

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 20, 2022



TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
The Rev. Dr. William W. Westminister, Jr.



Westminster
Presbyterian
Church

GATHERING

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

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. Published in 1845, this sonata explores both C minor and C major. The slow movement, with its lovely but somber running eighth notes in minor mode, leads into a more spirited movement that has a processional feel. Both sensibilities are welcome aspects of our worship.

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.

PRELUDE

Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn

Adagio

Allegro maestoso e serio

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

People of God, raise your voices in praise to God.

God takes delight in our presence here.

Come and enter God's house.

We come trusting in the steadfast love of God.

Let us worship the God of love and righteousness.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God,

in this time of worship, hear our prayers.

**Hear us now, as we stand in the midst
of so much wrongdoing in our world.**

Help us hear your voice

**amid the cacophony of sounds
that surround and distract us.**

**Help us focus on what is truly important—
living faithful lives,**

**and being of service to you
and to all your people.**

**May this time apart strengthen us to resist evil
and to embrace justice in your steadfast love.**

**May this time with you focus our awareness
that Christ lives in each one of us. Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 366

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive us our sins

and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

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

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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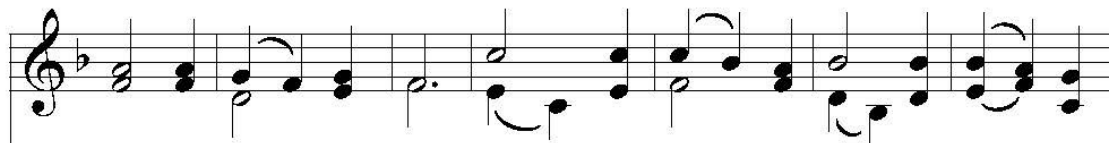
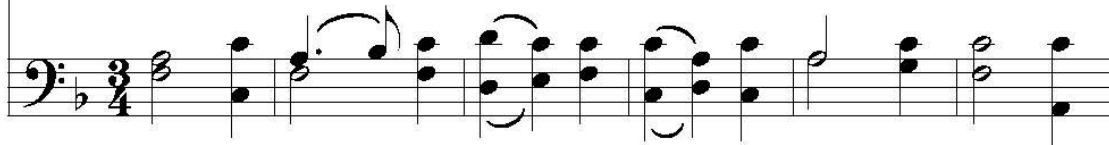
About Hymn 366

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

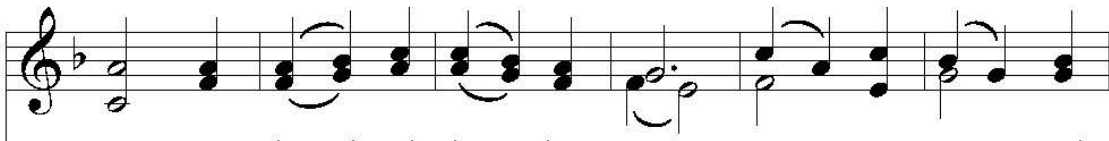
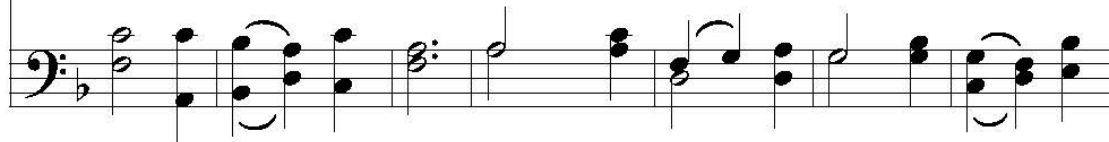
TEXT: Charlie Wesley, 1747;
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831.



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



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

**Help us to remember, O Lord,
for we seem to practice forgetting.
We forget who made us and why,
we forget your daily grace and unremitting love,
we forget your forgiveness of ourselves
and our neighbors.
We forget so much because
there are some things we remember too well:
perceived injustices done to us,
times of betrayal and cowardice we try to keep hidden,
moments of envy and pride of which we are ashamed.
Forgive us and give us a new life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.")*

***ACT OF PRAISE**

GLORIA PATRI

(Singing together Hymn 581)

**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.**

Jonah 3:10-4:2 (*Old Testament, page 861 in your pew Bible*)

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

Psalm 5

Refrain



Hear my_ words, O Lord. Hear the_ sound of my sigh - ing.



Hear my_ prayer, my God. Hear the_ sound of my cry - ing. I



of - fer_ up my fear and trust to your un - end-ing care._____

For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness;
with you, evil people are not welcome.

