

On the cover: Photo by Donovan Drake

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. The titles of organ pieces from the French Baroque refer to the organ stops to be used, with the Tierce registration being a combination of flute ranks that includes the high major third from the overtone series. "En taille," meaning "in the middle," refers to the Tierce registration being played by the left hand, in-between the range of the right hand and the pedals.

About Hymn 321

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since. TEXT: Samuel John Stone, 1866; MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864.

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

Tierce en taille

François Couperin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Happy are those who trust in the Lord, whose hope is in God's steadfast love.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Mighty and merciful God, you lead us by your light and clothe us in your grace. Teach our hearts to treasure the way of life that you desire, so that that we might be ready for the one who is coming at an unexpected hour:

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 321

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

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.

In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful and loving God, we confess
that we have not lived in faith and love.
We offer you great pageants of piety
and ignore your call to do what is right.
We busy ourselves with idle pleasures
and fail to prepare for your coming realm.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us the gift of faith,
so that we might set our hope
on the better things you have promised;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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.)

Call to and 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 Psalm 50, Hymn 13

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence. TEXT: Michael Morgan, 1999; MUŠIC: English Country Songs, 1893.

Scripture

The scriptures bear witness to the word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who "became flesh and lived among us." (John 1:14). Where the word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord's Day.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Genesis 15:1-6

(Old Testament, page 12 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 (Singing together, Hymn 13)

KINGSFOLD

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

(New Testament, pages 225-226 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Desire a Better Country"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others

and ourselves,

accept lies as truth,

exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet

entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

(Book of Confessions)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Godfrey Sampson

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life! Such a Way as gives us breath, Such a Truth as ends all strife, Such a Life as killeth Death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength!
Such a Light as shows a feast,
Such a Feast as mends in length,
Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come my Joy, my Love, my Heart! Such a Joy as none can move, Such a Love as none can part, Such a Heart as joys in love.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Eric Nelson

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly,
walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Then do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly,
walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life, how shall our life fulfill, fulfill God's law so high?

Let Christ, let Christ endue our will, let Christ endue our will with grace.

How shall our life, how shall our life fulfill God's law?
What does the Lord require?
What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly,
walk humbly with your God.

George Herbert (1593-1633) was a Welsh poet, orator, and priest of the Church of England. His poetry is associated with the writings of the metaphysical poets, and he is recognized as "one of the foremost British devotional lyricists." The text follows a simple but effective structure, with the first line of each stanza offering three nouns (or metaphors) for Christ, and the successive three lines expounding each word in order. The first group draws directly from John 14:6. ("I am the way, and the truth, and the life"). The second describes a feast, perhaps evoking the parable of the wedding feast in Matthew 22 or Luke 12, or the wedding feast of Revelation 19. The third is the final part of a love letter to Christ. "The three-fold structure of the first verse is repeated in the other two; there is a trinity in each verse, and three verses, making a trinity of trinities."

Godfrey Sampson (1902 -1949) was an English composer and organist, best remembered for his church and choral music. From 1920 he studied composition at the Royal Academy of Music and in 1932 he became a professor of composition there.

Eric Nelson, the conductor of the prestigious Atlanta Master Chorale, has provided original music to this paraphrase of Micah 6:8 by British hymn writer and Congregationalist pastor, Alfred Bayly (1901-1984). Bayly once wrote that "hymns may deal with the most profound ideas, but unless these are expressed in the simplest and clearest possible way, they can be nothing but words to many of those who sing them."

Doxology

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

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:

*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!

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION

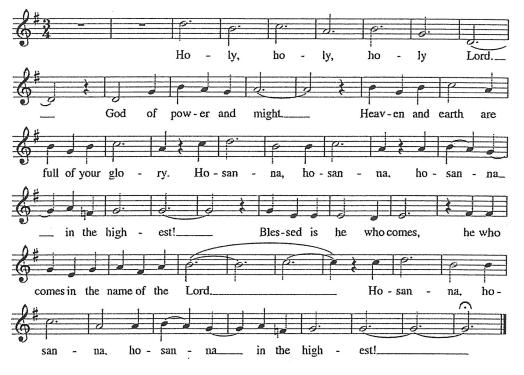
*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

We give you thanks, O God,... and in whom you take delight.

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 name:



(The congregation may be seated.)

You sent him from heaven... and serve you as your priestly people.

Great is the mystery of faith.



We ask you to send your Holy Spirit... through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayed in unison, see page 35 of your hymnal for text.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(The people will move to the Communion stations as directed by the ushers. The celebrant will give each worshiper the bread. The worshiper dips the bread in the cup and partakes. An appropriate response is "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Please return to the pews, using the side aisles.)

