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Hope is a projection of the imagination; so is despair. Despair all too readily embraces the ills it foresees; hope is an energy and arouses the mind to explore every possibility to combat them... In response to hope the imagination is aroused to picture every possible issue, to try every door, to fit together even the most heterogeneous pieces in the puzzle. After the solution has been found it is difficult to recall the steps taken—so many of them are just below the level of consciousness.

Thornton Wilder

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Finale, Op. 65, No. 6 and Adagio Op. 65, No. 1 Felix Mendelssohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

O mortal, can these bones live?

Only the Lord God knows.

O people, hope in the Lord.

With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

(Ezekiel 37:3; Ps. 130:7)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death.
Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness

all our days;

through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

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.

About Hymn 366

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song. TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747; MU-SIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831.

CALL TO CONFESSION

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

(Romans 8:6, 10)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand?

We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life.

You taught us to love our neighbor, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you.

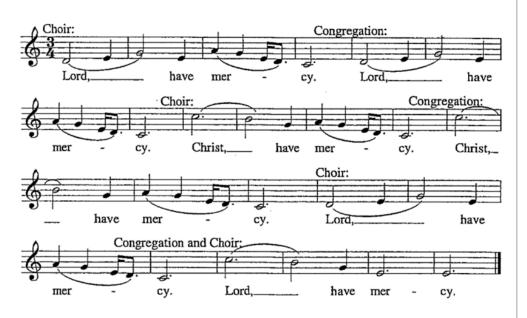
In this time of anxiety, forgive us when we have only thought of ourselves. Give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend to the needs of the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. Amen.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

James MacMillan

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)



Call to and 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.

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.")

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.

Romans 8:6-11

(New Testament, pages 157-158 in your pew Bible)

(Sung responsively after each scripture reading.)

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a right spirit within me.

Renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 130 Out of the Depths

Daniel Nelson

Out of the depths I cry to thee. O Lord, hear my voice! If thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But if there is forgiveness with thee, that thou might be feared. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.

O, Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Out of the depths I cry to thee. O Lord, hear my voice!

Ezekiel 37:1-14;

(Old Testament, page 806 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Plenteous Redemption"

Guy D. Griffith

"For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is plenteous redemption."

(Ps. 130:7)

(A moment for meditation)

*HYMN 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

With the whole Church let us profess our faith:

The reconciling work of Jesus
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
His cross and resurrection become
personal crisis and present hope for us,
when the Gospel is proclaimed and believed.
In this experience,
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us,
moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community
in which we know that God loves and accepts us,
in spite of what we are.
We therefore accept ourselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God's grace.

The new life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear.

We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems.

Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our lives with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

(From The Confession of 1967, 9.21-23, adapted)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

About Hymn 286

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals. TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878; MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888.

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



Doxology

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Spiritual/arr. Hopson

I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

O Jesus, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When storms are raging, Lord walk with me.

O Jesus, walk with me.

When I am sinking, save my soul.

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Anthem (11:00 a.m) I am the Resurrection Kevin Hildebrand

I am the resurrection, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies. And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

God of compassion,
we praise you that you look upon our frail lives
with love and understanding,
and that you desire for us all
new life in Jesus Christ.

We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life.

By your Spirit,
strengthen our souls
to be brave and bold in Christ's service.
Take our offerings,
and use them and us for your purposes,
in the name of Jesus Christ,
our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Singing together; see the inside back cover of your hymnal for words and music.)

SENDING

*HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a right spirit within me.

Renew a right spirit within me.

POSTLUDE Dialogue sur la Trompette François Couperin Dialogue sur les grands jeux

About Hymn 450

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range. TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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

Liturgist

T.J. Piccolo

Assistant Director of Youth

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Steve Sullivan 11:00 AM Scott Carey

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

Easter Lilies: Deadline is TODAY

Lilies will grace our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. If you would like to purchase a lily (\$10) in memory or in honor of a friend or family member, place your order online at www.nashvillewpc.church or email Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org.

Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers- Dates Available to Reserve

We have several dates available to reserve Sanctuary and Parlor flowers in the months of April, May, June, and July. Our talented Flower Guild members would love to create the perfect arrangement to honor your loved ones. Please contact Terri Eckert in the church office at 615.292.5526 or by email at teckert@nashvillewpc.org if you would like to reserve a date.

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.



Holy Week Schedule

April 2 • Palm Sunday

April 6 • 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

April 7 • 7:00 PM Good Friday Choral Service of Darkness

April 9 • Easter

7:30 AM: Communion

9:15 AM 11:00 AM

Childcare

Classroom 146 - Babies

Classroom 152 - Toddlers

Classroom 151 - 2s & 3s

Classroom 160 - 4s, 5s, & Kindergarten

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



- 1. What little things can raise your spirits on a gloomy day? Where do you go when you are depressed?
- 2. Hebrew uses the word "reach" for English words "wind", "breath" and "spirit". How are these three related?
- 3. Has God raised you "from the dead"? When and how did it happen?

