

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them they are more than the sand.



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. This closing movement of Handel's Organ Concerto in G Minor is a theme and variations. As the phrases and thorough -bass of the theme continue, the solo melodies in the soprano and bass registers become increasingly active and energetic.

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.

About Hymn 744

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God, but to people. TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974; MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Andante; Op. 4, No. 1

G.F. Handel/arr. W.T. Best

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

O Lord, you search us and know us; we praise you, O God, our Maker. You are the potter, we are the clay; we are the work of your hands.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 744

FESTAL SONG

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world, but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, like children long indulged,
we are quick to presume your pardon,
your sanction of the way we live.
We turn away from neighbors in need,
sharing fragments that remain
only after our cravings have been met.
Merciful Maker, you created us for better use;
remake us now.
Where we are distorted, re-center and re-shape us,
bring us low and raise us up.
Then fire our hearts
until we shine with your glory
and find our place in your purpose.

(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.

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.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Luke 14:25-33

(New Testament, page 78 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 139 Allen Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me,
You know ev'rything I do.
When I rise up and lie down,
you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue,
you know what I will say,
your presence follows me day by day.

Where can I flee from your spirit?
Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.

Lord, you have searched me ...
Search me, O God, and know me,
try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

(Old Testament, pages 577 and 578 in your pew Bible)

SERMON "Who are you?" Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

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.

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.

*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.

(Book of Confessions)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

*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.

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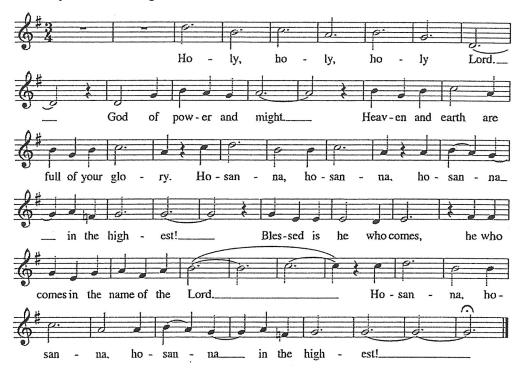


Doxology

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

Holy and gracious God... your steadfast love endures forever.

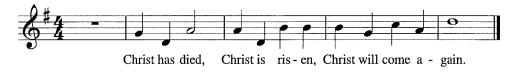
Therefore, we lift our voices in joyful praise with all the faithful of every time and place:



(The congregation may be seated.)

We give thanks for the story of Jesus... to proclaim the dying, rising, coming Christ.

Great is the mystery of faith.



Pour out your Spirit upon us and... that have come to us through Jesus Christ.

We pray through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.



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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 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 D. A. White

O Bread of Life from heaven, To saints and angels given; O Manna from above! The souls that hunger, feed thou, the hearts that seek thee, lead thou, With thy sweet tender love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Andante, Concerto in D Minor; BWV 974 Alessandro Marcello/arr. J.S. Bach

Communion

The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices "opén 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.

About Hymn 223

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watt's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant. TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1707; MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824.

About the Postlude

Bach's arrangement of this first movement of Marcello's Oboe Concerto modifies the music to accommodate idiomatic keyboard playing in which one can hear the Galant style of Marcello's writing.

^{*(}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 & Head of Staff

Liturgist

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

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Bob Cooper 11:00 AM Bill Christie

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir 11:00 AM Westminster 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 honor of the
Westminster Congregation
and to all who work so hard for our
Westminster family and
the Nashville community.

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.

New Member & Inquirer Class to Begin!

9:45 AM • September 11 – October 9
This class is a wonderful way to learn about Westminster and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and to explore all of the opportunities for growth in faith, fellowship, and service at WPC. Contact Emily Harrison, eharrision@nashvillewpc.org. to sign-up for this class.

Adult Education Classes begin at 9:45 AM

Today's Classes:

Covenant Class

No class today.

Faith & Fellowship

Please enjoy the weekend and join us next Sunday.

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's Gospel lesson.

Youth Ministry

No classes today for our youth ministry or choir rehearsal.

Children's Ministry

Preschool children please go to rooms in your hallway. Kindergarten - fourth grade please go to the movie room.

No children's choir rehearsal.



Communion kits are available for Seniors living in a retirement community 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.

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Photo by Kelly Christie

Do we want Donovan to get the trophy this year?

Westminster Golf Outing
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.

Register by scanning the QR code below.





WPC Habitat Build September 10 - October 30

If you would like to volunteer for this year's build, please scan the QR code below. For more info or if you have questions, please contact Michael Drake, drakerducks@gmail.com.



Take Me To Your Leader

Nominations for next year's Elder class and Legacy Fund Trustees (the Class of 2026) are requested from Westminster members.