Music during Communion

Anthem

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.

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.

"All my Hope on God is Founded" is a German hymn that was translated into English in 1899 by Robert Bridges. The original tune was a German chorale, but in 1930, English organist and composer Herbert Howells was asked to write a new tune for it. Howells received the request by mail one morning, in the middle of breakfast. Almost immediately a tune suggested itself to him and the hymn was composed on the spot (in the composer's words) "while I was chewing bacon and sausage." Howells later named the tune after his son Michael who had died in childhood in 1935.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

About Hymn 373

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts pax, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) describes *shalom*, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will. TEXT: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982; MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916.

About the Postlude

As the hands switch back and forth between manuals in this piece, there is a dialogue between the upper and lower range of the trumpet stops used for the solo line. O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*HYMN 373

Dialogue sur les Trompettes

François Couperin

*(Those who are able may stand.)

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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 and Head of Staff

Liturgist

The Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith
Associate Pastor for Adult Education and
Spiritual Nurture

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Jane Kirchner 11:00 AM Keith Cole

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir 11:00 AM Summer Choir

Dr. John Semingson

Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell

Organist & Associate Director of

Music Ministries

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Albert Caver by his family - Jennifer, Giles, Henry, and Sarah Jean Caver.

The flowers in the Parlor
are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of
Spencer Andrew Klavan
and
Joshua Henry Herr
on Saturday, August 6, 2022.

Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of a son, Elmore "Ellis" Hill IV on August 1, 2022 to Morey and Bobbe Hill. Jess and Moe are very excited grandparents!

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

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional. The balcony will remain masks required.

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.

Summer Choir

Please consider participating in the Summer Choir this year.

The choir will rehearse for one hour (9:45 AM - 10:45 AM) and sing for the 11:00 AM worship service throughout the summer months.

For additional information, please contact John Semingson, johns@nashvillewpc.org.

The Security Committee advises members that the Wilson entrance to the building will remain locked on Sunday mornings for the foreseeable future.

Members may continue to enter the building at the Wilson entrance on Sundays by using an existing door code or contacting the church office to obtain one.



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 know to the list for the next Communion Sunday.

Adult Education Classes begin at 9:45 AM

Today's Classes:

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a discussion with Mark Dunkerly, President and CEO of Oasis Center.

Faith & Fellowship ● 214

One Day, One Question

Join us throughout the summer as we ask one question per week and discuss all possible answers. Each class will be different. **Everyone welcome.**

This week's question: *How many Disciples were there? Hint, not 12.*Led by Michael Renwick &
Steve Reed.

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's Gospel lesson.

Fall Opportunities

New classes are forming. Check out the opportunities below and look to future eBlasts for more classes as we roll out the 2022-23 adult education year.

Guy will be leading a class or two this fall, and Westminster Academy returns in September.

If you are interested in taking a Disciple I class this year, please contact Guy.

Sunday Afternoons • 5:00 PM Starts September 18 Journey with Jesus Led by Suzie Lane

Journey with Jesus Bible study will explore the question, "How do we claim God?" using Brian McLaren's book, "We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation" and some of our church's creeds.

It is not necessary to commit to every Sunday. The first session will be at the church. Most other sessions will take place via Zoom.

Tuesday Mornings • 8:15 AM Starting in August Led by Lena Levendoski and Susan Isaacs

A study on Saint Teresa of Avila, a well-known mystic from the 1500s who is considered the Doctor of Prayer.

Wednesday Mornings ● 9:30 AM Starts August 24 Led by Sharon Warfield

This class will study *Moses* by Adam Hamilton.

Wednesday Mornings ● 11:00 AM Starting August 31 Led by Lisa Staggs

A study on *The Beatitudes for Today* by James C. Howell.

If interested in any of the classes listed, please contact Guy or Kris Pardue.

Children's Ministry August 14

Teacher Training Lunch

There will be a lunch for volunteers on Sunday, August 14 at noon in the Overlook Room. Childcare will be provided as well as a delicious lunch for all.

This is for ALL volunteers who make Sunday morning happen. We still need a few folks to help out. Please let Sophie Maness, smaness@nashvillewpc.org, know if you are interested in helping in a part-time, occasional way. We would love to have your help.

You are welcome to join us for lunch to learn more and meet other volunteers. Just let Sophie know you are coming.

August 28

Children's Choirs Begin

All children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to join the children's choir.

The first meeting will be on August 28.

