

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. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) was a German Lutheran pastor who wrote both music and words to two of the greatest chorales of the Church: "Sleepers Wake" (Hymn 349) and "O Morning Star How Fair and Bright" (Hymn 827). He wrote these hymns for his congregation that lost nearly 1,300 members to the plague in 1597. In today's Prelude, contemporary Lutheran composer, Paul Manz (1919-2009), interprets the hymn tune and text with his own arrangement.

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.

"Now there is a final reason I think that Jesus says, "Love your enemies." It is this: that love has within it a redemptive power. And there is a power there that eventually transforms individuals. Just keep being friendly to that person. Just keep loving them, and they can't stand it too long. Oh, they react in many ways in the beginning. They react with guilt feelings, and sometimes they'll hate you a little more at that transition period, but just keep loving them. And by the power of your love they will break down under the load. That's love, you see. It is redemptive, and this is why Jesus says love. There's something about love that builds up and is creative. There is something about hate that tears down and is destructive. So love your enemies. (from "Loving Your Enemies")"

— Martin Luther King Jr., A Knock at Midnight: Inspiration from the Great Sermons of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Paul Manz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

For with you is the fountain of life:

In your light we see light.

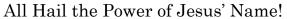
(Ps. 36:7, 9)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty God,
you Son our Savior Jesus Christ
is the light of the world
May your people,
illumined by your Word and Sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 263 CORONATION





CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children.

With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

(1 John 3:2)

Please wear your mask when singing.

About Hymn 263

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it. TEXT: stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, stanzas 2-3, alt. John Ripon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787; MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 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.

Prayer for Illumination

This prayer 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory,

you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse of us our sin,
and pour out the gifts of your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed,
we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(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.

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 (Singing together Hymn 581) GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Isaiah 62:1-5

(Old Testament, page 692 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 36:5-10 (Hymn 477, verses 1-4 only) TALLIS' ORDINAL



John 2:1-11

(New Testament, page 93 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"And On the Third Day ..." Guy D. Griffith

"Jesus and his disciples had also been invited ..." John 2:2

(A moment for meditation)

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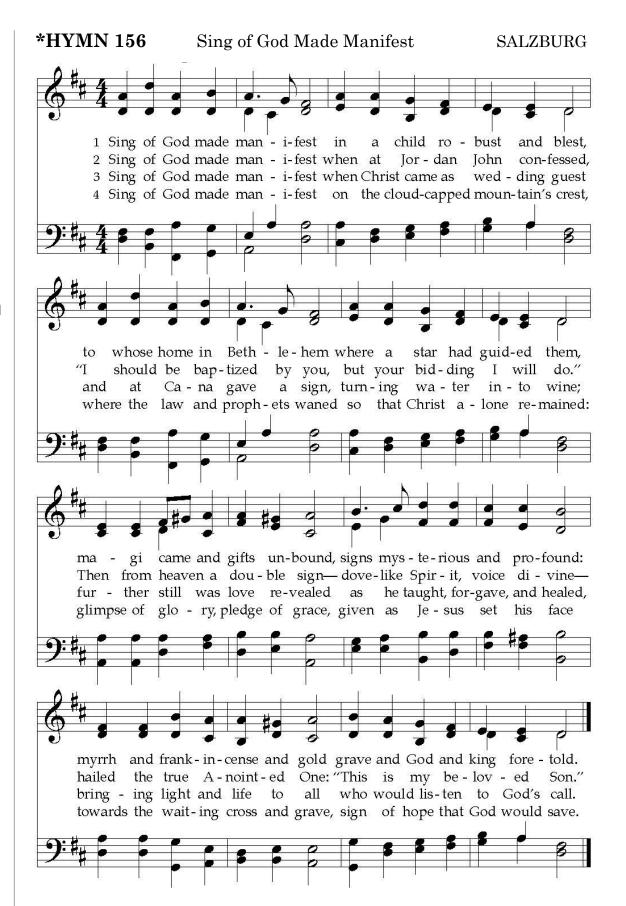
About Psalm 36, Hymn 477

These five stanzas celebrating God's merciful care for all creation correspond to Psalm 36:5-10 and were prepared by a joint committee of nine North American churches in the Reformed tradition. They are set here to a simple but memorable tune from the mid-16th century. TEXT: The New Metrical Version of the Psalms, 1909; MUSIC: Thomas Tallis, c. 1567.