To nominate a church member, complete a suggestion form. Forms can be found:

- (1) in the Parlor by the wooden Ballot Box, or
- (2) online at www.nashvillewpc.church, click on forms tab.

Nominations close on October 9, 2022.

For more information, please contact Bill Tate, whtate@comcast.net or Terri Eckert, teckert@nashvillewpc.org.

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Mission Opportunity — Field Trip to Renewal House!

All are invited to join us for a memorable and educational field trip to Renewal House on Thursday, September 8! We will leave from church at 9:00 AM, returning after a fellowship lunch at 12:30 PM. We will tour the new facilities and hear amazing stories.

"Renewal House serves more than 500 women and children a year through all of its programs combined. We help women gain the skills to remain sober, give their children nurturing care, improve their physical and mental health, and secure employment."

Renewal House website

Email Beth Drake at beth@ westminsterjoy.org to save a spot!

September 12 Women's Covenant Group Goodpasture Hall

11:30 AM • Fellowship 12:00 PM • Presentation

Women's Covenant Group is resuming after a summer break. We hope you'll come! You don't have to be a member or to have ever come before. We're a lively and welcoming group of friends who enjoy fellowship and interesting programs.

Bring a sack lunch and join us as Guy Griffith shares his recent sabbatical experience and talks about his ideas on the "sacrament" of friendship.

For more information, please contact Janice Kemp, Harriet Sewell, or Margaret Wheeler.

Joy in Learning's New Note Card Ministry!

Kind words are like honey - sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.
Proverbs 16:24 (NLT)

Come bring your caring heart and share your kind words. We will be gathering in the new Westminster Cafe on Tuesday, September 6 and Tuesday, September 20, from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM to write notes/cards for those experiencing joys and sorrows, those needing encouragement, and those deserving appreciation. A list of potential recipients and all materials will be supplied. Led by Melissa Halsell.

Let us know you can join us by scanning the QR code below.



September 14 Changing Gears Goodpasture Hall

11:00 AM • Fellowship 11:30 AM • Program

12:15 рм • Lunch

Join John Arnn for a musical discussion, Word, Text, and Hymns. All are welcome.

Please make lunch reservations with Emily Harrison, eharrison@nashvillewpc.org.

YOUTH IN ACTION THIS SUMMER









Photos by Margie Quinn

Ferrell Wilson:

I saw God in the community of Neighbors Together. Seeing the joy and fellowship that united the volunteers while serving the people of North Charleston was inspiring. I loved the idea that they are trying to put themselves out of business. Neighbors serve meals, give groceries, and much more to the people in the North Charleston area. The day we spent there was full of laughter and fun. I never expected to have fun and to serve the community simultaneously. God was so present during our time there, and I left feeling truly fulfilled.

Stewart Hall:

This was my first time ever going on a mission trip. Between becoming best friends with a sixth-grader, exploring the city of Charleston and helping those in need, it was an amazing experience. My favorite part of the trip was when we went shopping for St. James Outreach. We pretended that we had \$10.00 for supplies for the week. It was incredibly hard to decide what supplies we needed and how much we needed. It was also fun noticing the people staring at a cart full of vegetable oil.

Caroline Bryant:

I saw God during our visit to Closet of Hope, a non-profit organization that collects donated clothes and shoes to let foster children and parents choose clothing they want to wear for free. I saw God in the many families that walked through the house and picked through the many rooms full of options, ages 0-18. I saw God in Kelly Green, the **Executive Director** of Closet for Hope's unwavering generosity for each and every one of her sixteen biological and foster children. I saw God in the family's wholeness, even after so many only knew Kelly as their mother for a few months. I saw God in the love surrounding their home, holding all of the family's shopping there, the volunteers giving their time to help there, and Kelly's family making a home for every foster child in need there.

Caroline Keiper:

My favorite nonprofit that we volunteered at this week was called Neighbors Together. I loved it not just for the amazing food we got to eat while there, but because they are truly trying to "put themselves out of business." They are always going to do their best to help their community and the people that need it, whether that is through a hot meal, healthcare, an outfit for a job interview, or pretty much anything you can think of, but their main goal is to drastically reduce the number of people that are forced to use their services. They are trying to solve the homelessness problem in Charleston one person at a time, one meal at a time. I saw God there, in the people that we served, the other volunteers, and in the feeling of knowing that actions you may consider small could help change the whole course of a person's life.

