

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2022

IN GOD
WE TRUST



Westminster
Presbyterian
Church

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Suite du Deuxième Ton

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

- i. Plein Jeu
- ii. Duo
- iii. Trio

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Praise the Lord, you servants of God.

Praise the name of the Lord!

Let the name of the Lord be praised,
both now and forevermore.

Praise the name of the Lord!

The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
God's glory above the heavens.

Praise the name of the Lord!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Eternal and loving God,
open our eyes to your glory,
and help us to understand your ways.
Clear our minds from all distractions,
so that we may follow you, your Beloved Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
who live and reign with you in unity,
one God, 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.)*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 331

NATIONAL HYMN

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

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. Composing in the French Baroque period, Clérambault followed the convention of listing the organ registration as a piece's title. The Plein Jeu is the chorus of principal pipes that constitutes the organ's unique sound. Unlike the Plein Jeu, Duo and Trio pieces use solo stops, some of which were meant to imitate other baroque instruments and even the human voice with stops such as the Krummhorn, Cornet, and Voix Humaine.

Worship on the Lord's Day

Worship begins as the people gather - greeting one another, praying in silence, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.

About Hymn 331

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace. TEXT: Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; MUSIC: George William Warren, 1892.

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.

(Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16)

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
we confess that we are too concerned
with our own peace.
We seek the comfort of silence,
and ignore the cries of the oppressed.
We are inwardly focused,
missing your call to serve the world in justice
and love.**

**Forgive us, O God.
Equip us to fulfill your will for a world
in which all know dignity
and all are treated with equity,
as your beloved children.**

**God our Judge is also our Savior.
The good news is sure:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

(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.")*

Call to and Prayer of Confession

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the errant state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Still, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

Assurance of Pardon

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

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.

*About Psalm 79
(Hymn 430)*

This paraphrase of selected verses from Psalm 79 distills the tone of communal lament that runs through that psalm. Because the sense of shame and the longing for restoration extend to the whole community, this psalm is usually associated with the Jewish exile in Babylon. TEXT: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*, 1909; MUSIC: Daman's *Psalmes*, 1579.

About Hymn 716

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, GA. TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961; MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844.

***ACT OF PRAISE**

GLORIA PATRI

(Singing together Hymn 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

(Old Testament, page 709 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 79:1-9 *(all sing Hymn 430)*

SOUTHWELL

Luke 16:1-13

(New Testament, page 79 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"If it makes you feel any better..."

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 716** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
who alone we worship and serve.**

**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!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Robert Lau

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *There is a balm...*

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say,
"He died for all, He died for all." *There is a balm...*

To GIVE, please scan
the QR code below:



There is a Balm in Gilead

This African-American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul." Robert Lau (b. 1943) was professor of music theory at Lebanon Valley College in PA, and was for over 25 years, Organist-Choirmaster at Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church in Camp Hill, PA. Earlene Rentz (b. 1956) is a long-time music educator who lives in Lexington, KY.

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead to heal a troubled soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then a joyful spirit revives my soul again. *There is a balm...*

If you cannot sing like an angel, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell a wondrous story of joy and hope for all.
There is a balm... There's a balm.

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Almighty and merciful God,
from whom comes all that is good,
we praise you for your mercies,
for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us,
your discipline that has corrected us,
your patience that has borne with us
and your love that has redeemed us.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (singing together)**

(See the inside back cover of your hymnal for text and music.)

SENDING

***HYMN 756**

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in b minor

Eugène Gigout

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

About Hymn 756

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel. MUSIC: William W. Reid, Jr., 1958; MUSIC: Welsh folk melody, *Llywbrau Moliant*, 1872.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. Although composers from various regions and time periods composed toccatas, organists of the French Romantic gave the genre a distinctive character with pieces that showcase virtuosic figurations in the manuals that are underpinned by melodic lines in the pedals.

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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

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

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

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Montgomery Green
11:00 AM X Lucas

Beadles/Acolytes

8:30 AM Joseph Bryant

Music

8:30 AM Laudate Youth 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 loving memory of
Ann Tipton Horn
by Steve Horn.*

*The flowers in the Parlor
are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for
Ferrell Ann Wilson
on the occasion of her 16th birthday
by her parents, Tom and Julie Wilson.*

Red Roses

The red roses in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of a son, Thomas Leland, on August 21, 2022 to Katie and William Braddy (big brothers Will and Charlie and grandparents Pam and Mike Koban are over the moon!); and for the birth of a daughter, Lennon Elise, on August 31, 2022 to Brittany and Brian Price (Grandpa David Price is thrilled!).

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.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the *Worship Service Archive*. 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.

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.

Mask Policy

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

Childcare

Classroom 146 - Babies
Classroom 152 - Toddlers
Classroom 151 - 2s & 3s
Classroom 160 - 4s, 5s, & Kindergarten

Spotlight on Missions

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

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

Cockrill Elementary/Hillwood High School
Joy in Learning
Worship Support



Fall Habitat Postponed

Due to supply and permitting constraints, Habitat has made the decision to postpone the remainder of the fall build until spring.

Please keep Coswala and her family in your prayers as we continue building her house this spring.

Michael Drake, Habitat Chair

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

An Invitation

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”
1 Peter 4:10.

A dear friend of mine said that one of the reasons she became involved in her church community as a volunteer was because she was invited. So, the next week, she showed up. She lent a hand. Her participation mattered and pretty soon... she felt needed.

When someone tells us that our presence matters, that we are valued, we feel connected and appreciated. We will gladly invest our time if our participation matters. In return, we deepen our life as a community. Serving others is a gift.

