

## 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.

About Hymn 248
In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection." TEXT: Brian Wren, 1984; MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824.

## PRELUDE

Processional on "Lift High the Cross"
CRUCIFER/arr. Busarow

Pavane
Gabriel Faure

## *CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!
(Those who are able may stand.)
We hear the voice of Jesus:
our hearts burn within us.
We lift our voices to God
and call on the name of the Lord!
The risen Christ is in this place:
Alleluia!

## *PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the resurrection. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives.
Strengthen our commitment to be
Christ's disciples in the world -
making peace, seeking justice, sharing love.
May we embody your vision
of the beloved community, 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 248
HYMN TO JOY
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

As we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are called to repent, remembering that
the promise of Jesus Christ is for us, for our children, for our siblings, for all who are near and all who are far, for everyone called to God.

In confidence, let us confess our sin.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, "What should we do?"
And again and again, you tell us,
"Repent and return to me."
Yet we have not changed our ways.
We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace
you have given us.
Once again, we ask you for forgiveness.
Show us the way forward and help us return, once again, to you.
(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.")

Call to and 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.

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.)

## THE WORD

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.

In the Land of the Living is a powerful and stirring setting of Psalm 116. Stopford's writing features soaring vocal lines and a reflective accompaniment. We have commissioned Philip to compose a new anthem for our 150th anniversary celebration based on Psalm 78:1-7. It will be premiered by the Westminster Choir in worship on November 12, 2023.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

## Isaiah 51:1-6 <br> (Old Testament, page 681 in your pew Bible) <br> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
In the Land of the Living
Philip W.J. Stopford
I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.

I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.
Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul!"

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
For you have delivered my soul from death, delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling; in the land of the living.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
(New Testament, pages 119 and 120 in your pew Bible)

SERMON
"This Promise Is for You"
Heidi Hudnut-Beumler
(A moment for meditation)

## *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared
first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

See I Cor. 15: 1-6; Mark 16:9 (16:1-9); Matt. 16:16; rev. 22:13; John 20:28

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.

## THE EUCHARIST

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below.


## Day of Arising

Based on Luke 24: 13-35, this text tells us how Christ walked with two dejected believers on the way to Emmaus. This journey reminds us of our own spiritual wanderings, and the revelation of the risen Christ in the breaking of bread gives us hope for such an encounter in worship.

## Doxology

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

OFFERING
Anthem (8:30 a.m.) Alleluia Ed Harris
Come adoring and confessing, Alleluia.
Come to God, receive God's blessing, Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

God of God and King of Kings, Alleluia.
Maker of all wondrous things, Alleluia. Sing we praises unto you, Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) Day of Arising
Carl Schalk
Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own. When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.
When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart, yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.
Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
Christ, our companion, our hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.
*DOXOLOGY
LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## *PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION

## *GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Blessed are you, O Lord our God... you have promised never to forsake us.

Therefore, joining the song, with the saints of every age, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(The congregation may be seated.)
Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior...
we bear witness to this good news of great joy.
Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast, and proclaim the mystery of faith:


## 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.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... into the glory of new creation.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, 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.

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. Stay with, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.

Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory. Stay with us, Lord, Stay with us. Stay with us, Lord Jesus...

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

*HYMN 231 Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers SUO GAN
*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE
Carillon
*(Those who are able may stand.)

About Hymn 231
Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby." TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1988; MUSIC: Welsh melody; arr. Alfred Fedak, 2011.

About the Postlude
The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

## 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. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

## Liturgist

Rev. Margie Quinn
Director of Youth and Young Adults

## Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Fran Linley
11:00 am Joshua Herr

## Music

Harvard Handbells
8:30 am Laudate Youth Choir
11:00 ам Westminster Choir
Dr. John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Shelia Pugh
Guest Organist

## Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Claiborne K. McLemore IV and Kaydee Lorraine Smith on February 24, 2023 in Charleston, South Carolina.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Dr. James Henry ("Jim") Nash and to honor his well-lived life by his family.

## Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers-

 Dates Available to ReserveWe 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.

