



Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 2022

Mayers



Westminster
Presbyterian
Church

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Two Settings of "If You Will Only Let God Guide You"

J.S. Bach

Craig Phillips

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

We have come to worship God, the living God,
who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
**who answers the forces of hatred and hurt
with the power of grace.**

We have come to worship God, all gracious God,
**who chooses us to receive and carry
the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness extends to the skies.**

**Your righteousness towers like the mountains,
your justice is deeper than the sea.**

All find protection under the shadow of your wings.

We feast on the abundance you provide.

**You are the source of all life,
and in your light, we see light. Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 409

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

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.

George Neumark, author of both text and tune, composed this hymn of consolation in 1641, despite multiple calamitous events in his life. This Bach setting places the melody in the pedal in long notes, while the keyboard carries the gently rhythmic figuration over it. The Anglican composer Craig Phillips fragments the melody and embeds it in a contemporary harmonic vocabulary, creating a contemplative moment in preparation for our worship this morning.

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.

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Please wear your mask when singing.

About Hymn 409

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations. TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979; rev. 1988; MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941.

Prayer of and Call to 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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In contrast to God's word,
our faults and failings
 may remain hidden from others
 and even from ourselves.
Confession before God
 can clear our eyes and cleanse our hearts,
for God's mercy is as wide as the firmament of heaven.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our restoration,
whenever we come home to you,
we realize how far we have strayed
and how much we have forgotten
of your law and your love.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, heal us, and restore us
to our relationship with you;
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. 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. **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.")*

(The congregation sings with the choir.)

The Word of the Lord lasts forever.

What is the Word that is living?

It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead.



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.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Luke 4:14-21

(New Testament, page 61 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 19

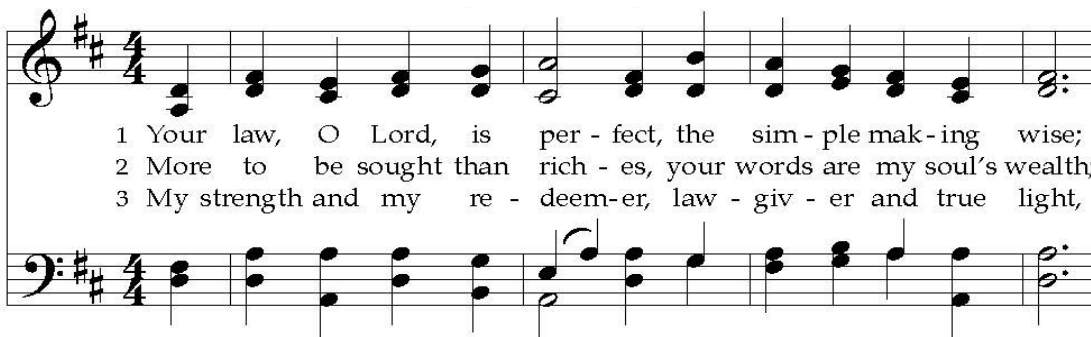
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CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

Please wear your mask when singing.

About Psalm 19, Hymn 61

This 1987 paraphrase of the second half of Psalm 19 by Keith Landis celebrates God's law. That may seem odd if "law" is thought of simply as a list of things not to do. But in Jewish understanding, the law is seen as a gift, because it provides the signposts that show how to live as the people of God. **TEXT:** Keith Landis, 1987; **MUSIC:** Melchior Vulpius, 1609.



The *Heavens are Telling* is a much-performed chorus from the oratorio, *Creation*, by Austrian composer Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809). Haydn is a widely respected composer of symphonies, chamber music, and piano sonatas. In his retirement years he took two extended tours to England, which resulted in his "London" symphonies and (because of G.F. Handel's influence) in oratorios. Haydn's church music includes six great Masses and a few original hymn tunes.

(11:00 a.m.)

F.J. Haydn

*The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of God's work displays the firmament.*

The day that is coming speaks to the day,
The night that is gone to following night,
The heavens are telling ...

In all the lands re-sounds the word,
never unperceived, ever understood,
ever, ever, ever understood.
The heavens are telling ...

