

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 13, 2022  
Holy Baptism**

**WHEN I AM AMONG THE TREES**

by Mary Oliver

When I am among the trees,  
especially the willows and the honey locust  
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,  
they give off such hints of gladness.  
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.  
I am so distant from the hope of myself,  
in which I have goodness, and discernment,  
and never hurry through the world  
but walk slowly, and bow often.  
Around me the trees stir in their leaves  
and call out, "Stay awhile."  
The light flows from their branches.  
And they call again, "It's simple,"  
they say, "and you too have come  
into the world to do this, to go easy,  
to be filled with light, and to shine."



Westminster  
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Church

## GATHERING

### *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. On this Baptism Sunday, we remember these lovely texts, which are set to hymn tunes beloved by both composers and congregations alike. AR HYD Y NOS is from the Welsh tradition; BUNESSAN is Irish Gaelic. The texts are found on pages 492 and 547 in our hymnal.

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

### PRELUDE

arr. Larry Shackley

Two Settings of Celtic Hymns

Baptized in Water AR HYD Y NOS  
Go, My Children, with My Blessing BUNESSAN

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.  
**They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.**  
Baptized and freed,  
**grounded in love, let us worship God.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**God of life,  
in Christ you resurrect all things.  
Raise us from death to life.  
Help us turn back to you, O Lord,  
to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots  
out toward water. Amen.**

*(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.)*

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 65

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.  
**Because we have faith in him,  
we dare to approach God with confidence.**

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

*Please wear your mask when singing.*

*About Hymn 65*

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture. TEXT: William Williams, 1762; MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907.

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

*Prayer of  
Confession*

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

*Assurance of Pardon*

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

*Act of Praise*

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sustaining God,  
you would have us deeply rooted in you,  
finding strength in your word  
and nourishment in your grace.  
More often, though, we are like chaff,  
blown here and there by the winds of circumstance.  
Forgive our lack of permanency  
and our failure to hold fast to our commitments.  
Grow faith in us that we might be firmly planted  
in the promises of the gospel,  
released from sin and open to the life  
that you have shown us in Jesus Christ.**

*(Silent confession)*

### **Kyrie**

Hal H. Hopson

*(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)*

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### **\*The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us,  
let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Please exchange the peace with the words,  
"The peace of Christ be with you.")*

**\*ACT OF PRAISE**    Glory to God in the Highest    John Weaver

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

# CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

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

#### **Jeremiah 17:5-10**

*(Old Testament, page 719 in your pew Bible)*

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

#### **Psalm 1**

##### *Refrain*



Hap-py are they who de-light, who de - light in the law of God.

Happy indeed are they who refuse the way of evil,  
nor walk the road of sinners,  
nor join the mockers of God. ***Refrain.***

Joy shall be in the hearts of those  
who delight in the law of God,  
for they recite the law,  
they speak it day and night. ***Refrain.***

They are like green trees  
that grow by clear flowing waters,  
they bear their fruit in due season,  
their leaves fade not, they prosper. ***Refrain.***

It is not so for all, not so with evil doers,  
they blow like chaff in the wind;  
they fall by the weight of the truth. ***Refrain.***

God upholds the just,  
God knows the way of the righteous,  
but the evil ones shall perish,  
shall perish by their deeds. ***Refrain.***

#### **Luke 6:17-26**

*(New Testament, page 64 in your pew Bible)*

#### **SERMON**

Donovan Drake

“When I am among the trees ...”

*(A moment for meditation)*

Please wear your mask when singing

About Hymn 485

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer. TEXT: John Brownlow Geyer, 1967; MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904.

**\*HYMN 485** We Know That Christ Is Raised ENGELBERG

Capo 3: (D) (Asus) (A) (A/G) (D/F#)  
 F Csus C C/B<sup>b</sup> F/A

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D) (A) (D) (E7) (A)  
 F C F G7 C

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life  
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am) (D) (G) (Em) (Bm)  
 Cm F B<sup>b</sup> Gm Dm

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3 4  
 (Em) (D) (Asus) (A) (Em) (D)  
 Gm F Csus C Gm F

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Presentation**

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

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

**In baptism God claims us and seals us  
 to show that we belong to God.**

**God frees us from sin and death,  
 uniting us with Jesus Christ in his  
 death and resurrection.**

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

*The Baptismal Rite*

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

## **Questions to the Parents, Congregation and Children of the Church**

### **\*Profession of Faith**

Through baptism we enter the covenant...