## 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.

## 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 $12: 00 \mathrm{PM}$.

"For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls."

Acts 2:39

Peter is speaking about God's promise in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. What does that promise mean to you? How would you share that promise with someone else?

If because Christ lives, we live also, what difference does that make in your life? For our church? For our world? Think about this not only in terms of beliefs, but also in relation to actions.

## TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education
Classes start at 9:45 AM

## Adult Education



Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall Guest speaker John F. Kutsko, Executive Director of Atla, a membership association of librarians and information professionals, and a producer of research tools, committed to advancing the study of religion and theology.

## Faith \& Fellowship • 214

Discussion of the Post Resurrection stories in the Gospels.

Why do Jesus' closest followers not recognize him?

What was the importance of these stories in the early church?

## Murdoch MacLeods - Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

## Young Families • Overlook Room

Please join us for open Fellowship in the Overlook Room or join the Coffee \& Conversation class in Room 10 to hear Dr. Echerd speak.


Parents of Youth \&
Young Adults
Coffee \&
Conversation
Room 10
Dr. Art Echerd (Harpeth Hall World Cultures and European History professor) will bring us into the present situation in China starting with the $20^{\text {th }}$ century expulsion of the American missionaries by the Communist regime to today's current conflict with Taiwan.

All are welcome.

## Youth Ministry

9:45 am • Sunday School
6:05 рм • Youth Group

## Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School
Kindergarten Milestone - Worship Readiness During Sunday School, for parents and children. Join us on the Wilson Wing.

## Children \& Youth Choirs

5:00 PM • Laudate will rehearse today.


## CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF THE WESTMINSTER CAFÉ SERVING CAFÉ JUSTO COFFEE

... and over 2000 pounds of Cafe Justo Coffee ordered by our members!

# COME MEET <br> MARK ADAMS \& MIRIAM MALDONADO ESCOBAR 

Mission co-workers at the U.S.- Mexico border since 1998 Serving with Frontera de Cristo, a PC-USA binational ministry.

## FRIDAY, MAY 5

## Program of Events at the Westminster Café

9:30-10:30 a.m.
"Frontera de Cristo: Ministry of Reconciliation in a Divided World"
Hear about the work of Frontera de Cristo, and their ministry partners, including the Café Justo Coffee Cooperative.

11:00 am - 1:00 p.m.
"Loving our Neighbors: What Can We Do Here in Nashville?" Lunch Presentations* (first hour) and Small Group Discussion (second hour) with guest speakers from Equal Chance for Education, Hillwood High School, and The Branch Nashville.

Please scan the QR Code to RSVP for both events by May 1 and *order an optional catered lunch for $\$ 10$ or bring your own. You can also register in the Parlor on Sundays, April 23 and 30.


Celebrating the $20^{\text {th }}$ Anniversary of Café Justo with the growers in Agua Prieta last November.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Celebration of New Members

New members were received in a called meeting of the Session last Sunday. We rejoice in their presence among us, and the power of their faith, life stories, gifts, and sense of call. Please help us extend a warm, Westminster Welcome!


Steven \& Sara Ludlam Not pictured: Hanley and Michael.


Connie Ridley Pictured with husband, Nathan.


Louise and Michael Shacklett

## Please join us for the Changing Gears Handbell Choir Springtime Variety Show

## "A Tour of the British Isles In Word and Music"

## Two performances: Everyone Welcome!

Changing Gears Meeting May 10
11:00 am Fellowship
11:15 AM Program
12:15 Рм Lunch
RSVP for lunch with Sherri, receptionist@nashvillewpc.org.

## JOIN US



Tuesday, April 25
Westminster Book
Group
9:30 AM • Fellowship 10:00 am • 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.


## Tuesdays through Fridays Westminster Café

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

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 ам - 12:30 рм. Try it out!

We'd love to have you join us!
Contact Beth Drake if interested.

## WPC Medical Lending Closet

A reminder that WPC has a medical lending closet, with an inventory including wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, crutches, portable toilets, knee scooters and more!

If you or a family member, or a friend in the community has need for an item or would like to donate an item, please let us know.