The arrogant cannot stand in your presence.

You hate all who do wrong; you destroy those who tell lies.

The bloodthirsty and deceitful you, Lord, detest.

But I, by your great love, can come into your house;

in reverence I bow down toward your holy temple.

Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness

because of my enemies-make your way straight before me. *Refrain.*

Not a word from their mouth can be trusted;

their heart is filled with malice.

Their throat is an open grave; with tongues they tell lies.

Declare them guilty, O God!

Let their intrigues be their downfall.

Banish them for their many sins, for they have rebelled against you.

But let all who take refuge in you be glad;

let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them,

that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous;

you surround them with your favor as with a shield. *Refrain.*

Luke 7:36-50

(*New Testament, pages 66-67 in your pew Bible*)

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.

SERMON "God's Extravagant Forgiveness" Greg Jones
(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 435** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

Please wear your mask when singing.

About Hymn 435

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century. TEXT: Frederick William Faber, 1854; MUSIC: Dutch melody, arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures
 of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal
 which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more
 sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-
 where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

(from *A Brief Statement 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.) Day by Day Martin How

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) Ola Gjeilo

Ubi Caritas (Where Charity and Love Prevail)

<i>Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.</i>	Where charity and love are, God is there.
<i>Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.</i>	The love of Christ has gathered us together.
<i>Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.</i>	Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
<i>Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.</i>	Let us revere and love the living God.
<i>Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.</i>	And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

The poem "Day by Day" is known by most of us because of its inclusion in Stephen Schwartz' Broadway musical, *Godspell*. But you may not know that the poem was written by Richard de Wych (1197-1253), Bishop of Chichester, England, and then canonized in 1262 as Saint of the Roman Catholic Church. The musical setting of this ancient text sung today is by British composer, Martin How (b. 1931). How specialized in the training and motivation of young singers at the Royal School of Church Music in Salisbury, Wiltshire, UK.

Ubi caritas is a Gregorian chant text long-associated with the celebration of communion. It was written at the end of the 8th century. The words and ancient chant melody have served as the basis for several important choral anthem settings written in the 20th & 21st centuries—especially the setting by Maurice Durufle composed in 1960. We sing the Durufle setting annually, at least, but today's setting is by contemporary Norwegian composer, Ola Gjeilo (pronounced yay-low). Gjeilo (b. 1978) states that the Durufle was what inspired his composition. While Durufle used the Gregorian chant melody, Gjeilo states that "I used chant as more of a general inspiration, while also echoing the form and dynamic range of Durufle's iconic setting."

To GIVE, please scan
QR code below:



About the Postlude

Trumpet tunes abound for the organ, and Johnson provides a contemporary example that is appropriate for the ending of our worship, as well as for use as ceremonial music for a wedding.

***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.

**Lord, we give you thanks and praise
for when we are narrow-minded.
Your expansive forgiveness is your response
to the darkness of our souls.
May we go forth into the world
with eyes filled with compassion,
and hearts filled with your
unconditional and forgiving love. 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 436**

O QUANTA QUALIA

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in E-flat

David Johnson

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

God of Compassion, in Mercy 436

Befriend Us

1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
 2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
 3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
 stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
 you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
 Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
 What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
 guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
 we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

Please where your mask when singing.

About Hymn 436

By ending with questions rather than simple affirmations, this text conveys a strong sense of faith in God's presence and guidance without ignoring how much of the future remains unknown. The confidence of the text is well matched by its sturdy 17th-century French tune. TEXT: John J. Moment, 1933; MUSIC: Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808.

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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

Dr. L. Gregory Jones
President, Belmont University

Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Jane Kirchner
11:00 AM Clisby Hall

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
Edith Bishop Hudson
by her family.*

Childcare Room Locations

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

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

WORSHIP

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, 615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org

Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to nashvillewpc.church and look for a Past Services box, go to Worship Service Archive and click on the service you would like to watch.

Mask Policy

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



Dial-A-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon is available all week.



Special Guest Speaker
Dr. L. Gregory Jones
President
Belmont University

Covenant Class
9:45 AM • via Zoom & Fellowship Hall
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.



UPDATE: The Koinonia Youth Ministry raised \$1,823 and donated 180 food items during last Sunday's Souper Bowl of Caring.

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

The CALLING • Goodpasture Hall

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for the discussion with Dr. Jones.

Young Families • Overlook Room

Open fellowship Sunday.