4:00 рм - choirs

Gloria

Alleluia

Jubilate

5:00 рм - Chiming Children

Susan Ramsay, Ally Hard, Roberta Rodgers, and Colby White look forward to seeing you.

Parent Meetings

This year, we are hosting parent meetings for three different age groups. Go to the one your oldest child will be in. Hear what is going on in Children's Ministry and ways YOU can get involved and fellowship at church.

Please RSVP by scanning the QR code below, to let us know how many will be coming, so we can have plenty of goodies to share.

Pre-school Parents - Parents with babies - Four year olds August 14 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM

At the home of Pam and Mike Koban. Light refreshments will be served. Get a babysitter, come to this and then go out on the town.



Kindergarten - Fourth Grade parents August 14 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM

At the home of Kelly and Phil Smith. Light refreshments will be served.



Fifth and Sixth Grade Parents Sunday, August 21 - WATCH for more details SOON!

Save The Date!

KICKOFF Sunday is August 21.

Mark it in your calendars and and join us for an all-church PICNIC after the 11:00 AM worship with barbecue, a dunk tank, mini golf, and more!!

Scan the QR code below to register for lunch.



Wheelchair Ramp Build

A member of our church is experiencing mobility issues and is in need of a wheelchair ramp. Westminster is organizing a team to build this ramp.

We will work on this ramp on August 12 (Friday) and 13 (Saturday). The ramp should be fairly easy for our experienced craftsmen (as well as those who want to learn).

If you can assist for one or two days, please contact Michael Renwick, twain1964@icloud.com.

March 15 - 27, 2023

Tour of Israel & Jordan

Led by Donovan Drake Hosted by Keith Cole

If you are interested in taking a trip to Israel, please visit our website to view the complete brochure.

Register online at bookings.wittetravel.com using the booking code 031523DRAK.



8:00 AM 'Shotgun' start at Gaylord Springhouse Golf Course on Monday, September 12. Scramble format. Enter as an individual or as a team. Having fun and fellowship is required. All skill levels are welcome.

Cost: \$100 per person, includes golf and lunch.

Benefits: Event proceeds benefits Westminster Home Connection.

Please contact Donovan Drake, ddrake@ nashvillewpc.org, with any questions. Scan the QR code below to register for this event.

If you would like to sponsor a hole, please contact Lisa Levine, 513.673.4856.

Westminster is considering hosting a blood drive this fall, and we need your help.

We would like to hold the drive on a Sunday morning, but we need at least 75 names on our interest list to be eligible for a Sunday.

If you want to become a blood donor, please click the button below. Friends and family are welcome to participate as well. Children 16 and older may do so with a parent's permission.

Please scan the QR code below to register your interest.



Devastating floods impacted Eastern Kentucky this past week. Many deaths were found; communities were flooded and cut off from surrounding areas. Record heat is further complicating conditions in the area. Families are struggling with the loss of homes, jobs and family members. What can Westminster Presbyterian Church do? One thing is to pray for the survivors of the flood and their wellbeing. Another important action is to provide funding for the relief and recovery efforts. Individual church members can donate directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (Ky floods) or donate to Westminster (earmark Ky floods) and the church will forward funds to agencies that provide direct services to residents.





August 17 Men's Coffee

Monthly Men's Coffees are resuming. Join us at 10:00 AM during the Westminster Café hours.

The topic for discussion: "Best and/or Worst Job You Ever Had."

Open to men of all ages! Come for good coffee and goodies, and great fellowship! No reservations are required to join.



Westminster Café

8:00 AM - Noon Tuesdays through Fridays Koinonia Youth Café

Looking for a convenient spot to meet a group of friends? Or a quiet space to work? Somewhere to have a good cup of coffee? Enter through the North Entrance of the church.

Volunteers are needed to greet guests, prepare drinks, serve pastries, and set up or clean up. Interested? Scan the QR Code to sign up. Trainees are paired with an experienced volunteer.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, August 7

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School Classes

11:00 AM Worship

Monday, August 8

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

5:30 PM Pickle Ball

Tuesday, August 9

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

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Wednesday, August 10

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:30 AM Summer handbells

10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study

5:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting

5:30 PM Earth Care Task Force Meeting

Thursday, August 11

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

7:00 PM Hands on Mission Committee Mtg

Friday, August 12

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:30 PM Pickle Ball

Saturday, August 13

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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If you have questions about a certain event listed on our calendar, please contact a member of our program staff.

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O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly



love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease, till by God's shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord; the hope of



grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace. peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