William Wyckoff:

Of all the impressive locations we visited and volunteered at, the foster aid program of Closet of Hope made the most significant impact on me. Though no less important; homelessness, hunger; all these issues are at the forefront of Westminster's focus, causing us to often neglect those issues deemed less relevant or simply forgotten. For me especially, the foster system was a blind spot in my knowledge of important issues. Save the bare minimum, I knew almost nothing about the nitty-gritty nor of the amount of work that goes into supporting the system. Closet for Hope changed this in a major way, enlightening and educating me about a difficult subject I had never seriously considered researching. At this location, a mother who barely expected to raise three children ended up with sixteen. Already an impressive feat, she went above and beyond by founding a charity dedicated to providing clothes and supplies to fellow foster parents who needed to provide for their own foster youth. After hours upon hours of clothes sorting, redesigning, and maybe too much shelf building, I felt deeply impressed with her work and passionately connected to her cause. Most importantly of all is that she was not just raising awareness (important as that is), but she was willing to dedicate her life's work to improving a flawed system while changing countless lives with it. It's one thing to hear about the hundreds of thousands of children in this difficult system, but to hear personal and emotional stories hit different than statistics. I'm a kid just like they are, how different am I from all the others out there? What would I do in their place and would I have access (or lack thereof) to the same opportunities? I feel my view of the world has been altered by this experience and my only regret is I can't help out at Closet of Hope even more. If you were like me, ignorant of this issue, I encourage you to research the foster system and find ways to get involved. You don't have to adopt 12 children, but to ignore this issue completely is to condemn people just like me to a life I'm uncomfortable imagining.

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The Love That Continues



With a twinkling smile, Susan Baughman went about her work at Westminster. Her strong faith compelled her to give of herself in any way possible through volunteering and filling any needs she saw. She was

everywhere and into everything around the church. When she moved to Knoxville to be with her family, there was certainly a void to fill. In her prayer she selected for her memorial service were the words "give me a servant's heart". This seemed to be her mantra. Susan is still here through her years of work at Westminster, and now through her Legacy Fund contribution. Her love for this church and her volunteer spirit continues through her planned gift.

The Legacy Fund Trustees invite you to prayerfully consider your ongoing love for this church and its missions. The

Legacy Fund is a permanent endowment to provide long-term financial security of Westminster. Distributions support activities central to Westminster's mission that are outside the annual operating budget and protect the church from adverse financial circumstances.

If you would like to learn more, visit our website Legacy Fund – Westminster Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or contact Jo Ann McFarlin, Executive Director of Operations, jmcfarlin@nashville.org or 615-292-5526 ext 231, Donovan Drake, or Jay Hardcastle, Trustee Chair.

And thank you to those who have already included Westminster in their planned giving! We are updating church records and confirming those who have named Westminster as a beneficiary in their will, retirement plan, or life insurance policy. Please contact Jo Ann McFarlin, Executive Director of Operations, jmcfarlin@ nashville.org or 615-292-5526 ext 231 to let us know your plans.





THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 4

8:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship

Monday, September 5

- church campus closed -

Tuesday, September 6

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

12:30 PM Caring Connections Team Mtg

5:30 рм Yoqa

Wednesday, September 7

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

9:30 AM Changing Gears handbells

Disciple III Disciple XVII

10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study

11:00 AM Pearlseekers

Pastor's Aides Team Mtg

5:00 рм Prayer Ministry

5:30 PM Benevolence Committee

7:00 PM Men's Basketball

Westminster Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 8

8:00 AM Westminster Café

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

7:00 PM Hands on Mission Comm Mtg

Friday, September 9

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

5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, September 10

11:30 AM AA

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

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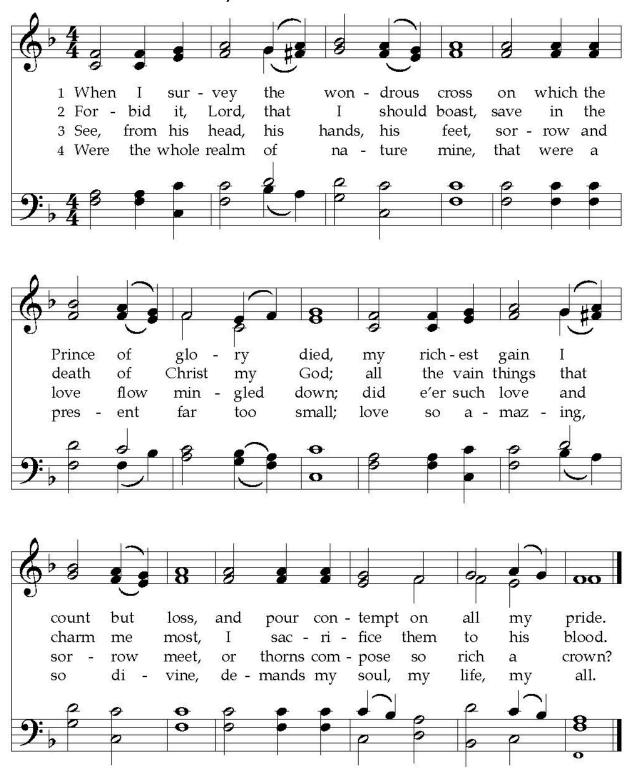
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