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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

Westminster Academy

February 23

7:00 PM • Zoom

Death Comes for the Archbishop
by Willa Cather

A discussion with Sue Tully Trout.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 6, 2022

The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting to convene on Sunday, March 6, 2022, beginning at 9:45 AM in Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is (1) to elect Elders for the Class of 2025, (2) to elect members of the Church Nominating Committee for the Class of 2025 (3) elect Trustees for the Westminster Presbyterian Church Legacy Fund for the Class of 2025, (4) to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (5) to review the annual budget for 2022 and our pastors' "Terms of Call", (6) to hear a report on the state of the church, and (7) to act on any other matters arising out of the above.

MINISTRIES

Koinonia Youth Ministry

Junior High Service Week

St. Simons Island, GA

For completed 6th-8th grades.

July 10 - 15, 2022

Cost: \$325.00

Senior High Service Week

Charleston, SC

For completed 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grades.

June 26 - July 1, 2022

Cost: \$375.00

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

Children's Ministry

Dates to Know

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.

Music Ministry

Children's Choir Kick-Off Today

Grades Kindergarten – Sixth

4:00 – 4:50 PM • Choir Suite

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

Alleluia Choir - Kindergarten

Gloria Choir – First - Third Graders

Jubilate Choir – Fourth - Sixth Graders

Chiming Children – Fourth - Sixth Graders

Sing & Ring for Palm Sunday

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!

Summer Music Camp at Westminster

For kids in rising K – rising 8th 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NaCoMe

It's time for the annual All Church Retreat! Join us 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.



Yoga Workshop Returns to Westminster!

Claire Coenen is leading a yoga workshop again at Westminster on Tuesdays. The classes are from 5:30 - 6:30 PM in the Overlook Room. Cost is \$10 per class. Hope to see you.

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

"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, or by calling (615) 292-5526 x226.



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 ready to cheer and have a blast! The suggested donation for spectators is \$5 at the door. Pizza and snacks will be available 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 WPC 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. We hope you can join us again this year for an excellent night of basketball and fellowship in the Gym and Youth Café!

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NaCoMe's Mission Statement

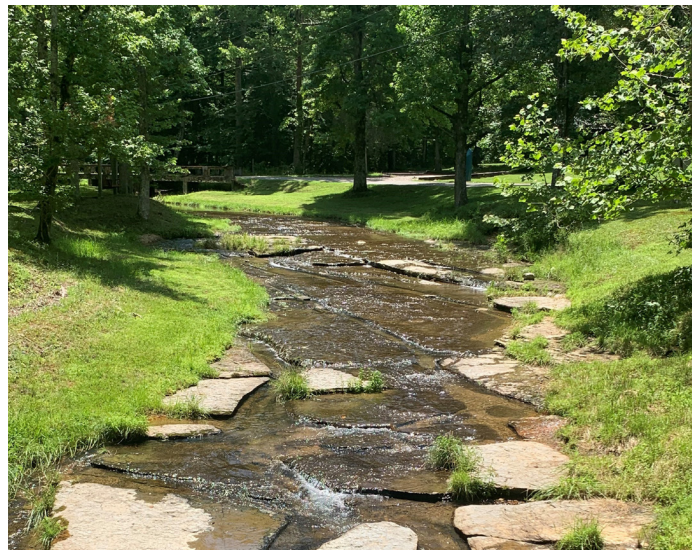
NaCome provides camps and retreats for all ages to build community, connect with God and renew spirits.

Did you know that often when ministers are asked what lead them to the ministry, the answer included their experience at a church camp!

Now, there is no expectation that if you go to camp, you will be a minister! But, there is truth that church camp brings one closer to their faith in God. Exploring God's beauty and getting away from the regular routine of daily life makes for learning more about yourself and who God is calling you to become. NaCoMe Camp provides life-changing experiences along the creek that flows through camp.

Flow to the Future is a campaign to ensure NaCoMe for generations to come. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to this campaign so many lives may be changed and spirits renewed.

Stop by the NaCoMe table in the Parlor to learn more.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, February 20

- 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
- 4:00 PM Children's Choir Kick-Off
- 5:00 PM Laudate Choir Rehearsal
- 6:05 PM Youth Group

Monday, February 21

- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer

Tuesday, February 22

- 7:00 AM Day Break Believers
- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Harvard Handbells Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Westminster Book Group
- 5:30 PM Yoga
- 5:45 PM GET*connected* Committee Mtg

Wednesday, February 23

- 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 24

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

Friday, February 25

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, February 26

- 11:30 AM AA

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

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