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Adult Education



Covenant Class •
Fellowship Hall
Choon-leong Seow,
Vanderbilt, Buffington,
Cupples Chair in Divinity
Distinguished Professor
of Hebrew Bible, THE
WHIRLWIND DISCOURSES
IN THE BOOK OF JOB

The book of Job, widely regarded as a classic in world literature, reaches its climax in chapters 38-41, where God finally responds to Job. Yet, these are also among the most controversial and difficult portions to understand. This series of lectures will consider the theological meaning of these divine speeches as God answer to Job's problem, as well as Job's responses to the divine revelation.

Faith & Fellowship ● 214
We continue our study on Luke.

Murdoch MacLeods ● Library
We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

Young Families • Overlook Room Led by Heidi Hudnut-Beumler



Parents of Youth & Young Adults
Coffee & Conversation
Room 10

Joey Lankford, the Executive Director of Cul2vate will speak to

Westminster parents and youth about his story and Cul2vate. Cul2vate's mission is based on Matthew 25:35. Jesus gives us a mandate to care for others by saying, "I was hungry, and you fed me." Cul2vate joins people together who feel it is important to come together to feed the hungry locally – those who suffer from physical hunger, and those who hunger for a fresh start. Cul2vate is Growing Food and Growing People right here in Nashville, TN. It is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit comprised of champions joining together to fight hunger.

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

6:05 PM ◆ Youth Group

Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

Children & Youth Choirs

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

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

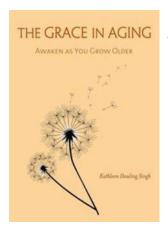
JOIN US

March 28

Westminster Book Group

9:30 AM • Fellowship 10:00 AM • Presentation Room 10

Led by Richard Warren



The Grace in Aging: Awaken as You Grow Older by Kathleen Dowling Singh

Encouraging, inspiring, and practical, *The Grace in Aging* invites all those who have ever experienced spiritual longing to awaken in their twilight

years. Since aging, in and of itself, does not lead to spiritual maturity, *The Grace in Aging* suggests and explores causes and conditions that we can create in our lives, just as we are living them, to allow awakening to unfold -- transforming the predictable sufferings of aging into profound opportunities for growth in clarity, love, compassion, and peace. - Publisher description

Order from Parnassus, Amazon, Abe Books, Thrift Books, or other sources. A Kindle version is available.

Saturday, April 1

Easter Egg Hunt

3:30 - 4:30 рм

All two-year-olds through 4th graders are welcome to participate. We will provide bags to collect eggs (no baskets needed), snacks, and LOTS of fun!



April 12 Changing Gears

11:00 AM • Fellowship 11:15 AM • Program 12:00 PM • Lunch

Please join us and learn more about Living Waters for the World and Westminster's involvement.

Program discussion led by Dennis Williams.



April 15, 16 ALL Church NaCoMe Weekend

Join us for a fun-filled weekend that includes a duck race, good food, dancing, a campfire, and s'mores. Jump in the

creek, talk to new and old friends, and join us for worship on Sunday.

NaCoMe Camp is a Presbyterian Camp just west of Nashville about an hour and a half. We go on Saturday and come back Sunday.

Sign up for the day or spend the night. In the cabins, families have a room with several beds and their own bathroom. It is a great way to get to know other families in the church. **We have a blast.**

Sign up now by scanning the QR code below.



JOIN US



Tuesdays through Fridays Westminster Café

Where you find that 2 or 3 are gathered..."I'm there!" Matthew 18:19-20



Thursdays Live Music 10:00 AM

Come and enjoy live acoustic guitar music in the Café compliments of Kimberly Dillard and Debra Griner.

Just sit back and relax over a cup of coffee or tea and a homemade pastry, by yourself or with a friend!

This is not a concert, so conversations are welcome.

Fridays Memories with Howard & Janice 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Do you have a piece of something old that you would like to make into something new? A broken tea cup, a piece of lace, one earring, an old photo, and so much more can be transformed with the help of Janice Mann.

As Janice likes to remind us, "The smallest pieces of memorabilia and some of the unthinkable can be turned into some most interesting pieces." If you are interested in joining Janice or to see some of her masterpieces, let us know or drop on by!



Monday, Wednesday Friday Thai-Chi

M,W,F • 10:00 AM • ROOM 10 Wednesday • 5:45 PM • ROOM 10

Experience the benefits of Taijiquan play as you learn warm-up exercises, fundamental movements, and if you desire, the 37-posture, Yang-style "form."