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About Hymn 156

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany. TEXT: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1990; MUSIC: Jakob Hintze, 1678; arr. J.S. Bach.



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.

Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey
all that sustains life
and makes it pleasant and beautiful.

No more than Christ are we spared
the darkness, ambiguity,
and threat of life in the world.

We are in the world, but not of the world.

Our confidence and hope for ourselves
and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.

(from A Declaration of Faith)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Hal H. Hopson

We are singing, for the Lord is our light.

The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid? Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord will be our light.

We are singing ...

One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek:

To dwell in the house of the Lord; to live with God forever.

We are singing ...

When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone. Our feet are lifted high; yes, high upon a rock. We are singing ...

We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure. We shout that the world may hear, we sing joyful song. We are singing ...

Affirmation of Faith

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

To GIVE, please scan QR code below:



Hal H. Hopson (born 1933) is a full-time composer and church musician with over 3,000 published works, which comprise almost every musical form in church music. His cantata, God with Us, was one of the few compositions selected to be placed in a capsule during the American Bicentennial in 1976. The capsule will be opened at the Tricentennial in 2076 and will be heard again as a representative piece of American choral composition. Hal served as Director of Music Ministries at WPC and on the national board of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and Choristers Guild.

American composer and university choral conductor, René Clausen (b. 1953) composed this anthem after the death of his child. In his grief, he apparently wrote it in 20 minutes. He states the anthem is about God's love overcoming all things, even the most devastating thing in your life. The text is from Song of Solomon 8:6.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

Set me as a seal ...

Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

Set me as a seal ...

*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!

*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.

God of majesty and light,
you hold the whole world in your hand.
At the wedding feast in Cana
you gladdened the guests with divine generosity,
filled to the brim and flowing over.
So we give you our gifts and great praise
that in Jesus Christ all people may see your glory.
We thank you for revealing Jesus to be your Son,
and for claiming our lives in baptism to be his glad disciples.
By your Spirit,
may peace descend upon us

that we may follow him with grateful hearts.

Take us and all we have to be useful in your service.

God of all nations, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of your Holy Spirit,

now and forever. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 733

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

We All Are One in Mission [See page 10 for hymn]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Egil Hovland

About the Postlude

Egil Hovland (1924-2013) is heralded as Norway's greatest composer of the 20th -century. He composed for many mediums including symphony, chamber works, choirs and children's music. See the Prelude notes for the melodic basis of this postlude.

^{*(}Those who are able may stand.)

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About Hymn 733

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it. TEXT: Rusty Edwards, 1985; MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904.

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Our Mission

Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

The Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith *Pastor*

Liturgist

Margie Quinn

Director of Youth and Their Families

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Sallie Bailey
11:00 AM Hamilton Proctor

Music

8:30 AM Laudate Youth Choir 11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson

Director of Music Ministries

John Palmer Guest Organist

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Susan McKeand Baughman by her family.

Red Roses

The red roses in the Chancel give glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a daughter, Lyla June on January 3, 2022 to Mary Glenn and Ryan Lipman; and the birth of a daughter, Lily Myles on January 5, 2022 to Emily and Ty Coleman.

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.

About the Cover...

Wedding Feast

John August Swanson was born January 11, 1938 in El Monte, California, and died September 23, 2021, in Los Angeles. He painted in oil, watercolor, acrylic, and mixed media, and was an independent printmaker of limited edition serigraphs, lithographs, etchings, and other prints.

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Through giving we reach out to "the least of these." (Matthew 25:40) Your generous gifts to our campaign inspire, assist, encourage, comfort, and change lives. Westminster hears the call to continue the work of God even amid disruption, loss, and fear. Generations here have done that before us, and it is still happening today. Out of the political chaos presently engulfing Haiti, your giving has provided a beacon of hope in gray times. Out of the chaos in Afghanistan, a ray of light shines through your generous donations. Out of the chaos of the pandemic, and unemployment, homelessness and food insecurity, comes grace in the form of the Second Harvest, Room In The Inn, and Waverly assistance.