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

(New Testament, page 174 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Just cut it out!"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 306**

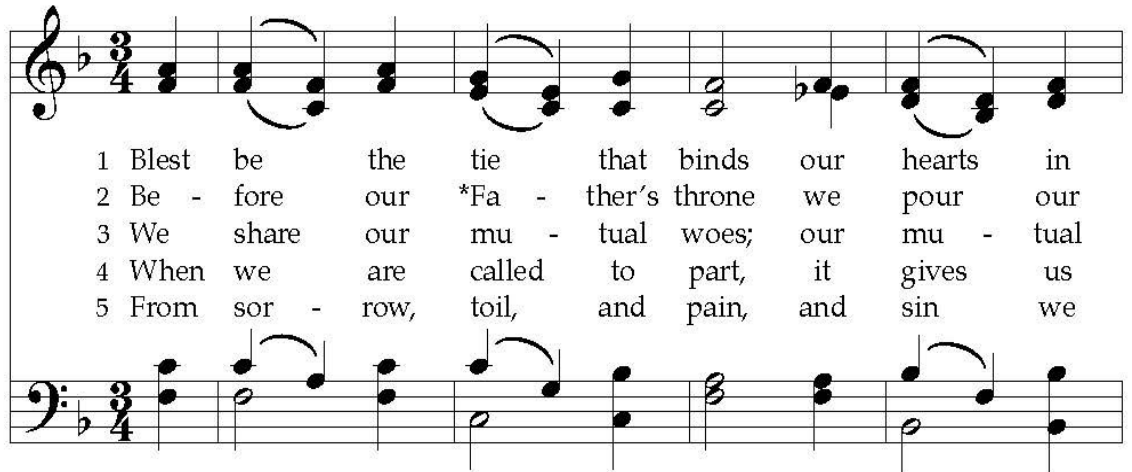
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

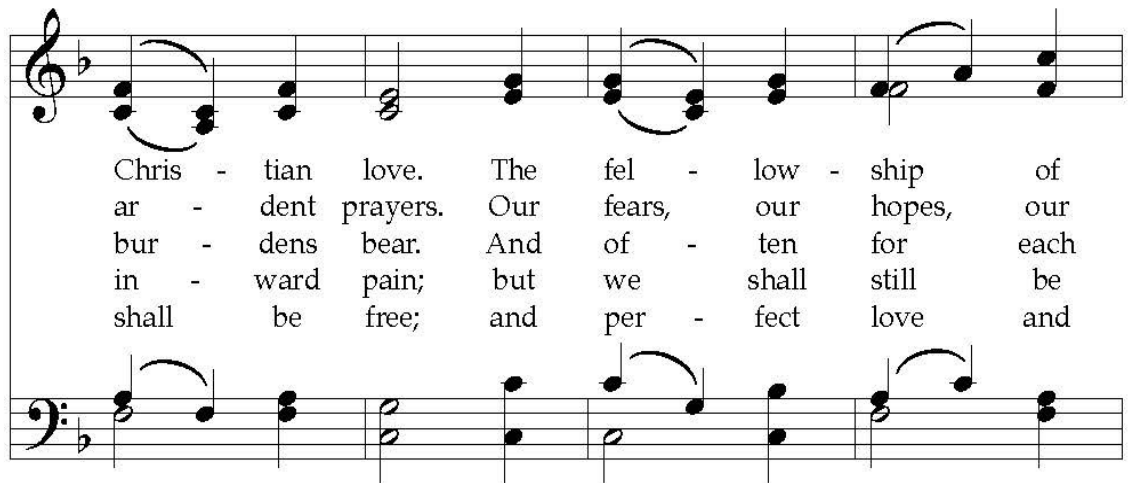
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About Hymn 306

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher. TEXT: John Fawcett, 1782; MUSIC: Johann Georg Nägelo, 1828.



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
4 When we are called to part, it gives us
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
in - ward pain; but we shall still be
shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Holy Spirit equips the Christian community.
 The early Christians recognized
 a diversity of abilities and functions
 as gifts of the Spirit.
 Some were tempted to use these gifts
 to serve their own needs and ambitions,
 to form elite groups who look down on others.
 But the gifts were given for the common good,
 to build up the community in love
 and to equip it for its mission in the world.
 We are convinced that the Holy Spirit
 still calls people to various offices in the church
 and gives diverse gifts to believers.
 We are to use them to speak and embody plainly
 the gospel of Christ in the world.
 No gift is of value without love.**

(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.**

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.

The Koinonia Youth Council wrote the Prayers of the People as a group, collaborating on themes of grief, gratitude and community.

Sarah Jean Caver is the reader this morning.

To GIVE, please scan
QR code below:



This lively Zulu freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular around the globe. Arranger, Hal Hopson, was Director of Music for Westminster during the 1970s and is a prolific composer and arranger. Here he combines Psalm 27 as verses with this African chorus.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. The prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains of life draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two. The melody of this anthem is an old Irish folk tune named "Wild Mountain Thyme." Arranger Alfred Fedak recently retired as Director of Music for Westminster Presbyterian in Albany, NY, and he served on the committee that published our current hymnal, *Glory to God*, in 2013.

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 ...

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Irish folksong/arr. Fedak

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

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

Spirit, open my heart ...

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

Spirit, open my heart ...

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

Spirit, open my heart ...

