Reign of Christ Holy Communion November 20, 2022

Home for Thanksgiving



Westminster Presbyterian Church

J.G. Walther

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily

About the Prelude

struggles of life to the worship of God. Continuing with Walther's chorale from last week, versets 3 & 4 build the texture one voice at a time through imitation to prepare each entrance of the chorale melody.

Reign of Christ

At the conclusion of the Christian year, we celebrate the sovereignty of the God who is known to us in Jesus Christ. On this day, as on every day, we give honor and glory to the Lord of heaven and earth and watch and pray for the coming of God's realm of righteousness, justice, and peace. Above all earthly powers, the crucified and risen Lord alone claims our adoration and allegiance. We proclaim that Jesus Christ is first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega.

About Hymn 12

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units. TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE All Glory be to God on High Versets 3 & 4

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Blessed is the Lord our God. who has sent us a mighty Savior. Blessed is the Lord Jesus Christ, who reigns in glory forever.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior, you pour out your power for the powerless and your salvation for the lost. Remember us in your new creation, so that we may live in peace with you in the presence of the Holy One. to whom be all honor and glory, through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

> The Cross and the Bible lead the procession. symbolic of the centrality in worship of Jesus Christ the Living Word, and the Bible—the written Word.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted. and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

(Psalm 34:18)

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess
that we have neglected to declare
Jesus as the one who reigns over our lives.
We have been quick to call on others
to follow the ways of Christ,
yet slow to do the same.
We have been bold in demanding
generosity, mercy, and forgiveness,
yet quiet when it comes to offering
inclusion, love, and compassion.
Heal us, O God.
Restore in us, yet again, a right spirit. 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.")

*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

Prayer of Confession

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising 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.

About the Kyrie

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for 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.

Act of Praise

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Luke 23:33-43

(New Testament, page 89 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 46

(8:30)

Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the Word, we are his hands, he will lead us. He is the air, we are his song. We will celebrate his presence all the day long. God is our refuge and strength...

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the rain, we are the stones, he will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song. We will celebrate his presence all the day long. God is our refuge and strength...

(11:00) Hymn 275 (All sing)

EIN' FESTE BURG

Colossians 1:11-20

(New Testament, page 200 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Home for Thanksgiving"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

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 46, Hymn 275

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns. TEXT and MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

K. Lee Scott

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; And that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me; Thou did'st note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, Thou did'st clear me; And alone, when they replied, Thou did'st hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise thee; In my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort To enroll thee: Ev'n eternity's too short To extol thee!

Affirmation of Faith

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

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



The Eucharist

The Lord's Supper (or Eucharist) is the sign and seal of our communion with the crucified and risen Lord. Jesus shared meals with his followers throughout his early life and ministry. On the night before his death, Jesus gave his disciples bread and wine, and spoke of the bread and wine as his body and blood, signs of the new covenant. He told the disciples to remember him by keeping this feast. As Paul wrote, when we share the bread and cup in Jesus' name, "we who are many are one body." (1 Cor. 10:17).

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) Christus Paradox

Alfred Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave. You, the ever-lasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss, You, the ever-lasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the ever-lasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the ever-lasting instant; You who are our death and life. Alleluia, Alleluia. You, who are our death and our life.

*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.

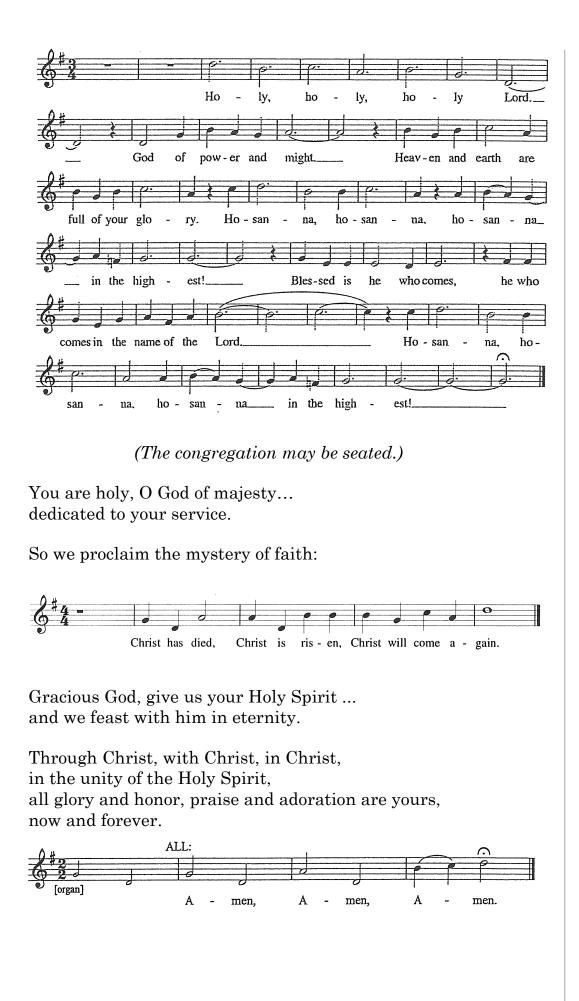
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise... over the pride and greed of nations.