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven;  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

### **The Baptism**

#### **Welcome**

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

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

## Baptismal Anthem

Robert A. Hobby currently serves as Director of Music for Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Focusing on the Rite of Baptism in corporate worship, this unique hymn setting combines two hymns, *See This Wonder in the Making* (set to an accessible new tune, HANNAH'S SONG, written for the baptism of the composer's daughter) and *Children of the Heavenly Father* using the Swedish folk song, TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA.

(8:30 a.m.)

Robert Hobby

See this wonder in the making: God Himself each child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.  
Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird or star of heaven Such a refuge ne'er was given.

Miracle each time it happens, As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams: "Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"  
God His own doth tend and nourish, In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them,  
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,  
God, into Your arms we place them,  
With Your love and peace embrace them.  
Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Here we bring a child of nature, Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now's God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and Water.  
Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

(11:00 a.m.)

John Ylvisaker

I was there to hear your borning cry. I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child with faith to suit you well,  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell,  
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on,  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.  
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.  
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old,  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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



## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Herbert Howells  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

All my hope on God is founded Who will all my trust renew,  
Who through change and chance will guide me, Only good and only true.  
God unknown, From thy throne Call my heart to be thine own.

Mortal pride and earthly glory, Sword and crown betray our trust;  
What with care and toil we fashion, Tower and temple fall to dust.  
But thy power, Hour by hour, Is my temple and my tower.

Great thy goodness e'er enduring; Deep thy wisdom, passing thought;  
Splendor, light and life attend thee, Beauty springing out of nought.  
Evermore From God's store Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising For the gift of God's own Son.  
Christ shall call One and all: All you that follow shall not fall.

*(Text by Joachim Neander)*

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Natalie Sleeth

O blessed, blessed shall they be  
who serve our God most faithfully;  
Who know and do the Lord's command,  
And take the truth to every land.  
For they shall be joyful wherever they go;  
The fruits of the Spirit within will they know;  
Upon them abundance the lord will bestow,  
And through them the glory will shine.

O blessed, blessed all their days  
Are those who join in grateful praise,  
And serve the Lord who reigns above  
To light the world with heavenly love.

*O blessed, blessed shall they be ...*

Blessed, blessed, all who serve the Lord above,  
Blessed, blessed, who light the world with heavenly love.

### \*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!**

To GIVE, please  
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*Doxology*

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

*Prayer of  
Thanksgiving*

God's grace elicits our heartfelt gratitude. We respond to the good news of forgiveness with joyful acclamations of praise!

*About the  
Postlude*

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. The voluntary was a standard form in English organ music that had evolved into a slow-fast pattern of movements by the 18th century. A voluntary was played either before or after a church service. Although written for organ, there was no pedal part at this time, reflecting the slowness of England to adopt the European pedalboard as a standard part of the organ.

**\*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.**

**Almighty and merciful God,  
from whom comes all that is good,  
we praise you for your mercies,  
for your goodness that has created us,  
your grace that has sustained us,  
your discipline that has corrected us,  
your patience that has borne with us,  
and your love that has redeemed us.**

**Help us to love you,  
and to be thankful for all your gifts  
by serving you and delighting to do your will,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 816**

**WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

*[see page 11 for hymn]*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in A Minor

John James

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

Please wear your mask when singing.

About Hymn 816

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery. TEXT and MUSIC: Georg Neumark, 1641.