*DOXOLOGY

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!**

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About Hymn 20

One of a series of hymn the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II. TEXT: Cecil Francs Alexander, 1848; MUSIC: English melody, 17th cent.; Martin Shaw, 1915.

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - mighty, who has made all things well.

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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. Donovan Drake
Pastor

Liturgist

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Jane Kirchner
11:00 AM X Lucas

Music

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

Dr. John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Carol Tate
Interim Organist

Flowers

*The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Mary (Dakie) Cowan
by her family.*

Childcare Room Locations

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

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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:
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FINANCIALS

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

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December 31, 2021

	December	Year to Date
Income:	\$591,825	\$3,579,082
Expense:	<u>\$725,152</u>	<u>\$3,469,665</u>
Net Income (loss):	\$(133,327)	\$ 109,417

GENEROSITY 2022



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



There is a story in the Bible where Jesus tells His friends that people would understand generosity and moreover, who He was by watching how folks treat one another. That letting people see the way we love each other would be the best way to let others know about Him. When I think about what has had the most impact on my understanding of God here at Westminster, without a doubt, it has been meeting members of this congregation and feeling time and again, that I have just met Jesus. This community has taught me about God and Jesus through mercy, generosity, love, acceptance and grace. Wow.

As of this week, 415 families have pledged \$2,817,272 toward our \$3,100,000 goal. This is an amazing response and our hearts are full of gratitude. If you have not yet submitted your pledge for 2022 please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you for making possible all the ways Westminster engages in ministry through the love in your hearts that is then cultivated around the world. As image-bearers of a loving, forgiving, and gracious God, our grace and generosity flows from the very grace and generosity God extends to all of us.

- Kelly Christie, Generosity Chair

MINISTRIES

ADULT EDUCATION

Classes 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>

Search • 211

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, Assistant Professor of Religion and the Arts, Belmont University.

We hope you will join us.

Covenant Class
January 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.

To join this class, please go to [Zoom.com](https://zoom.com).

Enter Meeting ID: 899 1954 0495
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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 • Zoom

The Great WPC Book Group Read —

A Zoom-only informal discussion of great books. You are invited to share one book you have found to be particularly enjoyable and/or meaningful. There is no requirement to share. You are welcome to attend and just listen.

For more information, please contact Linda Anderson, LHAart@aol.com

Moved to March...

The Awakening by Kate Chopin

Leader: Carol Brewer

Westminster Academy

January 19 - February 23

7:00 PM • Zoom

Death Comes for 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 23, 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 20, @4:00 PM.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Waverly Trip Scheduled

Greetings to everyone! We had a great work trip to Waverly in January. We worked on a home that needed demolition of wall coverings and ceilings. We successfully conducted this job in a single day! The home is now ready for new electrical wiring and drywall. Bernadine, the homeowner, was thrilled with the volunteers who came to help her reclaim her home.

Our next work dates are February 10 and 11, Thursday and Friday. Please plan to participate on these dates. Your help is needed to restore homes in Waverly. More details will be sent as the dates draw near.

In addition to the work of our Westminster volunteers, we are busy distributing donations received by the church for Waverly. A multi-denominational/agency committee chaired by the Community Fund of Middle Tennessee is reviewing applications for assistance, confirming the need and making commitments of the funds we have received. These funds are critical to filling the gaps where FEMA and insurance fall short. Our volunteer activities help to stretch the usefulness of these funds. Thanks to the many of us who have donated funds and provided hands on help.

For more information, please contact Joe Gaines, joegaines12@gmail.com.

New Member & Inquirer Class

We are in the process of assessing participation and approach for our next New Member & Inquirer Class series. During this pandemic, we have held classes in a variety of ways: entirely on Zoom, and hybrid (in-person and Zoom) formats.

If you are feeling called to join this congregation, or, if you would like to explore Westminster further, please be in touch with Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org; 615-292-5526), and do share your preferences for gathering and availability.

New Member Committee co-chairs Luke Gebhard and Suzanne Allen, and Heidi look forward to hearing from you!

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.

To join this class, please go to Zoom.com. Enter Meeting ID: 87075350144 Passcode: 736210

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

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 23

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School
- Youth Sunday School
- Covenant Class
- Faith & Fellowship
- Search
- The CALLING
- Young Families
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 2:00 PM Youth Trip to PTM
- 5:00 PM Journey with Jesus
- Laudate Choir Rehearsal

Monday, January 24

- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer

Tuesday, January 25

- 7:00 AM Day Break Believers
- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Harvard Handbells Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Yoga via Zoom
- 5:45 PM GETconnected Committee Mtg

Wednesday, January 26

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 PM RITI
- 7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 27

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Session

Friday, January 28

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, January 29

- 10:00 AM Memorial Service: James Kaminski
- 11:30 AM AA

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