

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. Late Italian Renaissance/ early Baroque composer Giovanni Gastoldi was renowned for his dance-influenced choral and instrumental works. This joyful tune became wedded to an equally joyful Easter text: "In Thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart." Paul Manz (d. 2009) was a prolific church composer and accomplished organist. Mark Sedio is a composer and church musician in Minneapolis.

About Hymn 403

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter. TEXT: Benjamin Schmolck, 1732; MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680.

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.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

In Thee is Gladness

Paul Manz Mark Sedio

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry

and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

O God,

you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding.

Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may receive your promises,

which exceed all that we can desire;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 403

UNSER HERRSCHER

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith,

our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:22

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
we confess that we are an anxious people
who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word.
Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins,
that we might live in peace
and reflect your love in the world;
through Jesus Christ we pray. 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

(Hymn 513) FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

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

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Refrain.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship pad, which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)

Prayer of Confession

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and vowing forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Prayer for Illumination

A Prayer for Illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

About Hymn 341

As this paraphrase shows, Psalm 67 combines many themes: a communal prayer for blessing, a prayer for all people to acknowledge God, and thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. In Jewish practice it was recited at the end of every Sabbath, a reminder of God's universal sovereignty.

Affirmation of Faith

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

John 5:1-9

(New Testament, page 96 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 67, Hymn 341

THAXTED

Acts 16:9-15

(New Testament, page 136 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"What are you doing here?"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves

and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ

through Scripture.

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and

the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries

of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples

to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others

for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks,
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven
and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

arr. Philip Lawson

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh, sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, ...

Oh, brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Come on brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. As I went down in the river to pray, ...

Oh, fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh, fathers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, ...

Oh, mothers, let's go down, come on down, don't you wanna go down?

Come on mothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, ...

Oh, sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sinners, let's go down, down in the river to pray.
As I went down in the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the robe and crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

Today's offering anthem is a southern gospel hymn of unknown origin. It has been called a "spiritual," a "Christian folk hymn," and an "Appalachian song." Whatever its exact origin, it has become a piece of Americana through its use in the 2000 film, "O Brother Where Art Thou?"

Doxology

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

Communion

The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices "open Communion" without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Westminster celebrates the "Eucharist," meaning "thanksgiving," on the first Sunday of each month and on the first Sunday of each liturgical season.

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*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!

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION

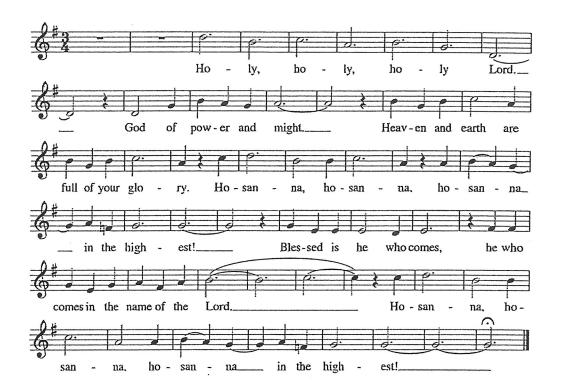
*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy... You sent your only Son to be the way to eternal life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your mighty name:



(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty... to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Gracious God...

to feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, God of all ages, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Sung together, see the inside back cover of your hymnal for music and text.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

Anthem

Spiritual, arr. Appling

We shall walk through the valley of the shadow of Death,
We shall walk through the valley in peace!

And if Jesus himself shall be our leader,
We shall walk through the valley in peace!

There will be no sorrowing there,
There will be no sorrowing there.

And if Jesus himself shall be our leader...

SENDING

*HYMN 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

About Hymn 295

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians. TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. A fugue is a contrapuntal composition in which a short melody or phrase is introduced in one part and successively taken up by others and developed by interweaving the parts. In this work, the last iteration of the subject comes in the pedal as the work drives to the end. In Bach's hands, this form became highly developed in both his instrumental and choral works, a crowning achievement of the Baroque era.

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

OUR MISSION

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

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

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

The Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

The Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Mary Hande 11:00 AM X Lucas

Music

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

Dr. John Semingson

Director of Music Ministries

The Rev. Dr. Carol Tate *Interim Organist*

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and with gratitude for our many blessings by Beth and Jim Felch.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in honor of our new members.

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.

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found on the Welsh dresser in the Parlor and by the window in the Narthex.

Mask Policy

An update from Session: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional.

The balcony will remain masks required. The Session will continue to reassess as conditions warrant.