# If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

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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)*

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## Today @ Westminster

### Worship Leaders

#### Preaching

The Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake  
*Pastor*

#### Liturgist

Margie Quinn  
*Director of Youth and their Families*

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Ansley Johns  
11:00 AM Kate Shurden

#### Beadles/Acolytes

8:30 AM  
11:00 AM Nik Davé

#### Presenting Elder for Baptisms

8:30 AM Moe Hill  
11:00 AM Susan Hassell

#### Music

8:30 AM Westminster Choir  
11:00 AM Laudate 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 celebration of the  
blessing of the marriage of  
Allison Elizabeth Beck and  
Jacob Thaddeus Beck  
and the baptism of their son  
Thaddeus Edward Beck  
on Saturday, February 12, 2022.*

*The flowers in the Parlor  
are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
David Richard Williams  
by his family.*

### Baptisms

*The sacrament of baptism will be  
administered today  
at the 8:30 AM worship service to*

*Adele Marie,  
daughter of Kendall and Swan Burrus*

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

*Elizabeth Grey,  
daughter of Sally and William Thomas  
Avery*

*Adaline,  
daughter of Jackie and Paul D'Aloise*

# 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](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org)

### Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to [nashvillewpc.church](http://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.



### Dial-A-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon.

## Financials

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

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

Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair  
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January 31, 2022

	January
Income:	\$554,310
Expense:	\$231,814
Net Income:	\$322,496

## BAPTISM



Baptism Sunday is the second and fifth Sundays of each month except during Lent.

If you would like more information about baptisms at Westminster, please contact Sophie Maness, 615.292.5526, [smaness@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:smaness@nashvillewpc.org).

If you would like to schedule a baptism, please contact Hannah Sims, 615.292.5526 [hsims@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hsims@nashvillewpc.org).

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# MINISTRIES

## ADULT EDUCATION

Classes begin at 9:45 AM

### Today's Classes:

#### Faith & Fellowship • via ZOOM

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.

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85388960889>

Meeting ID: 853 8896 0889

#### Search

This class is in the process of exploring it's next steps. More info to come.

#### The CALLING • Room 10

Discussion led by Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler.

#### Young Families • Overlook Room

Open fellowship Sunday.

#### Covenant Class

February 13 • 9:45 AM

Goodpasture Hall

#### *Professor William "Bill" Brown to teach on Deep Calls to Deep: The Psalms in Dialogue amid Disruption*

We welcome Dr. William P. Brown, William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA to teach on February 6, 13, and 27. Bill is an ordained PC(USA) pastor and a Princeton Theological Seminary classmate of Guy. He will teach on his new book on the Psalms. The Psalms can help us during a time of disruption and division. *Deep Calls to Deep* demonstrates a new and generative way of reading the Bible, which looks for differences among texts to engage in dialogue over critical issues that are not only biblical but also are relevant to our contemporary crises. Bill Brown explores uncharted territory in the Bible with a particular focus on the Psalms, the most diverse book of the Bible. By taking his cue from Martin Luther, Brown explores how the "little bible" (the Psalter) engages the larger Hebrew Bible in dialogue, specifically how the Psalms counter, complement, reconstrue, and transform biblical traditions and themes across the Hebrew canon, from creation and law to justice and wisdom.

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#### Westminster Academy

February 16

7:00 PM • Zoom

*Death Comes for the Archbishop*  
by Willa Cather

A discussion with Sue Tully Trout.

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# MINISTRIES

## Special Guest Speaker

**Dr. L. Gregory Jones**  
**President, Belmont University**  
**February 20**



## Covenant Class

*Friendship as a Christian Practice*

In John's Gospel (15:15), Jesus tells his disciples that he does not call them servants any longer but he calls them friends. We will explore what friendship with God entails, how it forms our relationship with God and with others, and what it means for us to befriend others and cultivate unlikely friendships. We will also explore why such friendship is especially important in our current social and cultural contexts.

***Dr. Jones will also be preaching at the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services.***

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## "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 available now.

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

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## Women's Covenant Group

**Monday, February 14**  
**11:30 AM • Goodpasture Hall**  
**Bring your own lunch**

Learn more about Westminster's Legacy Fund with Katherine McElroy.

For more information, please contact:

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Ann Humbracht

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# MINISTRIES

## Koinonia Youth Ministry

### Junior High Service Week

St. Simons Island, GA

For completed 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades.

July 10 - 15, 2022

Cost: \$325.00

### Senior High Service Week

Charleston, SC

For completed 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

June 26 - July 1, 2022

Cost: \$375.00

For more info, please contact Katie Gossage, kgossage@nashvillewpc.org.

## Music Ministry

### CALLING ALL CHILDREN

### Grades Kindergarten – Sixth

Here is your special invitation to join the Westminster Children's Choir Program.

