

GATHERING

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

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.

PRELUDE

Prelude in E Flat Major, BWV 552a J.

J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 a.m.)

Hosanna to the King!

Mark Burrows

Hosanna, hosanna to the King! Sing we in one accord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

The people of Jerusalem welcomed their coming King.
They laid their cloaks down at his feet, and they began to sing: *Hosanna*...

Sing we all our loud hosannas. Sing we all hosanna to the King. *Hosanna*...

While Jesus rode on a donkey's back, he greeted the people there. And those who came to see their Lord waved palm branches in the air. *Hosanna*...

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you; **triumphant and victorious is he,** humble and riding on a donkey, **on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

(Zechariah 9:9)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

(Psalm 118:26)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

We praise you, O God,
for the great acts of love
 by which you redeemed the world
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Today, he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph,
and was proclaimed Messiah and king
 by those who spread garments
 and branches along his way.
Let these branches be signs of his victory,
and grant that we who carry them
 may follow him in the way of suffering and the cross,
that, dying and rising with him,
we may enter into your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
 with you and the Holy Spirit,

*PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Luke 19:28-38

now and forever. Amen.

(New Testament, page 83 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

*HANDBELL FANFARE FOR PALM SUNDAY (11:00 a.m.)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

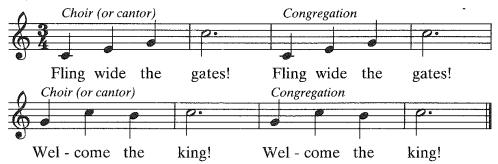
THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

About Hymn 196

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17thcentury German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century. TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.; MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861.

Refrain



Let the doors of righteousness be opened; we will go in and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; it is opened for the righteous.

We will give praise, for God has heard us and has come to save us. *Refrain*

The stone, which the builders rejected as worthless, has become the cornerstone.

This is your work, O Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Lord, you have made this day;
let us rejoice and be glad. *Refrain*

Send salvation, O Lord; Lord, grant us victory.

Blessed be your name, O Lord.

We bless you from your temple.

Lord God, you have given us light;

with waving branches we march around the altar. *Refrain*

You are our God; we give you praise; we will proclaim your greatness.

We will offer thanks because of your goodness; your love endures forever. *Refrain*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:37-40

(New Testament, page 83 in your pew Bible)

The Word of God! Thanks be to God!

SERMON "...the things that make for peace!" Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:

Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen. (Philippians 2:5-11)

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.) Thy Will Be Done

Craig Courtney

Our cup was filled with darkness.
Our cup was filled with death.
Christ took our cup and drank it,
and gave us life, and gave us hope, gave us Himself.

My Father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.

In blackest night we hear him in dark Gethsemane. Pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day.

My Father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done.

Then they took our Savior, and led Him to a tree; and there they broke His body, poured out his life, put Him to death to rise again!

My Father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done.

Thy will be done.

About Thy Will Be Done

Perhaps the best word to describe Craig Courtney's first and best-selling anthem composed in 1984 is "dramatic." Each verse and refrain has an entirely different texture and atmosphere, from a slow caravan march to the pounding nails of the crucifixion. Courtney is an American pianist, vocal coach, and choral conductor who served as a piano professor at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. He now heads Beckenhorst Music Press in Columbus, OH, and has an extensive list of popular anthems in print.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry, thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

 $Ride\ on...$

In lowly pomp ride on to die, O Christ thy triumph now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin. $Ride\ on...$

The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice. Ride on...

> Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son. Ride on...

In lowly pomp ride on to die, bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take O God, thy power, and reign.

*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.

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

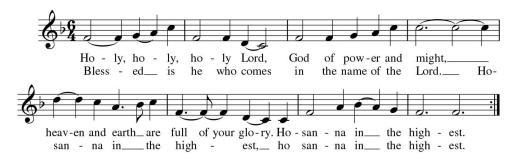
*INVITATION

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is truly right and our greatest joy... and to be the way to eternal life.

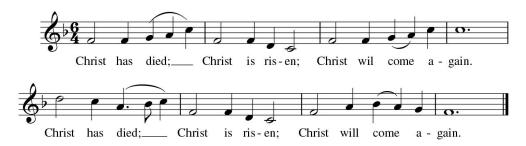
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty... that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.



*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Prayed in unison)

(Please refer to page 35 of your hymnal for words.)

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 (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.

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.
When I am sinking, save my soul.
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Do This In Remembrance of Me Larry Visser

On the night he was betrayed, Christ took bread and, when he gave thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, Christ took the cup, the new cov'nant in his blood, he poured it and said, "This is my blood, poured out for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

SENDING

*HYMN 209

My Song Is Love Unknown LOVE UNKNOWN

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Flat Major, BWV 552b J.S. Bach

About Hymn 209

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune. TEXT: Samuel Crossman, 1664, alt; MUSIC: John Ireland, 1918.

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. Donovan Drake Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Suzie Lane

Communion Preparation

Alyson Thomas and Maggie Lucy

Music

8:30 AM Laudate Youth Choir

11:00 AM Chiming Children (Colby White, Director), Alleluia Choir (Susan Ramsey, Director), Gloria (Ally Hard, Director) Jubilate Choir, (Roberta Rodgers, Director), Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter, Isabel Pearl, on March 23, 2023 to Jenny and Doug Smith. Big brother Trey is over the moon, along with delighted grandparents Margaret and Douglass Smith, and greatgrandmother Rachel Smith!

