Second Sunday of Easter Holy Communion April 16, 2023

GATHERING

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

PRELUDESostenuto e legato, Op. 65 no. 6Adagio, Op. 65 no. 1Felix Mendelssohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed! Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us. Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your Son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in Christ's name. 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 257

WOODLANDS

The Risen Christ

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.

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

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 257

This perceptive hymn centers on Christ's post-Resurrection appearances described in John 20:19-29 and Luke 24:13-48. The first three stanzas are shaped by the wounded body parts: feet, side, hands; the fourth prays for such woundedness in the witness of Christ's body, the Church. TEXT: Nigel Weaver, 1993; MUSIC: Walter Greatorex, 1916.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. 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

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

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

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.

Prayer for Illumination

A Prayer for Illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

About Psalm 16, Hymn 810

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery. TEXT and MUSIC: Georg Neumark, 1641.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

THE WORD

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

(New Testament, pages 119-120 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 16, Hymn 810 (all sing)

ST. FLAVIAN

1 Peter 1:3-9

(New Testament, page 232 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"A living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ"

Carlos Emilio Ham

(A moment for meditation)

***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.)	the QR cod
O Sons and Daughters Paul Sjolund	
O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing, Today the grave has lost its sting: Alleluia!	
On this most holy day of days To God your hearts and voices raise In songs of joy and shouts of praise: Alleluia!	
And we the holy Church unite, As evermore is just and right, In glory to the King of light. O sons and daughters	
Anthem (11:00 a.m.)	
Stay With Us Egil Hovland	
 Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us. Stay with us, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Stay with us, Lord Jesus; it soon is evening Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us. Stay with us, Lord Jesus; it soon is evening 	
*DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN	Doxology
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!	A short hyn praise to th God (God, Christ, Holy

***PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

***INVITATION**



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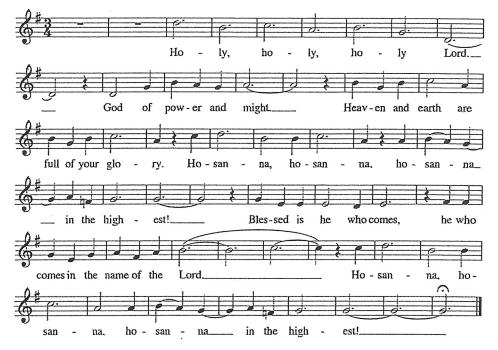
*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 truly right and our greatest joy... and is risen to raise us to new life.

Therefore, we praise you, singing with angels and archangels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, to the glory of your almighty name:



(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty... to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit... and may we rejoice with indescribable and glorious joy. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God , now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayed in unison, see page 35 of your hymnal for words to this prayer.)

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.) Eat This Bread

Berthier/Taizé

(The congregation is invited to sing the **Response** with the choir.)

Response

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Creator. **Response.** Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven. **Response.** Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. **Response.** If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life. **Response.**

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) Ukrainian Alleluia

Craig Courtney

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Westminster celebrates the "Eucharist," meaning "thanksgiving," on the first Sunday of each month and on the first Sunday of each liturgical season.

About Ukrainian Alleluia

In the summer of 2007, Craig Courtney was part of a mission team serving in the Ukraine. Because of its geographical position and rich natural resources, the country has a history of foreign invasion, occupation, and oppression. This anthem was borne out of the knowledge of these circumstances. It is a musical portrayal of a quiet voice of faith, praise, and hope in the midst of suffering and tragedy.

SENDING

About Hymn 256

This 20th-century text provides a helpful corrective to a long history of negative attitudes toward Thomas for failing to believe the other disciples' report that Christ had risen. His factseeking "skeptic mind" sounds remarkably modern and makes him a more sympathetic figure. TEXT: Thomas H. Troeger, 1984; MUSIC: Attr. Elkanah Kelsay Dare; harm. Pilsbury's United States Harmony, 1799.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fuga, Op. 65 no. 2 Felix Mendelssohn

*(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. Carlos Emilio Ham President, Emeritus of the Caribbean Conference of Churches

Liturgist

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

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Mary Hande 11:00 AM Virginia Reynolds

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 loving memory of Russell Oldfield, Jr. by his family.

Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers-Dates Available to Reserve

We have several dates available to reserve Sanctuary and Parlor flowers in the months of 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.

Mask Policy

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

Childcare

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

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

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.