You may contact Ward DeWitt 615-5003761, dewittmoving@comcast.net or church staff.

## LIVING OUT THE WORD

 Will you help make a difference in the lives of $3009^{\text {th }}$ 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 Thurs April 27, 8:00-10:30 am. 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.

## JOIN US



Tuesday, May 2
3:30-5:00 PM
Calling all WPC kindergarteners through $4^{\text {th }}$ graders...

Come join our refugee friends for a ONE-DAY special afternoon! Scan the QR code to register.


April 29, 30
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.

If you are available to volunteer, please scan the QR code below.


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.


## LIVING OUT THE WORD



## April 29

## FaithWorks

Sunday is the final day to register 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.


## Creek Clean-Up

Children ages 5-12
participate in a supervised clean-up of a nearby creek. The creek gets cleaned, the children get wet, and everyone has fun!

Room In The Inn

At Room In The Inn, we believe each individual deserves opportunities. We provide a variety of daily education and workforce development programming to help participants along their journey.

## Westminster Home Connection

Westminster Home Connection repairs and modifies homes to empower older adults and persons with disabilities to age in place safely and with dignity.

## REMEMBERING OUR PAST



Remembering Our Past westminster presbyterian church

Rev. Dr. Daniel Patrick McGeachy III was Westminster's pastor from 1966-1972. The membership reached 2,000, even as the rise of Cold War politics, civil rights movements, student protests, and the Vietnam war all profoundly affected American society and our church. The Westminster Session voted to expand its benevolence giving to 50 percent of the annual budget.

In 1966, twenty members of Westminster joined with members of other local denominations to create the "Marketplace." This ecumenical project was supported by the Presbytery as a "coffee house" where young people could gather, talk, and perhaps share their frustrations. The Marketplace attracted a full house from the beginning, including 9th and 10th graders; this attracted the attention of Nashville police, who soon arrested 30 youth for violating a curfew for those under age 16.

Some church members were concerned about the topics being discussed and the people attracted to the Marketplace.

A divided Session voted to continue its support while addressing some problems at the site. Then two young men under age 20 were arrested by the Metro vice squad on charges of possessing narcotics. Some reports suggested the arrests were made in the Marketplace; others said the arrests were made nearby (police later confirmed no arrests were made in the Marketplace). Due to continuing concerns about the Marketplace, its board (including Dr. McGeachy and other Westminster members) closed the site in December 1971.

Meanwhile, the church continued to expand its service to the community. In 1968 the Session created the Westminster School to serve children with learning disabilities. This community need was not being met in the school system. Beginning with one teacher and eight students, the school became accredited for students from kindergarten through the eighth grade. (In 1999, the school would become independent of Westminster, be renamed Currey Ingram Academy, and in 2002 move to its present location in northern Williamson County.) And in 1971, Westminster's Mothers' Day Out (now Westminster School for Young Children) was also established.

In another landmark decision of the era, Martha Overholser was elected by the congregation in 1968 as the first woman elder at Westminster.

[^0]Important Gathering - We Need You!
April 30, May 7, 14
Covenant Class
9:45 am • 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, April 23 |  |
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| 8:30 AM Worship | Contacts: |
| 9:45 AM Sunday School | If you have questions about a certain event |
| 11:00 AM | Worship |
| 5:00 PM | Journey with Jesus |
|  | Laudate Choir Rehearsal |
| 6:05 PM Your calendar, please contact a |  |

## Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de-spair.
3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same.


Heal - ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.
Je - sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na ev-ery-one!



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
2 Christ has ris-en for the peo-ple whom he died to love and save;
3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change


Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer; Christ has ris-en for dis-ci-ples hud-dled in an up-stairs room. Christ is ris-en, Christ is pres-ent mak-ing us what he has been:

let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here! He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb. ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.


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[^0]:    [Excerpted from Carole S. Bucy, Ph.D.'s article "A Brief History of Westminster Presbyterian Church," April 2009 and "The Centennial History of Westminster Presbyterian Church" by Coleman A. Harwell]