Therefore we praise you, singing with the servants around heaven's throne and with all the faithful of every time and place, to the glory of your mighty name:

Doxology

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



Communion

The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices "open Communion" without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

About Hymn 268

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound. TEXT: Matthew Bridges, 1851; MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1868.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. This festive piece is permeated with dotted, staccato rhythms; with a dialogue between the reed chorus and the full organ chorus.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Singing together, see the inside back cover of your hymnal)

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

César Franck

Panis angelicus	Bread of the angel host
fit panis hominum;	Sent down from God above;
Dat panis caelicus figuris termi-	Body of Christ our Lord in token of
num:	his love:
O res mirabilis!	O gift most wonderful!
manducat Dominum:	Christ as our sacrament:
Pauper, pauper, servus, et humilis.	Humble, lowly, all share his sacred
	feast.

SENDING

***HYMN 268** Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand choeur dialogué

Eugène Gigout

*(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

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

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

Communion Preparation

Anne Ridley

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Suzie Lane 11:00 AM Rudy Kalis

Beadle/Acolyte

8:30 AM Patrick Pritchartt

Music

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

Dr. John Semingson Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of our grandson, John Reid Comita, by Terry and Suzanne Allen.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my wife—my blessing from God, Elizabeth Ball, by Scott Ball.

Poinsettias

Place your order online, complete a form available at the Information Desk, or email to Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org.

Deadline: December 11

Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving to the birth of a son, Ryland Douglas Alsobrooks on November 9, 2022, to Lida and Lou Alsobrooks. Big sister, Miller, is excited.

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. With all the new activities and classes opening up at the church again, it is hard to keep up with all the dates and times. Please feel free to take your bulletin home. Otherwise, please recycle your bulletin by placing your copy in the baskets located on the Parlor table or in the Narthex.

Childcare

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

Childcare is available from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM.



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.

Cover art by John August Swanson

His art reflects the strong heritage of storytelling he inherited from his Mexican mother and Swedish father. John Swanson's narrative is direct and easily understood. He addresses himself to human values, cultural roots, and his quest for self-discovery through visual images. These include Bible stories and social celebrations such as attending the circus, the concert, and the opera. He also tells of everyday existence, of city and country walks, of visits to the library, the train station or the schoolroom. All his parables optimistically embrace life and one's spiritual transformation.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Katharine Hayhoe's recent book "Saving Us" will be reviewed by Kelly Christie and Curtis Baysinger.

Faith & Fellowship • 214

Do you send God to Voicemail? We ask God to hear us, but do we listen for God?

Murdoch MacLeods Library

We will discuss this week's Gospel lesson.

Young Families Overlook Room

Led by Guy Griffith

Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

Second Grade Prayer Workshop

The focus of this workshop is to explore all the different ways we can pray as individuals and families. The children will lead the prayer in the 11:00 AM service.

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

- 2:00 рм PTM Party
- 6:05 рм No Youth Group

Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM • Alleluia, Gloria, and Jubilate and Tintinnubulation will rehearse today.

5:00 PM • Laudate and Chiming Children will rehearse today.



Basswood 3900 West End Ave.

Circumference: 129" Height: 72' Crown Spread: 40'

Nominator: Vicki Turner

One of the big old trees that grows on our campus has been recognized in the Nashville Tree Foundation's 2022 Big Old Tree contest. Receiving recognition is the Basswood that stands near the Mayfair Road entrance. This beautiful tree stands 72 feet, measures 129 inches in circumference and has a 40-foot crown spread. This is the third tree of Westminster's that has Tree Owner: Westminster Presbyterian been recognized in Nashville's Big Old Tree contest.

GENEROSITY

"You are the light of the World" Matthew 5:14

Each year at Thanksgiving, when I think of the things for which I am most thankful, our community of faith at Westminster is at the top of my list. I am grateful that we are a community who, through Christ, live joyfully, even on difficult days. We are folks who, through Christ, marshal resources – our time, talent, and treasure – to give life to our church's ministries, to reach deeply into communities that we currently serve, and to prayerfully consider how best to leverage new resources that flow to us, through us, and then on to others.

As we continue our Generosity campaign for 2023, let us remember that our giving comes out of the abundance that God has given and will give to us. A fear of scarcity is always lurking around us, the fear that we will not have enough to do what is needed. Yet the Apostle Paul reminds us that in Christ, and therefore in God's great love for us, we will always have more than enough. This assurance is the source of our strength – as Paul says – in all things. On the basis of this promise, we can be the light, we can live with confident joy and generosity in every season. And look what you have done - such great news indeed! We are already 2/3 of the way to our goal of \$3,200,000 for 2023. Wow. That's the power of generosity! We have grown. We are healthy. We are moving forward in the Faith as part of the family of Christ. That is what endures. That is what changes and gives meaning to our lives. It is as though God has placed us together to support our individual and collective journey. What a precious gift. It takes all of us and we are all needed.