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.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Today's Guest Preacher Carlos Emilio Ham



Carlos Emilio Ham, President Emeritus of the Caribbean Conference of Churches (CCC), has served as a pastor of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba for more than 35 years. He joined the staff of the World Council of Churches (WCC) in March 2001 as Program Executive for Evangelism, served as the Coordinator of the Mission and Ecumenical Formation Team, and finally as Program Executive for Diakonia & Latin America-Caribbean until December 2013.

In June 2015, he was installed as the rector and professor of Mission and Diakonia at the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas, Cuba. He received his first degree in theological studies at Matanzas (1984), his Doctor of Ministry degree at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Texas, USA (1999), and his PhD, in the area of Theology with the Free University of Amsterdam (2015). The title of the thesis is: *Empowering Diakonia: A Model for Service and Transformation in the Ecumenical Movement and Local Congregations*.

FINANCIALS

Each month, the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses.

If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact:

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March 2023

	Month	Year to Date
	\$152,179 <u>\$358,823</u>	\$1,078,608 <u>\$878,377</u>
Net Income (loss): \$(206,644) \$200,231		

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Adult Education

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall Guest speaker Carlos Emilo Ham will

discuss the seminary and the church in Cuba.

Faith & Fellowship • 214

We continue our study on Luke.

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

Young Families • Overlook Room

On the journey with the Living Christ. Guest speaker, Rev. Deena Candler teaching. She's on the Outreach Foundation Board and is retired from West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, Nebraska.



Parents of Youth & Young Adults Coffee & Conversation Room 10

Dr. Art Echerd, a longtime professor of European History and

World Cultures at Harpeth Hall, as well as past WPC speaker, will teach our class on China.

Dr. Echerd will cover Mid 19th to Mid 20th Century China with an emphasis on the influence of American missionaries to China.

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • Combined Sunday School

6:05 PM • Youth Group with Eleanor Glover and Claire Henry. Meet at Edley's (4500 Murphy Rd)

Children's Ministry

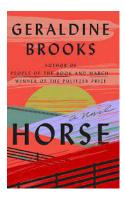
9:45 AM • Sunday School

JOIN US

April 17 • Date Change Women's Covenant Group 11:30 ам • Lunch 12:00 рм • Program

Most of our landscapes are looking sad after December's unusual Flash Freeze. Ryan Sheehan from Greathouse Landscape will join us to discuss what to replace, what to keep, etc. Bring your questions! We hope to see you there. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact Margaret Wheeler, Harriet Sewell, and Janice Kemp.



Tuesday, April 25 Westminster Book Group

9:30 ам • Fellowship 10:00 ам • Program Location: Room 10

Leader: Mary Hande *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history.



Earth Day Opportunities From the WPC Earth Care Task Force

An opportunity to plant a tree in partnership with Green Interchange returns! Get trees to plant in your yard (or elsewhere). Order online through 4/16 or pick up at the North Entrance at Westminster on April 22.

Scan the QR code to order your trees.

Please visit us in the Parlor over the next few weeks for ways to live more sustainably, suggestions on how to get involved, and links to books and documentaries of interest.

Questions? Email Curtis Baysinger at cbaysinger2@gmail.com.



April 29, 30 and June 3, 17 Habitat Build

Our Habitat Build for Caswala and her family continues.

At this time, the April build dates could involve us building wall panels. We still must wait for the road binder and slabs to be poured. Scan the QR code to register.



JOIN US

Sunday, April 23 Kindergarten Milestone

Worship Readiness During Sunday School, for parents and children. Join us on the Wilson Wing.



Tuesday, May 2 3:30 - 5:00 рм

Calling all WPC kindergarteners through 4th graders...

Come join our refugee friends for a ONE-DAY

special afternoon! Scan the QR code to register.

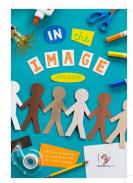


Will you help make a difference in the lives of 300 9th graders? We are part of a program to help them realize their lives will be better if they commit to finishing high school.

Come & spend 2.5 hours at Hillwood High on Thur April 27, 8:00 -10:30am. Our task is simple. We are providing an "in-between" time where they can relax, doodle with colored pens and reflect among some special sessions.

To help, please contact Jackie Shrago Jackie.shrago@gmail.com.





May 7, 14, 21 Music Camp Rehearsals June 5 - 9 Music Camp

Children who are rising first graders through rising seventh graders are invited to attend.

All children that would like to have a singing and/or speaking role must attend rehearsals.

