Wednesday, January 5	
7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
5:00 рм Prayer Ministry Mtg	
6:00 pm RITI	
6:15 рм Benevolence Committee	
7:00 рм Westminster Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday, January 6	
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study	
Friday, January 7	
7:00 ам Men's Bible Study	
Saturday, January 8	
11:30 AM AA	

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

You may also look at the calendar listed in our Church Life app for more details on all the events at Westminster. To learn more about the Church Life app, please contact Hannah Sims, 615.292.5526; hsims@nashvillewpc.org.

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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