We gratefully acknowledge all who have fulfilled pledge commitments for 2022 and we thank those who have resumed giving within this past year. Our 2022 Budget is \$3,151,500 and we have received \$2,369,363. Your generosity is changing the world and it is humbling to witness all you do. We have \$782,137 to go to make the budget. Our Generosity Campaign is an invitation to join hands and share our resources to provide for the work of the church in the year ahead and, as always, we plan to support our partners in mission and benevolence through these generous gifts. For tax purposes, all pledges must be submitted or postmarked by December 31, 2022.

Westminster is thriving with new life and energy in ways we could have only dreamed of a few years ago. It is a beacon of light to the world. At the same time, as you know, today's economic picture is more challenging than we imagined it would be. Each of us should give according to our ability and as an expression of our faith. Every gift matters, whether large or small, because it unites us in shared ministry. What we can do together is always more than we imagine, and what we do together is very often how God's strength and love shows up in our lives.

Thank you for your careful and prayerful attention to this year's campaign.

- Kelly Christie, Generosity Chair

JOIN US

December 7 Lydia Circle 9:30 ам • Westminster Café

One of WPC's long-standing Presbyterian Women's circles, the Lydia Circle, is seeking to reform and expand. We will meet on the first Wednesday of the month.

We are studing the PW curriculum, *Celebrating Sabbath*. Books are available in the office. December's meeting will be led by Guy Griffith.

For more information, please contact Ann Humbracht, annhumb@yahoo.com, 615.260.4498 (if you don't have email).

Wednesday Night Dinner will return November 30.



March 15-27, 2023 Holy Land Study Trip

Donovan Drake will be leading a study trip to Israel & Jordon.

Six spots are still available.

If interested, please contact Keith Cole, keithc@wittetravel.com.



Everyone Welcome!

Public Performance December 16 • 10:00 a.m. Goodpasture Hall

We hope you will join us for this wonderful holiday tradition.





Tuesdays through Fridays Westminster Café 8:00 AM - Noon

We are open when the church is open this month. In other words, we are open except for Nov. 24 and 25th! Great time for grandparents, parents and kids to enjoy not only coffee, but hot chocolate and homemade goodies. Puzzles and checkers are also available! Contact Beth Drake.

Where you find that 2 or 3 are gathered... I'm there!

Matthew 18:19-20



Do you need a last minute house warming, Thanksgiving or Christmas gift? Westminster Café now has Gift Cards and Gift Bags Available in the cafe! We are open from Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



EVERY MEMBER HAS A MISSION

Wednesday Evenings Room In The Inn

Room In The Inn has many opportunities for engagement for singles, families, or small groups Wednesday nights through March 2023.

Please scan the QR code below to read more about the opportunities and to sign up for one or more.



Warm Coats Needed Cockrill Elementary

Gently worn and new coats and standard school attire are needed for Cockrill Elementary Students: navy, black or khaki pants, shorts or skirts, solid collared shirts in girl and boy sizes 4-16.

Please bring these to the bin labeled Cockrill across from the church office. Thank you.



December 4 Alternative Christmas Gift Market

Give Christmas gifts to friends and family while also giving to those in need – visit us at the market or from the comfort of your own home. This year, the Hands On Mission Committee has chosen to feature sixteen local and international non-profit agencies and WPC missions.

Look for more info in the bulletin and the weekly Eblasts.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, November 20

Sunday,	
8:30 am	Worship
9:45 ам	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship
2:00 рм	Youth PTM party
4:00 рм	Children's Choir Rehearsals
5:00 рм	Journey with Jesus
	Laudate Choir Rehearsal
Monday,	November 21
11:45 ам	Centering Prayer
9:30 am	Changing Gears handbells
5:00 рм	Pickleball
Tuesday,	November 22
7:30 ам	Bible Study
8:00 am	Westminster Café
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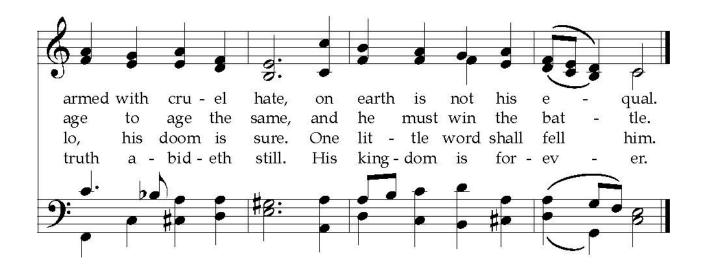


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Hymn #1







Hymn #2