If you are in Kindergarten through the Sixth Grade, we have just the choir for you!

Alleluia Choir - Kindergarten

Gloria Choir – First - Third Graders

Jubilate Choir – Fourth - Sixth Graders

Chiming Children – Fourth - Sixth Graders

**February 20, 2022**

**4:00 – 4:50 PM – Kick Off Sunday**

We will gather in the Sanctuary for a short Dedication Service. We will then meet our Choir Directors for a rehearsal in which we will begin to learn our music for Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022. Parents may pick up in the Music Area on the third floor.

Chiming Children will rehearse following Jubilate Choir from 5:00 PM – 5:50 PM.

***As always, there will be TREATS!***

Please come join us!

**We are looking forward to being together once again!**

## Children's Ministry

### Dates to Know

#### **Sunday, Feb. 13**

Second Grade Prayer workshop with parents during Sunday School

#### **Sunday, March 6**

Fourth Grade Mission Workshop with parents, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM.

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



## Childcare Rooms

Classroom 146 - babies

Classroom 152 – toddlers

Classroom 151 – 2s and 3s

Classroom 160 – 4s, 5s and kindergarten



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Souper Bowl of Caring

February 13 is the Souper Bowl of Caring benefiting the Nashville Food Project! Following the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM worship services, the Youth Ministry will be collecting monetary donations and food items.

- Canola Oil
- Peanut, Almond or Cashew Butter
- Whole Wheat Penne Pasta
- Unseasoned Black Beans, larger cans or bags preferred
- Canned Diced Tomatoes, larger cans preferred
- Unsweetened Applesauce Cups
- Honey
- Jelly
- Dried Fruit, any kind but we love getting raisins or dried cranberries
- Canned Pumpkin
- Nuts or Seeds of any kind, especially Walnuts, Pecans, Cashews, Almonds & Pumpkin Seeds)
- Healthy Snacks like Granola Bars

## Music Ministry

### Summer Music Camp at Westminster

For kids in rising K – rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
July 10 – 17, 2022

Get A Life!

Words by our very own Donovan Drake.  
Music by our very own John Arnn.  
Performance on Sunday morning,  
July 17, 2022.

## 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.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Hassell, [shassell@outlook.com](mailto:shassell@outlook.com).

### 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](mailto:dewittmoving@comcast.net) or church staff.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## NaCoMe Flows to the Future Capital Campaign

In the 80 years since its' birth, the leaders of NaCoMe have acted in faith in response to God's call, in order to ensure those faithful waters continue to flow. But today we are challenged to ensure that NaCoMe continues *Flowing to the Future*.

In order to sustain NaCoMe, strengthen its financial sustainability, and serve the families of our region, we must increase the capacity of our ministry. To do this we must increase the available meeting space and adult guest housing, improve our ability to welcome guests, and improve housing for the staff called to serve guests year-round. The good news? There is already a demand from campers and groups for expansion.

We invite you to stop by the NaCoMe table in the Parlor to see pictures and learn more about this life-changing place.

Also, remember the Westminster Church wide Retreat at NaCoMe the first weekend in April. And don't forget about NaCoMe summer camps.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

***We want to welcome Carol as our Interim Organist. Carol will be working full-time with us while the Organist/Associate Dir of Music Search Committee begins its search for a replacement.***



Westminster has played an important role at various stages of Carol Tate's life.

Born in Monticello, KY, Carol graduated Phi Beta Kappa and valedictorian from Centre

College in music, finished a Master's in Organ Performance at New England Conservatory, and returned to Centre as the college organist and a member of the faculty, while serving as the musician for the Presbyterian Church there. In 1984, she won the Bach competition of the Fuller International Organ Competition. After serving a variety of churches in various denominations, Carol came to Westminster, first as organist and then as the Director of Music.

Music was her passion and she loved her work at Westminster, but she had also considered ordination since her high school years. Discouraged by her childhood denomination because of

her gender, Carol left Westminster to complete her MDiv at Vanderbilt Divinity School, a DMin at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and a Master's in Conflict Management at Lipscomb University. She has served congregations large and small and has loved her years in ministry. Following the death of her husband, KC Ptomey, Jr, a longtime pastor of Westminster, Carol became an interim pastor, serving congregations in TN and AL, as well as the interim presbytery executive of Middle Tennessee, while also assisting troubled congregations as a listed Tennessee Rule 31 mediator.