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.

Celebration of Hayes Noel Springer

Youth Patio Dedication May 22 ● 12:30 PM

Everyone welcome.

You're Invited

Ordination of Claire Harris Kramer to the Ministry of the Word & Sacrament Sunday, May 22

Sunday, May 22 3:00 PM • Sanctuary

An outdoor reception will follow on the Parlor Patio.

Please wear a mask for the service.

Music Camp Rehearsals May 22 ● 4:00 PM Goodpasture Hall

If your child has not signed up to be in this summer's music camp, please contact Sally Mae Arnn, sarnn@ nashvillewpc.org.

MINISTRIES

We Celebrate All Our New Members 2020 – 2022

We rejoice in these new members among us, and recognize them in the 11:00 AM service today.

Please join us to celebrate them with a reception in the Parlor at 12:00 PM!

BOLD=NEW MEMBER
*=CURRENT MEMBER

Craig Adkisson	Ben & Adrianne Hatch Margaret	Howard Mann
Eric & Kate Armstrong	3. 3.	Will & Ally Metro
Lillian & Hannah	Joellyn & Eric Helman	-
		Clay Neuman
Isabel Bartels	Josh Herr & Spencer	
	Klavan	Diane Nisbet
Tom Bayersdorfer		
	Shane & Juky Holt	Meredith Oates
Donna Beard	Mary Jess &	
	Ann Hayden	Lanre & Raquel Oluyemo
Jacob & Allison* Beck	Character of Karathana II	Lanson & Noah
Thad	Steve & Kay Horrell	A O
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Austin & Catherine	Robert Hosé &	1
Branstetter	Rachel Kurilko Hosé*	Jeanie Owen
Charlie	Riley	Will & Kellie Robinson
Swan & Kendall Burrus	Emily Humphroya	Will & Keille Robinson
Adele	Emily Humphreys	Jacquie & Will Smith
Aueie	Joseph	Jacquie & Will Smith Dakota
Gabe & Holly Coltea	Scott & Helen Jackson	Dakota
Libby, Annie &	Scott & Heleli Jackson	Jim Smith
Catherine	Billie & Boone Lancaster	Jiiii Siiiitii
Catherine	Lee	Nick & Hannah South
Mattie & Jed Crumbo	Lee	Willow
Margaret & Crofford	Brian & Christine Lapps	VVIIIOVV
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Mike & Judy Darnell	WER & Alli	Tyler & Harrison
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Bill Doak	Graham	Evalyn Wiley
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Kathleen Flaherty	Mary Glenn & Ryan Lipman	Taylor & Marissa
	Lyla	Willingham
Geri & Sidney Halma		DOLD NEW MEMBER

MINISTRIES

ADULT EDUCATION Classes begin at 9:45 AM

Today's Classes:

Covenant Class ● Fellowship Hall Come hear an update about the work of the APNC and help to participate in visioning for Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Faith & Fellowship ● Room 214

Please join us in Fellowship Hall to learn more from the APNC.

Murdoch MacLeods ● Library

Westminster Book Group

May 24 ● 9:45 AM In-person and Zoom

Illuminations: A Novel of Hildegard Von Bingen by Mary Sharratt Leaders: Lena Levendoski and Susan Isaacs, with a special introduction by Melinda Coles.

Summer Book Study

Starts June 2 ● 9:30 AM Goodpasture Hall

We'll be studying *Accidental Saints:* Finding God in the Wrong People by Nadia Bolz-Weber.

The class will be taught by Jean Broadhurst, LCSW, Jean Oldfield's granddaughter, who is a Princeton Theological Seminary graduate.

Books are available in the office.

Teaching, Leading, and Honoring Our Baptismal Vows

The Children's Committee is in the middle of lots of recruiting.

It is no small task to nurture the faith in another person. I firmly believe we are loved into the faith, not lectured into the faith. Our faith development is tied up in relationships.

Those relationships are with each other and with our God. You do not need to be a Bible expert in order to share your own faith. You do need to have a love for children and a love for God. We will provide support in the way of teaching teams, a good curriculum, and great kids! We also have teacher training and a wonderful CE Committee to lend a hand.

We welcome and appreciate teachers and leaders who no longer have young children.

If you would be willing to share your time, energy, imagination, and love with Westminster's children next year, please contact Sophie Maness, 615.292.5526, smaness@nashvillewpc.org, to talk about where we have needs.

Be A Summer Volunteer

Summer Sunday School June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 10

Please scan the QR code below to signup for a Sunday nurturing our children during Sunday School.