About Palm Sunday

The events framed by Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his resurrection are some of the most dramatic and theologically important of the entire scriptural narrative. These days feature not only the drama of the triumphal entry, trial, last supper, and crucifixion but also poignant prayers and prophetic teachings of our Lord. The week begins with Passion/Palm Sunday and ends with the "three days" (also called the *Triduum*, from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day), the period during which we mark Jesus' trial, death, and resurrection.

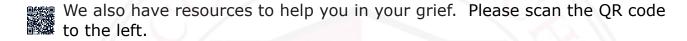
As the story of Christ's journey to the cross unfolds, the crowd's shouts of praise turn into demands for his death. Jesus is handed over to be mocked, tortured, and killed; the crown he receives is one of thorns. The service is established on the theological principle that Jesus' death and resurrection cannot be separated. It insists that we not avoid the cross - God's way of glory leads through the grave. This pattern of worship at the beginning of Holy Week has ancient origins, dating to at least the fourth century and reflecting the theological, pastoral, and liturgical wisdom of the early church.

IN COVENANT

We grieve...

Please know that all of our ministry staff is available for you to lean on.

We are available to meet with you in person or by phone.



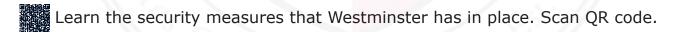
Our Congregational Care ministry also has additional resources for grief and bereavement. Please contact Heidi: hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org.

We don't know what we can do...

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee has set up a fund to assist in the healing. Please scan the QR code to the left to make a donation.

We have a meal train set up for a family with children in The Covenant School. If you would like to be a part of it, please contact Leslie Grote: lesgrote@gmail.com.

We live in these times...



If the government is not the answer, how might we be? Add my name to those interested in exploring ways we can move towards eliminating mass killings.

Please email a member of the ministry staff if you would like to become involved.

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.



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.

Mask Policy

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



As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

Luke's Gospel bubbles with joy. What percentage of your life has joy in it?

We know Jesus is heading to the cross, is the joy of the disciples inappropriate?

The Pharisees asked Jesus to quiet his disciples, is there anyone who seeks to quiet us?

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

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.

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.



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.



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

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 Donovan Drake and Sophie Maness



Parents of Youth & Young Adults
Coffee &
Conversation
Room 10

Led by Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

2:30 PM • PTM Easter Party

No Youth Group Tonight

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

April 6

Maundy Thursday Dinner 5:45 pm ● Fellowship Hall

Please join us for dinner.

Scan the QR code to make your reservations.





April 12 Changing Gears

11:00 AM ● Fellowship 11:15 AM ● Program

12:00 рм • Lunch

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

Program discussion led by Dennis Williams and Beth Felch.

If you would like to join us for lunch, contact Sherri Givens, 615.292.5526 or receptionist@nashvillewpc.org,



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.

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.



April 17 ● Date Change Women's Covenant Group

11:30 AM • Lunch 12:00 PM • Program

Please note and mark your calendars. Women's Covenant Group will meet Monday, April 17th rather than April 10th. April 10th is the day after Easter and the church will be closed. Program details next week. We look forward to seeing you April 17th at 11:30 in Goodpasture Hall! For more information, please contact Margaret Wheeler, Harriet Sewell, Janice Kemp.

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 Tai Chi

M,W,F • 10:00 AM • ROOM 10 Wednesday • 5:45 PM • ROOM 294

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



April 29 FaithWorks

Registration is now available for our annual community-wide event. Three organizations are highlighted below. Please scan the QR code below to register.



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.

Martha O'Bryan

On a foundation of Christian faith, Martha O'Bryan Center empowers children, youth, and adults in poverty to transform their lives through work, education, employment and fellowship.

Renewal House

Renewal House helps women gain the skills to remain sober, give their children nurturing care, improve their physical and mental health, and secure employment.

REMEMBERING OUR PAST



After the move to 3900 West End Avenue, Westminster's congregation grew rapidly.

By 1940, the church's membership exceeded 1,100 but the facility had no education building. During World War II, with shortages of building material and workmen, Westminster purchased a residence at 3810 West End Avenue, less than a block from the church. There they crowded over five hundred children and young people in every corner from the basement to the attic for classes every Sunday morning.

The minister succeeding Murdoch MacLeod in 1940, Dr. William Phifer, Jr, led a campaign to expand the church facility immediately after World War II ended. The first educational wing (currently the church offices and choir rooms) was completed two years later in 1947. Westminster Kindergarten, Nashville's first Protestant kindergarten, was also opened in 1946.

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

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Westminster Presbyterian Church, which was established as Moore Memorial Presbyterian Church in 1873 and moved to our current location in 1939.

We are proud of the work our congregation has done to live out the Word in our community over such a long period of time.

As part of Westminster's 150th Anniversary celebration, we would appreciate your input on how to best represent our present-day congregation and community.

From your suggestions, we will create a time capsule to share with the congregation on our November 12, 2023 celebration event, then seal it and store it for a future generation.

Please scan the QR code below to access our time capsule survey.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 2

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

12:15 рм Communion@Home Luncheon 2:30 рм Youth Easter party with PTM

4:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsals

5:00 PM Journey with Jesus

Chiming Children Rehearsal Laudate Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 3

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

5:00 рм Pickleball

Tuesday, April 4

7:00 AM Daybreak Believers

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:00 AM Harvard Handbells

Wednesday, April 5

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

8:15 AM Photine's Well

9:30 AM Changing Gears Handbells

Lydia Circle

Ladies Bridge

10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible Study

7:00 PM Men's Basketball

7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 6

8:00 AM Westminster Café

8:15 ам Yoga

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

Women's Bible study

5:45 PM Maundy Thursday Dinner

7:00 PM Maundy Thurday Service

Friday, April 7

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:00 pm Pickleball

7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 8

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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