Unto us, so much is given and Westminster has heard the call. You are a lighthouse during the rough seas of the pandemic. During times of chaos, Jesus tells the disciples not to worry because this is not the end, it is a beginning. With these current challenges, God is birthing something new. Because of your generosity, amid a pandemic that won't go away, something is being born. Out of chaos, your giving provides hope. Thank you for your life-changing generosity.

- Kelly Christie, Generosity Chair

MINISTRIES

ADULT EDUCATIONClasses begin at 9:45 AM

Today's Classes:

Faith & Fellowship ● 214

Why are there 4 Gospels? What makes them different? For whom were they written?

Leading up to Easter, we will explore the similarities and differences that make up the wonderful Gospels that give us the stories of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

Please join us in person in room 214 at 9:45 AM Sundays or join us via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85388960889

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Whether you attend the 8:30 AM service or the 11:00 AM by Zoom, in-person or miss, we invite you to join us at 9:45 AM for a discussion of the past week in your life and your experience with the week's scripture.

If you wish to be on our list (email jshrago@comcast.net), you will receive the question to launch for our discussion.

The CALLING • Goodpasture Hall

Prioritizing Prayer in the New Year.

Young Families • Overlook Room

Theology of and within U2's Music A discussion with David Dark.

We hope you will join us. Covenant Class January 16, 23 ● 9:45 AM Fellowship Hall

A Dialogue Between Two Christian Literary-Theologians: Emily Dickinson and Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J.

A special discussion led by Victor Judge.

During the nineteenth-century, in America and in England, two individuals courageously enter into bold relationships with the English language and conduct grammatical experiments in verse—experiments that would reveal to them a sphere uncharted by the cartographers, a sphere which the speaker of Emily Dickinson's "Poem 466" names the "house of possibility."

Dickinson and her contemporary, the Jesuit priest-poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, navigate the liminal space between the conventional societal and religious expectations and the selfhood of the poet, and they cross the threshold into a realm quite foreign to 19th-century aesthetics; they become the surveyors of a sphere that would not be named until the 20th century, a sphere we call modernism. These poets, who are not writing for publication become precursors, heralds of modernism, and they will assume, posthumously, their places in the canon of belles lettres. Our objective for this class is to bring Dickinson and Hopkins into a series of aesthetic and theological dialogues on the universal questions that transcend chronology and geography.

MINISTRIES

ADULT EDUCATION

"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.

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.

Westminster Academy

January 19 - February 23 7:00 pm • Zoom

Death Comes to the Archbishop by Willa Cather

A discussion with Sue Tully Trout.

KOINONIA YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Montreat Trip

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

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Children's Choirs Resume

Save the Date!

Children's choirs will resume on Sunday, February 13, @4:00 рм.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Yoga Workshop Returns to Westminster!

We are excited to announce that Claire Coenen is leading a yoga workshop again at Westminster on Tuesdays. The classes are from 5:30 - 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Please scan the QR code below for the Zoom link.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Hassell, shassell@outlook.com.



Happy New Year!

Deadline: January 17
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Temperatures are dropping, so warm up with a nice cup of coffee! If you're just now learning about Café Justo, this is your chance to be part of the solution to the immigration crisis just by buying Café Justo coffee. The Café Justo (Just Coffee) Cooperative, a faith-based initiative in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico produces organically grown coffee that changes lives. All revenues go to the Cooperative, enabling growers to remain on their ancestral lands rather than migrate to the US.

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THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 16

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Children's Sunday School

Youth Sunday School

Covenant Class Faith & Fellowship

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The CALLING Young Families

11:00 AM Worship

12:00 рм Youth Lunch & Movie

5:00 рм Journey with Jesus

Laudate Choir Rehearsal

Monday, January 17

- CAMPUS CLOSED -

Tuesday, January 18

7:00 AM Day Break Believers

7:30 AM Bible Study

9:00 AM Harvard Handbells Rehearsal

5:30 рм Yoga via Zoom

Wednesday, January 19

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting

6:00 PM RITI

7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 20

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

3:00 PM Bereavement Committee Mtg

Friday, January 21

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, January 22

11:30 AM AA

1:30 PM Dakie Cowan Visitation

3:00 PM Dakie Cowan Service

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