



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 movement's descriptive title, "Circular," refers to the pervasive chromaticism and frequent modulations that touch on all twelve keys before returning to the D Major material that started the piece.

Baptism of the Lord

At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus presents himself to John to be baptized in the Jordan. This is a Trinitarian event: as Jesus emerges from the water, the Holy Spirit descends from heaven as a dove, and we hear a voice naming Jesus as God's beloved Son. The Baptism of the Lord foreshadows the season of Lent, as the Gospels tell us that Jesus was driven into the wilderness for forty days after his own baptism. At this festival of the Christian year, we not only remember Jesus' baptism, but also give thanks for the baptism we share with Christ. Therefore, this Sunday is an appropriate time to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism or for the reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE Praeludium Circulare from Symphonie II

Charles-Marie Widor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, and in the temple God's people say: Glory!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Creator God, our soul's delight, your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past. In the Spirit's power and the waters of rebirth, Jesus was declared your blessed and beloved Son; may we recall our baptism, and be disciples of the Anointed One. 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 409

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God Is Here!

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we confess
that we have not sought your face.
We adore the high and mighty
and ignore your humble servant.
We act with prejudice and partiality
and fail to share your love for all.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Pour out the power of your Spirit
and renew us in our calling:
to show the wonder of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. 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 Glory to God in the Highest John Weaver

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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 42:1-9

(Old Testament, pages 670-671 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 29, Hymn 259 (All sing)

GLORY

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.

About Psalm 29, Hvmn 259

This rather telegraphic paraphrase of Psalm 29 effectively conveys the psalm's recurring contrast between the mighty voice of God heard in thunder and tempest and the awestruck response of creation. Above this tumult, God reigns in peace, and the people of God sing praise. TEXT: Michael Perry, 1973; MUSIC: Norman L. Warren, 1973.

Matthew 3:11-17

(New Testament, page 3 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Fire and Water"

Donovan Drake

About Hymn 490

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksqiving Over the Water in The Book of Common Worship, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection. TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1987; MUSIC: The Sacred Harp, 1844.

The Baptismal Rite

The Apostles' Creed: The oldest surviving baptismal liturgy, dating from around the year 200 C.E., describes the candidate for baptism standing in water and affirming the faith by responding to three questions. Each question corresponds to one person of the Trinity. The Paschal Candle is symbolic of Christ's death and resurrection. The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, is our Paschal sacrifice. The Paschal Candle also symbolizes the light of the risen Christ, shining in the world. The use of this symbol dates from the early days of the Church. New Christians were given a lighted candle, symbolic of their having died and been raised to new life in Christ through baptism.

*HYMN 490

(A moment for meditation)

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters
BEACH SPRING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30 a.m.)

(See "Profession of Faith" on the next page.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called.

In baptism God claims us and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.

By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

Questions to the Parents, Congregation and Children of the Church

*Profession of Faith

Through baptism we enter the covenant...

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

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.

Eternal and gracious God...lives and reigns forever. Amen.

The Baptism

Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the body of Christ.

Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others. Amen.

Baptismal Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Fred Gramann

God bestows on each one a name as a gift and blessing,
That we might be showered in grace evermore without ceasing.
For the Lord has called us his friends, as a perfect gift of love,
That we each might know God's name, who reigns in heaven above,
God bestows on each one a name as a gift and blessing,
That we might be showered in grace evermore without ceasing.

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 Lynn Trapp

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon, But as his Father's Son.
Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
This is God's Chosen One.

He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, To speak the vital sentence With which good news begins.

Behold the Lamb of God...