New participants invited to join at any time!

Instructor: F Clark Williams No fee

For more information on any of these programs and more of what is available, please visit westminsterjoy.org.

LIVING OUT THE WORD





Westminster Home Connection Decluttering Service

A newly organized living space can be as life changing as a ramp. Could you volunteer with Westminster Home Connection to declutter the home of an older adult? We have declutter jobs ranging from a couple of hours to leading a volunteer declutter team. You can sign up to be notified for volunteer declutter jobs and then opt-in based on your interest and availability.

If you would like to know more, please contact info@westminsterhomeconnection.org or 615-693-2153.

REMEMBERING OUR PAST



On April 16, 1938, the Nashville Banner announced on its front page (above the fold!) that Westminster Church would seal the cornerstone of its new building (under construction) on Easter Sunday, April 17. A copy of the newspaper (see photo below) was found in the time capsule inserted in the cornerstone that Sunday.

From the Nashville Banner article:

Church to Seal Cornerstone on Easter

Vesper services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the new Westminster Church, now in course of construction, at the corner of Harding Road and Wilson Boulevard, at which time the cornerstone of the handsome new edifice will be sealed. All Southern Presbyterian pastors in Nashville have been invited to participate.

The Rev. W. Murdock MacLeod, pastor, will give a brief history of Moore Memorial and Westminster Churches, and in addition the active Presbyterian ministers, Dr. James I. Vance, pastor-emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church [now Downtown Presbyterian Church], and Dr. A.S. Allen, pastor-emeritus of the Second Presbyterian Church, will participate. Dr. John L. Hill, book editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will conduct the devotional service, and Miss

Evalina Harwell, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Sam K. Harwell, Jr., will place the box in the cornerstone.

Special Music Program

There will be a special musical program b the Moore Memorial choir, and 700 chairs will be placed in the church auditorium for the convenience of the congregation.

The new church, which will replace the present edifice erected sixty-five years ago, probably will be completed this fall. Construction on the \$110,000 building was begun October 28, 1937, after plans by Warfield & Keeble, with Hobart Upjohn of New York, well-known designer of churches, as consultant. A needle spire, 150 feet tall, will be an imposing feature of the new brick and stone edifice, and a portico and columns at the entrance will add a Colonial touch. The church grounds are to be landscaped, and its auditorium, designed to seat 750 persons, will be among the larger church auditoriums in the city.

Among the articles to be place in the copper box which is to be sealed in the cornerstone are the following; History of Moore Memorial Church, roll of all persons who have joined the church, as well as children baptized there, roll of present membership, which constitutes the first list of charter members of Westminster Church, by which the congregations will be known hereafter, a brief history of Presbyterianism in Nashville, and a copy of local newspapers.

Please visit the historical timeline of Westminster Presbyterian on our website, nashvillewpc.church.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, March 26

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsals

5:00 PM Journey with Jesus

Chiming Children Rehearsal Laudate Choir Rehearsal

6:05 PM Youth Group

Monday, March 27

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, March 28

7:00 AM Daybreak Believers

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:00 AM Harvard Handbells

Wednesday, March 29

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

8:15 AM Photine's Well

9:30 AM Changing Gears Handbells

10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible Study

11:45 AM Midweek Lenten Service

6:00 PM Room In The Inn

6:30 PM Westminster Academy

7:00 PM Men's Basketball

7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 30

8:00 AM Westminster Café

8:15 AM Yoga

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

Women's Bible study

Friday, March 31

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, April 1

11:30 AM AA

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

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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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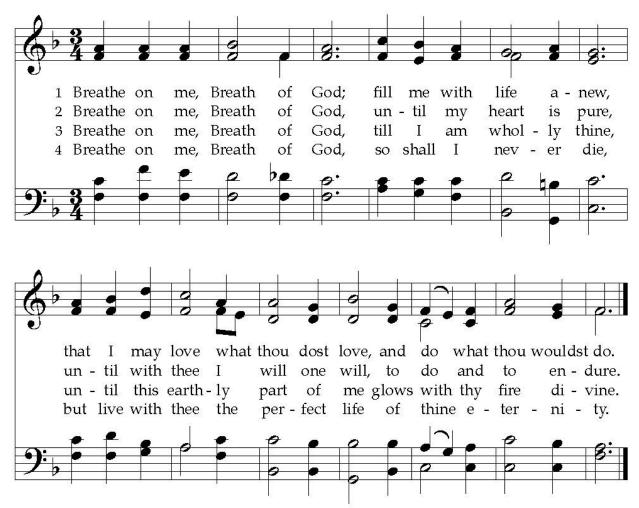
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