She is the loving mother and greatest supporter of son, John Spragens, and his wife, Claire Meneely, and of daughter, Liz Spragens, and her husband, Tyler York. Her traveling ministry days stopped with the birth of now three-year-old Iris to John and Claire, and Carol is delighted to now be "Grammy." Carol also enjoys doing agility training with her dog, Artie, yoga and strength training, lots of walking and cooking. But it has been a lovely and unexpected turn of events that has called her back to music at Westminster, and she is grateful to reconnect with her lifelong love of music and the people of this congregation as she serves Westminster again during this interim period.



## Where have all the organ pipes gone?

Because of the electrical fire in the organ on Friday, January 21, all of the organ pipes now have to be removed and sent back to the factory to clean smoke and soot damage. There are roughly 4,000 pipes in the organ, so it is a major project! Each pipe has to be individually removed from its chest, wrapped, and carefully laid into wooden boxes for shipping. Most of the organ pipes will not be back until at least early to mid-summer. Reed pipes will be out until September of 2022.

While the organ is being cleaned, we are renting an Allen digital organ for worship services. Our pipe organ console was not damaged, so it remains in the chancel. Two large organ consoles in the chancel make space a little tight for the choir. We will be experimenting with how best to use the space during this unexpected time.

Thank you for your patience!

- John Semington, Director of Music Ministries

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# GETconnected

## Westminster Wednesday Night Dinner

Join us on February 16 for dinner in Fellowship Hall @5:45 PM.

Scan the QR code below to register for dinner. Bring the whole family.



### NaCoMe

It's time for the annual All Church Retreat! Join us the weekend of April 2 and 3.

Saturday arrive by lunch and be ready for some fun!

This year we also welcome back the leadership of Don Washburn. He runs Camp Lookout just outside of Chattanooga, TN. Don will provide music leadership for the weekend and will bring wonderful gifts of play and fellowship for all ages. Scan QR code below to register.



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## Westminster Book Group

via Zoom

9:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Leader: Guy Griffith

*Let Your Life Speak:  
Listening for the Voice of Vocation*  
by Parker Palmer

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

## Annual Basketball Jamboree

Come join us for Westminster's Annual Basketball Jamboree on Sunday, February 27, from 6:05 PM-8:00 PM! This is a fun, intergenerational event, open to the entire congregation! We would love spectators, as well as teams of all ages and abilities.

### ***If You'd Like to Spectate***

Come the night of, ready to cheer and have a blast! The suggested donation for spectators is \$5 at the door. Pizza and snacks will be available for spectators to purchase (\$2/slice).

### ***If You'd Like to Play***

Gather a team of at least 5 players of your friends, families, or neighbors and join us! Teammates do not have to be Westminster members or attendees. Email Margie if you'd like to join an existing team or need help recruiting a team! The suggested donation for each team member is \$10, which includes pizza and a drink. Registration deadline for teams is Friday, February 25, at 12:00 PM.

### ***Fun Challenges & Prizes***

There will be prizes for: Best Vintage Basketball Uniforms, Best Team Name, Biggest Winner, Biggest Loser, Best Basketball Move, the Half Court Shooting Contest, the Free Throw Contest, and the Three Point Contest.

All proceeds benefit scholarships for youth trips. Please let the Youth Staff know if you have questions, need additional information, would like to join a team, or would like to register a team! We hope you can join us again this year for an excellent night of basketball and fellowship in the Gym and Youth Café!

## GENEROSITY 2022

As I reflect on the last few months of the pledge campaign, I am struck by the many ways in which Westminster's generosity and healing hand is palpable. To be sure, we have seen this through your financial gifts that keep our church thriving but also through your tangible generosity of spirit. In the phenomenal benevolence shared with refugees, in disaster relief, Room In The Inn, Living Waters, and so many other organizations.