"When Jesus Came to Jordan" was first published in an American hymnal in 1982. The text was written by Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), a British Methodist minister. He had retired from active ministry in 1969 but was then asked to write hymns for the modern sensibility on topics that were conspicuously absent from traditional hymnody. Though he had intended to spend his retirement painting, Green instead spent it writing and is considered, in a way, the successor to the premier Methodist hymn composer, Charles Wesley himself. The text paraphrases Matthew 3:13 -17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22. The tune comes to us from Frits Mehrtens (1922-1975) who was a Dutch protestant church musician of great influence. A long -time friend, and undergraduate classmate of mine, Lynn Trapp, has arranged the tune using Green's text and adds the refrain to confirm yet another sign from God that Jesus is the "Chosen One," our Savior. Lynn is Director of Music for St. Joseph's Church in Baltimore.

-J. Semingson

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

About Hymn 320

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "The servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task. TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1969; MU-SIC: William Knapp, 1738.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. Froberger's Toccata starts with a Fantasia section, followed by a section with imitative counterpoint. The final section uses a similar theme as the second, but in a new meter with a brief coda that is reminiscent of the opening Fantasia material.

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He came to share temptation, Our utmost woe and loss; For us and our salvation To die upon the cross, to die upon the cross. Behold the Lamb of God...

> So when the Dove descended On him, the Holy One, The hidden years had ended, The age of grace began. Behold the Lamb of God...

*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.

God of heaven and earth,
you call us to come in humility before you,
bringing the offering of our very selves.
By your Spirit, confirm in our hearts the witness
that Christ is Savior of the world and our Lord.
Accept all we have and are, O God,
in the service of Jesus Christ,
and strengthen us with your Spirit's power,
now and forever. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please see page 34 of your hymnal for text to this prayer.)

SENDING

*HYMN 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age WAREHAM

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata in A Minor

Johann Jakob Froberger

^{*(}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*

Liturgist

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Mary Hande 11:00 AM Bob Hines

Presenting Elder for Baptisms

11:00 ам Tom Wylly

Music

Organist

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

Dr. John Semingson

Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell

Associate Director of Music Ministries and

Jane Kirchner, flute

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mark E. Humphreys by Charlotte, Evangeline, Tyler and Don Moody.

Baptisms

The sacrament of baptism will be administered today at the 11:00 AM worship service to

Emma Louise Hinckley, daughter of Grace and Jon Wagenman

Finnegan McKeand, son of Ann and Chris Walsh

Katherine Blair, daughter of Ann and Chris Walsh

Red Rose

The red roses in the Chancel give glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a son, Arlo Syme on December 15, 2022 to Marissa and Taylor Willingham; and for the birth of a son, John Henry on December 26, 2022 to Emily and Greg Gianis (big brother Smith 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.

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.

BAPTISM

Baptism Sunday is the second and fifth Sundays of each month except during Lent.

If you would like more information about baptisms at Westminster, please contact Sophie Maness, 615.292.5526, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

If you would like to schedule a baptism, please contact Hannah Sims, 615.292.5526, hsims@nashvillewpc.org.

HAPPY OLD YEAR!

We are grateful for your amazing generosity in 2022! We ended the year in the black by nearly \$50,000.

Well done!

The gift of a good financial year sets the table for expanded ministry in the years to come. We'll tell you more about the hopes and vision for Westminster at our Annual Meeting on February 26th.

Thank you!

Donovan

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 am

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall A Remarkable Journey Through 3,000 Years

Join us for this presentation on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. It's an overview of a most unusual place.

Led by Kem Hinton, FAIA Kem is an architect, historian, author, artist, and lecturer.

Faith & Fellowship ● 214

Faith and Fellowship invites you to a discussion and exploration of Grace.

What is it?

How do I get it?

Can I give it?

If I have it, do I have to do anything?

Does grace grow, or die?

Murdoch MacLeods ● Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

Young Families • Overlook Room

Our guest this week is Billy Greenman, Director, Paths of Hope Peru [via Living Waters for the World]. Learn how Westminster's partnership with them is making a difference in the lives of those we serve in Peru.

Children's Ministry

9:45 am • Sunday School

Youth Ministry

9:45 am • Sunday School

9:45 am • Confirmands

Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 pm • Alleluia, Gloria, Jubilate and Tintinnabulation will rehearse today.