Each Sunday, we enjoy poignant worship experiences. We are the recipients of outstanding music, inspiring sermons, and memorable prayers of the people. What we may not notice are the helpers - those who serve behind-the-scenes – members who volunteer to prepare our worship services each week. Before worship begins, security team members arrive to watch the entrances

and walk the campus. Members greet us, our ushers meet us at the sanctuary doors, our lay liturgist calls us to worship. The acolyte lights the Pascal candle and the beadle carries the bible ahead of the cross in the choral procession. Ushers pass the offering plates and on Communion Sundays, others have worked in advance on Communion preparation so the ushers can bring the elements to the chancel. Outside of our worship services, members of our congregation serve the church and

our community by assisting with funerals and memorial services.

Perhaps you have wondered how to be involved as a volunteer. Consider this

an invitation. There are opportunities for service and fellowship available for worship preparation. Please know that you are needed.

Today, we will have a table in the Parlor with additional information and sign-up sheets. Please stop by to ask questions and explore these opportunities. What a gift to be part of the Westminster community where we celebrate full participation in the life of the church for everyone.

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MISSION



JOIN US

Adult Education

Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Guest speaker Rev. Bridgett Green

Practice Generosity: Sharing Resources, Wisdom, Justice, and Power.

Faith & Fellowship • 214

Steve Reed will be leading.

"Here I am, for you called me."

(from 1 Samuel 3:6)

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's Gospel lesson.

Young Families • Overlook Room

Please join us for a fellowship Sunday.

New Member & Inquirer Class

9:45 AM • Now – October 9

Goodpasture Hall

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, eharrison@nashvillewpc.org, for more information.



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.

This week...

Westminster Academy

September 21 • 7:00 PM

Overlook Room

Join us for a discussion of the contours of Graham Greene's Theological Imagination as Revealed in *The Power and the Glory*.

Led by Victor Judge

Wednesday Night Dinner

September 21

5:45 PM • Fellowship Hall

Chicken pot pie • Baked apples
Eclectic salad • Caramel cake

Scan the QR code to register.



Next week...

September 27

Westminster Book Group

9:30 AM • Fellowship • Room 10

10:00 AM • Presentation

Blood at the Root: A Racial Cleansing in America

by Patrick Phillips

Blood at the Root is a sweeping American tale that spans the Cherokee removals of the 1830s, the hope and promise of Reconstruction, and the crushing injustice of Forsyth County, Georgia's racial cleansing at the turn of the twentieth century. (Amazon review)

Led by Guy Griffith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for a volunteer opportunity?
Yes, Please!! Sign Me UP!!

Cockrill Elementary and Hillwood High School have opportunities for volunteers.

- Bake goodies for teachers
- Help kids figure things out
- Tutor math - I am a retired teacher

So many more opportunities!

Please contact **Jennifer Anderson**,
andersonjl2001@yahoo.com, for more info on Cockrill Elementary.

Please contact **Jackie Shrago**,
jshrago@comcast.net, for more info on Hillwood High School.



Glooooooria....

Experience the joy of creating angels, bowls, and other items!

Eight Fridays starting Oct. 7 with registration by Oct. 1st.

Sign up on westminsterjoy.org, or for more info, contact Beth Drake at beth@westminsterjoy.org.

All levels are welcome!

**Joy in Learning's
New Note Card Ministry!**
September 20 • 9:00 AM
Westminster Café

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 20th, 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. Scan the QR code to let us know you are coming.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 18

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Children's Choirs
- 5:00 PM Chiming Children
Laudate Choir
Journey with Jesus
- 6:05 PM Youth group

Monday, September 19

- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, September 20

- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:00 AM Harvard Handbells
- 5:30 PM Yoga

Wednesday, September 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 8:15 AM Photine's Well - St. Teresa study
- 9:30 AM Changing Gears handbells
- 10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study
- 11:00 AM Pearlseekers
- 5:30 PM Finance Meeting
- 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:30 pm Westminster Academy
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball
Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 22

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
- 7:00 PM Session

Friday, September 23

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, September 24

- 11:30 AM AA

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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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Hymn #1

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Psalm 79

Remember Not, O God
(Psalm 79)

430

1 Re - mem - ber not, O God, the sins of long a - go;
2 O Lord, our Sav - ior, help, and glo - ri - fy your name;
3 Then, safe with - in your fold, we will ex - alt your name;

in ten - der mer - cy vis - it us, dis - tressed and hum - bled low.
de - liv - er us from all our sins and take a - way our shame.
our thank - ful hearts with songs of joy your good - ness will pro - claim.

Hymn #2

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D)

F

(Bm)

Dm

(G)

B^b



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G)

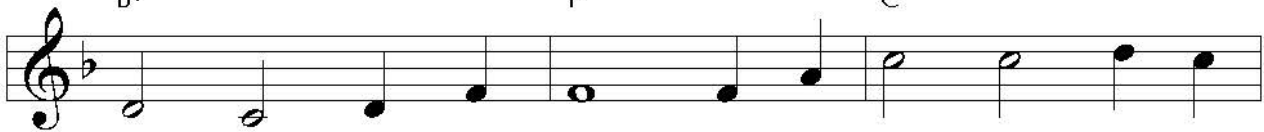
B^b

(D)

F

(A)

C



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm)

Dm

(F#m)

Am

(Bm)

Dm

(G)

B^b

(A)

C

(D)

F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm)

Dm

(G)

B^b

(D)

F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Hymn #3

O God of Every Nation 756

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.