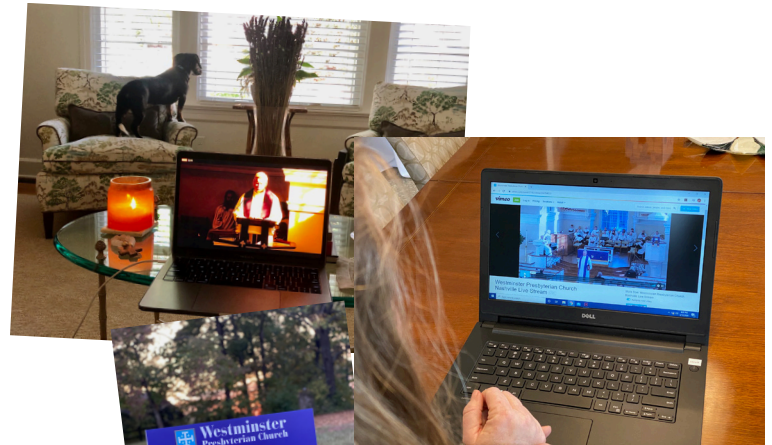
When we began this year's stewardship season, your committee asked that you consider, deeply and prayerfully, the importance of our church. Your response has been amazing. As of this writing, we are \$76,789 short of our \$3,100,000 pledge goal. If you have not yet made your pledge, we hope that you will remember the deep blessings of our church family and help us reach our goal. Without a doubt, this past year has been one of the most challenging we have all faced. We were called to press the pause button on many of our familiar ways and challenged to be creative in keeping our community vital and well connected. Through it all, we have kept

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faith in our hearts – watching for signs of hope on the horizon. Through a series of circumstances this winter, I personally experienced the strength, comfort and generosity of Westminster's spirit in two profound ways.



With the Delta variant winding down, we looked forward to our long-awaited Christmas trip to Canada. With 18 great nieces and nephews - two of whom we had not met, our bags were packed weeks ahead. But then...almost overnight, something changed. The Omicron variant had taken off in Canada. Quarantines were required. Gatherings were restricted. With saddened hearts, we called home with the news: our family Christmas would be cancelled for the second year. We handled this by numbing and distracting ourselves into thinking this was perfectly fine. After all; others had it much worse. But deep down, we felt oddly...alone.

And yet...no sooner had the depth of our despair sunk in, but the invitations came - from you – our Westminster family. "Can you join us for Christmas Eve brunch?" "Come for Christmas dinner!" "Stop in for some holiday cheer." "What are you doing for New Years?" "There are

two seats at our table with your names on them!" I began to wonder...what defines home? Is our fragile residence actually more intangible than we think? Here, we thought we would have no family at Christmas but we found love and grace in the faces of our Westminster family. Maybe God uses the completely inexplicable events in our lives to point us toward each other, and by this means, toward Him. And we find that we are home.

**"In the end, love doesn't just keep thinking about it or planning for it. Simply put: love does."**

On New Year's Eve, my next door neighbor fell, breaking both of her legs. She is the sole caregiver for her husband who has Alzheimer's disease. She needed help. We remembered the lending closet here at church and within the span of 24 hours, we had everything my neighbor needed. "Wow", my friend exclaimed. "How did you do it?" Wow indeed.

Bob Goff says, that "In the end, love doesn't just keep thinking about it or planning for it. Simply put: love does." Westminster does not store up generosity and love for when it will be needed later; it is given away – everyday – to whomever needs it. What a gift. Christmas 2021 taught me that God doesn't just give us Himself. He gives us other people in our lives to keep us going. And maybe when we think a door has been closed, God is just showing us another way.

- Kelly Christie, Generosity Chair



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



# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

## Sunday, February 13

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School
- Youth Sunday School
- Covenant Class
- Faith & Fellowship
- The CALLING
- Young Families
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 14:00 PM Tintinnabulation Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Laudate Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Youth Super Bowl Party

## Monday, February 14

- 11:00 AM Women's Covenant Group
- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer

## Tuesday, February 15

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

## Wednesday, February 16

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study
- 5:30 PM Finance Meeting
- 6:00 PM RITI
- 7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal
- Westminster Academy

## Thursday, February 17

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
- 3:00 PM Bereavement Committee Mtg

## Friday, February 18

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

## Saturday, February 19

- 11:30 AM AA

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

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