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

GENEROSITY

"You are the light of the world."

Matthew 5:14

Wow!

Over the years, we've been so blessed. We have been able to say how grateful we are for the generosity of our congregation. Over and over again, God has provided more than enough - through YOUR GENEROSITY - to support our ministries and to make a difference in the lives of our community and beyond.

We have been able to provide creative and dynamic worship experiences, mission opportunities for young and older alike that break down barriers and lift us up, and life-changing support for the most vulnerable among us. How lucky we are! And yet, it's so easy to slip into worry that we don't have enough - of just about everything. Whether it's time, energy, or financial resources, we're afraid that we just don't have it and we need more.

But the myth that "more is better" is not a guide to live by. Instead, we should be guided by our shared experience and our knowledge that God's light shines on us and through us to others. God's blessings are always truly enough for us. More than enough. God's love is always more than enough, and our ministry together is inspired by this truth. We offer our deep thanks, and we greatly appreciate your generous support.

Blessings, Kelly Christie, Generosity Chair





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JOIN US

January 11, 18, and 25
Wednesday Night Dinners are back!
Menu details coming soon!
5:45 pm ● Fellowship Hall

January 11 Changing Gears 11:00 am Program in the Sanctuary 12:00 pm Lunch in Goodpasture Hall

Featured Speaker: Dale Nickell, Westminster Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries presents "Exploring the Westminster Organ."

To make reservations for lunch, email Sherri Givens at receptionist@nashvillewpc.org or call the church office at 615.292.5526.

All are welcome to share in any and all Changing Gears programs and luncheons, the second Wednesday of each month. Come join us!

January 22 Documentary: "At the River Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South" 4:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Filmmaker Carolyn Crowder joins us as we show her documentary "At the River Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South". Crowder travelled throughout the Southeast interviewing ministers, now in their 80s and 90s, about their experiences and what it took to go against the racist currents within their local communities and congregations. For additional information on the film, check out www.carolyncrowder.com.

To make reservations, please email Sherri Givens at receptionist@nashvillewpc.org or call the church office at 615.292.5256.

New Member and Inquirer Class to Begin!

January 22 – February 19 our Winter New Member & Inquirer Class will be held 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This class is a wonderful way to learn about Westminster and the Presbyterian Church (USA), and to explore all of the opportunities for growth in faith, fellowship and service at WPC. Those who feel called to join this congregation will be received by the Session on February 19, and in 11:00 a.m. worship that day.

To sign up for this class, please contact: Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org, or 615-292-5526.

Any questions? Contact Heidi or co-chairs:
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Ken Larish, klarish@mainlandcompanies.com.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 8

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

12:00 PM Youth & Families Committee mtg

4:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsals

5:00 PM Journey with Jesus

Laudate Choir Rehearsal

Monday, January 9

11:00 AM Women's Covenant Group

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, January 10

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:00 AM Harvard Handbells

5:30 PM JV Bible Study

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study

11:00 AM Pearl Seekers

11:00 AM Changing Gears

Room In The Inn 5:00 PM

Men's Basketball 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 12

8:00 AM Westminster Café

8:15 am Yoga

10:00 AM **Knitting & Crocheting**

Women's Bible Study

Friday, January 13

Men's Bible Study 7:00 AM

8:00 AM Westminster Café

5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, January 14

9:30 AM

Visitation [9:30 am] and Memorial Service [11:00 am] for

Tim Balch

11:30 AM AA

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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The God of Heaven

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(Psalm 29)



- 1 The God of heav en thun-ders,
- 2 The des-ert writhes in tem-pest;
- 3 The might-y God e ter nal

whose voice in stri-dent wind whips the trees to is to the throne as-



ech - oes fu - ry; cend - ed, re-sounds a - bove the wa - ters, the light-ning splits the for - est and we who are God's peo - ple,



and all the world sings, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!" and flame dif - fus - es glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! with - in these walls cry, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!"

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