Ukrainian Refugees

- 1) Donations: In working with Nations Ministry Center, there are short-term financial needs to support some initial families coming to Nashville in the next several weeks: car, rent and food. While each family is required to have a US 'sponsor' who is legally responsible for financial support, the time before the parent(s) can obtain a job and earn income is uncertain. Here are some details:
- **a. Car:** getting around Nashville is a requirement –either borrowed, donated and money for used-car purchase.
- **b. Food:** especially at the beginning to help stock the pantry and purchase familiar foods
- c. Rent: uncertain time period but \$1700-\$2000 per month is a minimum. The duration of rent support is not known but could be for a number of months. The process to authorize entry to the US has been very quick. But the adults need the 'authorization' to work, and there is some uncertainty about when that can occur.

- **d.** If we collect more money than needed for the families that come through Nations Ministry Center, Westminster will donate funds to other non-profit agencies serving Ukrainian refugees.
- 2) Community: Several of the arriving parents are fluent English speakers. However, the children/youth coming will benefit by participating with English speaking youth in fun activities. The goal is to get them comfortable and acclimated so they can transition to school enrollment in August. Ages are not certain for all arrivals at this time, but we know some of initial ones are aged 7 years to 17 years.

If you are interested in supporting this effort to welcome Ukrainian refugee families, please send your donation made out to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3900 West End Avenue, Nashville 37205. Please note "Ukrainian Refugees" on the check.

If you have questions, please email: Kelly Christie, kellyc1956@gmail.com or Jackie Shrago, jshrago@comcast.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Westminster Café

9:10 AM - Noon Tuesdays & Wednesdays Koinonia Youth Café

If you haven't had a cup of coffee from the new Westminster Café, you

should come and check it out.

The purpose of the café is to be a welcoming space that serves great drinks along with being a place of personal support, care and learning. The café also seeks to enrich the ministries of Westminster.

You have what it takes!

Rabbi Joshua Kullock of the West End Synagogue and Donovan have been in conversation about ways in which our congregations can be in shared ministry.

On Wednesday, June 1, we're having a blood drive with them at the synagogue. Let's not let them down! Sign up by scanning the QR code below.



- Save The Date -

Golf Scramble September 12 8:00 AM Shotgun Scramble

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Communion kits are available for Seniors living in a residency or independently.

Please contact Sylvia Leins, srleins@yahoo.com to receive one or add someone you_{12} know to the list for the next Communion Sunday.



Spring Program Music Made in America

Thursday, May 26 ● 10:30 AM Goodpasture Hall

Please join us for this wonderful program featuring:

America the Beautiful - Bell Choir

Amazing Grace - Jane Kirchner, Handbell Solo

Poem readings by Audrey Campbell with musical accompaniment

A lesson in the Blues - John Arnn

Every Time I Feel The Spirit - Bell Choir

The Bell Choir will be joined by Jane Kirchner on piccolo and Frank Kirchner on percussion. Plus, a special guest in the finale.

Everyone welcome.





Scan here to make your reservations.

Join us in the North Parking Lot for a picnic of Moe's and lots of fun outdoor activities.

The cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children and \$25 family max.

There will be cupcakes, Giant Jenga, a bounce house, and lots of other fun to be had by all ages!!

Make your reservations and join us for lunch after church.

Mark Your Calendars

Outdoor Challenge

For rising 5th and 6th June 17 - 24, 2022

Please sign up with Sophie Maness at 615.292.5526, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

Rise Against Hunger Sunday, July 10 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Come pack 10,000 meals for hungry folks around the world and stay for the food trucks in the North Parking Lot after we finish!!

Kick Off Sunday August 21

A fun-filled morning to kick off the new educational year.

Look for further details about the morning and upcoming classes.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 22

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Adult Sunday School

Children's Sunday School

Youth Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

12:00 рм New Member Reception

12:30 рм Hayes Springer Wall Dedication

3:00 PM Claire Harris Kramer Ordination

4:00 рм Music Camp Rehearsal

5:00 PM Laudate Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 23

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

Tuesday, May 24

7:30 AM Bible Study

10:00 AM Westminster Book Group

5:30 рм Yoga

5:45 PM GETconnected Comm Mtg

Wednesday, May 25

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

9:30 AM Changing Gears Handbells

10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 26

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

10:30 AM Changing Gears Handbell Program

Friday, May 27

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, May 28

11:30 AM AA

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

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

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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403



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