

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022



**Westminster
Presbyterian
Church**

To the Ancients, Friendship seemed the happiest and most fully human of all loves; the crown of life and the school of virtue. The modern world, in comparison, ignores it.

C.S. Lewis

This world is full of sorrow because it is full of sin. It is a dark place. It is a lonely place. It is a disappointing place. The brightest sunbeam in it is a friend. Friendship halves our troubles and doubles our joys.

J.C. Ryle

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. Perhaps more in line with the Organ Preludes of Dietrich Buxtehude than those of J.S. Bach, this Prelude by Walther explores a variety of keyboard styles from section to section, falling into the tradition of the Stylus Fantasticus.

PRELUDE

Prelude in D Minor

Johann Gottfried Walther

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving
and the courts of God with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name!
**For the Lord is good; God's love is eternal,
and God's faithfulness has no end.**

Psalm 100:4-5

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts.
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty
of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. 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.)*

For All the Saints

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text. TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

**By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.")*

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.

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

**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.**

Isaiah 5:1-7

(Old Testament, page 634 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 82

Refrain:



A - rise, O God; a - rise and rule the earth.

God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
 giving judgment in the midst of the gods;
 "How long will you judge unjustly,
 and show favor to the wicked?
 Save the weak and the orphan;
 defend the humble and needy;
 rescue the weak and the poor;
 deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand;
they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken. **Refrain**

Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince."
Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own. **Refrain**

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

(New Testament, page 226 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

“Surrounded”

Guy D. Griffith

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...”* (Hebrews 12:1-2a)

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 718** Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said BOURBON

About Hymn 718

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Spirit helps believers grow in the new life.
The Christian fellowship was not
a society of perfect people.
The struggle between the old way of life
and the new was severe.
Yet the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus
love, joy, peace, and victories
in the battle against evil.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit works today
whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ.
As long as we live we struggle with sin,
but the Spirit's presence assures us
God will complete what he has begun in us. Amen.**

(A Declaration of Faith)

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape-note tune. TEXT: Charles William Everest, 1833; MUSIC: Attr. Freeman Lewis, 1814.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

To GIVE, please scan
QR code below:



THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem (*8:30 a.m.*) Thou Knowest, Lord Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer,
but spare us, Lord, spare us, Lord most holy,
O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour,
thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not, at our last hour,
for any pains of death to fall from thee. Amen.

Anthem (*11:00 a.m.*) John Gardner

Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's grace,
Lift thine eyes and seek God's face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide:
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

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***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Doxology

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

**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**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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.

**All things come from you, O God,
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.
You created all that is, and with love,
formed us in your image.
You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.
And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,
we offer you ourselves, and all that we have,
in union with Christ's offering for us.
By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

About Hymn 846

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2). TEXT: John Samuel Bewley Monsell, 1863; MUSIC: Attr. John Hatton, c. 1793.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

SENDING

***HYMN 846** Fight the Good Fight DUKE STREET

***BENEDICTION**

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. The subject of this fugue finds some character through ornamental decoration along with a chromatic rising line at its end.

POSTLUDE Fugue in D Minor
Johann Gottfried Walther

**(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. Guy D. Griffith
*Associate Pastor for Adult Education and
Spiritual Nurture*

Liturgist

Sophie Maness
Executive Director of Family Ministries

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Sallie Bailey
11:00 AM Bob Hines

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 T. and Elizabeth P. McClanahan
by their 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.

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.

Save The Date!

KICKOFF Sunday is August 21.

Mark it in your calendars 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.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

minute 4 MISSION



Whether you are a Pro, a Hacker or a First Timer, come and have some great Westminster FUN!

Monday, September 12

8:00 AM 'Shotgun' start at Gaylord Springhouse Golf Course. Scramble format. Enter as an individual or as a team. Having fun and fellowship is required.

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

Benefits: Event proceeds benefit Westminster Home Connection.

Come join those looking to round out their foursome, bring a friend or start your own group.

All skill levels are welcome including beginners. The only requirement is to ENJOY!

Here's your chance to share in some fellowship in a whole new way....so come and PLAY!

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.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education
Classes begin at 9:45 AM

Today's Classes:

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Lindsay and Bowen Ballew, and Kristen, Andy, Frank, and Luke Johns went to Eswatini, Africa in July to volunteer at Heart for Africa. Project Canaan, Heart for Africa's 2500 acre land development that 333 Swazi children call home, is a place full of so much HOPE. It is a place where children are literally loved back to life. This organization's love extends beyond the walls of their children's home. They go out into communities around them, even if it's hours away, and bring much needed food, clothing, supplies, love, prayers and hope. Westminster generously supported this mission and the group will discuss the trip this Sunday.

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: *Why Are Protestant and Catholic Bibles Different?*

Led by Michael Renwick & Steve Reed.

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's Gospel lesson.

Second Sunday Fellowship Time!

Now every month in the Parlor

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Come greet each other while enjoying some yummy goodies and a cup of specialized coffee!

Spotlight on Missions

Join us in the Parlor this morning as we spotlight a few of our missions and educational opportunities at WPC. With the KICKOFF happening next week, we want to make sure everyone can *GETconnected!*

Be sure to stop by and sign up for an activity at one of these tables:

Adult Education
Children's Music Ministry
Golf Outing
Habitat for Humanity
Safety & Security

Next Week...

Westminster Update! – Next Sunday

Come to the Fellowship Hall next Sunday during Sunday School time.

Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going?

You need to be there.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Every day we witness the many ways that our church has provided a spiritual home for our congregation. YOUR GENEROSITY helps Westminster with the day-to-day operation of the church including the support of our programs for all ages, our community partners and the maintenance of our campus. These everyday and ongoing costs are subject to continuing increases - and can easily be taken for granted.

We thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration to complete your 2022 pledge should you find yourself in a position to do so. We know from Proverbs that "one gives freely, but grows all the richer." Proverbs 11:24

Kelly Christie
Generosity Committee Chair

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:

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July 31, 2022

	Month	Year to Date
Income:	\$246,397	\$1,915,871
Expense:	<u>\$317,095</u>	<u>\$1,863,566</u>
Net Income (loss):		
	\$ (70,698)	\$ 52,305

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 • 7:00 AM **Starting October 25** **Daybreak Believers** **Led by Bill and Kelly Christie**

A study on A.-J. Levine's 'The Difficult Words of Jesus'.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 PM - choirs

Gloria

Alleluia

Jubilate

5:00 PM - 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2 • 12:00 to 6:00 PM
Goodpasture Hall
Westminster Blood Drive

We have set the date!

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.

A second blood drive has been set for February 5, 2023.



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.



PDA



WPC

August 17 • 10:00 AM
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.



*Café hours are subject to change if a prior event is scheduled.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, August 14

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 12:00 PM Teacher Lunch/Training
- 4:00 PM Parent Meeting - Babies/Preschool
- 4:30 PM Parent Meeting - K - 4th Grade

Monday, August 15

- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 5:30 PM Pickle Ball
- 6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee Mtg

Tuesday, August 16

- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 5:30 PM Yoga
- 5:30 PM Finance Committee Mtg

Wednesday, August 17

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Summer handbells
- 10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study
Men's Coffee
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball

Thursday, August 18

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
- 3:00 PM Bereavement Committee Mtg

Friday, August 19

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café

Saturday, August 20

- 11:30 AM AA

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

Contacts:

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

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