Please register by scanning the QR code below.







Tuesdays through Fridays Westminster Café

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

Westminster Home Connection could use some letter stuffers on **Wednesday and Thursday, April 19 and 20** from 9:30 - 10:30 AM in the Café.

Contact Virginia Reynolds, reynolds. virginia@gmail.com, if interested.

April 20 <mark>Men's Coffee</mark> 10:00 ам ● Westminster Café

As we prepare for summer break, we'd love to give our Café volunteers a chance to relax with their families and take some time off from a busy first year of serving!

We would like to train a few more folks this month so we will be ready when May-August comes. There are two shifts: 7:30 - 10:00 AM and 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Try it out!

We'd love to have you join us!

Contact Beth Drake if interested.

Carole Bucy to Lead Tour of Historic Mount Olivet Cemetery

Westminster's own, Carole Bucy, Davidson County Historian, will be leading a walking tour of historic Mt. Olivet Cemetery on Wednesday, April 19th at 5:30 pm. Mt. Olivet is one of the best examples of a true Victorian cemetery in the United States.

As WPC celebrates our 150th anniversary, we remember that Thomas Verner Moore, for whom Westminster's mother church - Moore Memorial - was named, is buried at Mt. Olivet along with others in Nashville's Presbyterian history. Mt. Olivet tells the story of Nashville's history from the Civil War to the present and those who contributed to making Nashville what it is today.

Those interested in participating can drive independently to the cemetery and park in the upper circle or contact Guy Griffith, ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org, to arrange car pooling from the church; we will leave the church at 4:30 PM.

LIVING OUT THE WORD



April 29 FaithWorks

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



Oasis Center

Oasis Center is a nationally-recognized organization on a mission to help young people in Middle Tennessee move into a happy, healthy, and productive adulthood.

Preston Taylor Ministries

PTM empowers Preston Taylor children and youth to discover and live their God-inspired dreams, develop a love for learning, and build joy-filled friendships that glorify Christ Jesus.

Strick's Gift

SG is dedicated to helping newborns in need. In honor and in memory of our son, Strick, we've made it our mission to help families who are unable to afford items like clothing and blankets for their newborn children.

REMEMBERING OUR PAST



Remembering Our Past westminster presbyterian church

Dr. Armand L. "Buck" Currie served as Moore Memorial's pastor from 1930 to 1933 and returned to serve as Westminster's pastor from 1949 to 1966. By the time Dr. Currie returned, the membership was over 1,800 and the church's annual budget topped \$100,000. Under Dr. Currie's leadership, Westminster began holding two worship services, at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. When the church received an anonymous donation of \$50,000 to purchase a pipe organ, Thomas H. Webber, Jr. was hired as minister of music and organist. He designed the organ and his wife organized a children's choir program. Although several attempts at Presbyterian reunification had been made after the Civil War, the issue of race continued to divide the northern and southern churches. After the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its landmark decision in the case of Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka in 1954, Westminster's session voted that if African Americans wished to attend the church's worship services, "they should be greeted and ushered to available seats." Six years later when

Nashville was the scene of sit-ins to integrate the downtown lunch counters, Westminster experienced no problems. Due to the rapid growth of the congregation, Westminster purchased the Gray property behind the church (from which the lot to build the church sanctuary was initially purchased) and in 1958 launched its third capital campaign to build an additional education wing. The children's building was completed and dedicated in 1960.

[Excerpted from Carole S. Bucy, Ph.D.'s article "A Brief History of Westminster Presbyterian Church," April 2009]

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

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 for a future generation.

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



RE: Vision

Important Gathering - We Need You! April 30, May 7, 14 Covenant Class 9:45 ам • Fellowship Hall

Join us in Fellowship Hall as we discern the needs and mission opportunities for Westminster for the years ahead.

Led by Donovan Drake and Dr. Bill Wilson, Director of Center for Healthy Churches.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, <i>i</i>	April 16
8:30 am	Worship
9:45 ам	Sunday School
11:00 ам	Worship
5:00 рм	Journey with Jesus
6:05 рм	Youth Group at Edley's
Monday, <i>i</i>	
11:30 ам	
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	Tom McDow Bible Study
7:00 рм	
	Westminster Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	
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10:00 am	Knitting & Crocheting
	Women's Bible study
	Men's Coffee
Friday, Ap	
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5:00 рм	Pickleball
Saturday,	, April 22
11:30 am	AA

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

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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