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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. Vaughan Williams took interest in folk music and hymnody from various cultures. This organ piece is from a set of three preludes based on Welsh tunes.

Worship on the Lord's Day

Worship begins as the people gather - greeting one another, praying in silence, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.

About Hymn 2

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words. TEXT: Collection of Hymns for Social Worship, 1757; MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Come, let us tell of what God has done for us!

We cried aloud to God,
and God listened and answered.

Therefore, we will praise God with shouts of joy!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lord, our God, we trust your promise
to be among us as we gather.
We come in the name of Christ,
drawn by your Spirit,
eager to hear your Word.
Fill our hearts with your Spirit
and prepare us for faithful service. 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 2

ITALIAN HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not reject our prayers.
God does not withdraw love from us.
Even when we fail to love others
and struggle to love ourselves,
God's love is steadfast.
Let us lift our prayers to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One.

we love you imperfectly:

we do not always keep your commandments.

We love each other imperfectly:

we hurt those you call us to love

through our actions and our inaction.

We love ourselves imperfectly:

we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image.

Forgive us.

By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful

that we might live as Christ has shown us. reflecting your love and grace.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*The Peace

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

*ACT OF PRAISE Glory to God in the Highest

John Weaver | Act of Praise

(Please refer to the inside back cover of your hymnal for words and music.)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prayer of Confession

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the errant state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Still, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

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.

The Act of Praise brings together the choir and congregation to sing God's praise.

Scripture

The scriptures bear witness to the word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who "became flesh and lived among us." (John 1:14) Where the word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord's Day.

About Psalm 66, Hymn 54

This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14.). TEXT: Michael Morgan, 1995; MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838.

About Hymn 482

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century. TEXT: Michael A. Saward, 1981; MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985.

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Acts 17:22-31

(New Testament, pages 137-138 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 66:8-20, Hymn 54 (All sing)

DIX

John 14:15-21

(New Testament, page 109 in your pew Bible)

SERMON "I will not leave you orphaned..." Donovan Drake (John 14:18)

(A moment for meditation)

*HYMN 482

Baptized in Water

BUNNESAN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

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

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

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

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

Questions to the Parents, Congregation and Children of the Church

*Profession of Faith

Through baptism we enter the covenant...

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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

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

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

The Baptism

Welcome

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

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

Baptismal Anthem

Anthem (8:30 a.m.) If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, That He may abide with you forever; E'en the Spirit, e'en the Spirit, the Spirit, the Spirit of Truth.

And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

The Baptismal Rite

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

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby (b. 1949) is a British composer and church musician. He was educated at Oxford University and joined the faculty at the University of Leeds as a Lecturer in Music in 1972. Composing for many different instruments and ensembles, Wilby is known best for his compositions for brass band. Many of Wilby's pieces are based on his strong Christian beliefs. "If Ye Love Me" is based on John 14: 15-18 and is a favorite of our choir.

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me know thy grace to see, I would be like thee; And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; And with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me. I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; And with actions neighborly, Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good, And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem Do Not Be Afraid Philip W.J. Stopford

Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine, you are mine. When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames.

Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine, you are mine.

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



Do Not Be Afraid

This anthem is about trusting in God and its words of comfort and assurance are based on Isaiah 43:1-4. The repetition of the words "Do not be afraid" evokes a sense of calm that permeates the beautifully crafted anthem by Philip Stopford. Stopford has rapidly emerged as one of the most popular and prolific composers of new sacred choral music today. "His beautifully crafted music combines uplifting classic texts with memorable, radiant melodies and glorious harmonies."

When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side.

When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes.

Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine, you are mine.

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you, I love you, I love you, I love you with a perfect love, a perfect love. Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine, you are mine.

*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!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God,
receive the gifts we bring in gratitude
for your astounding goodness.
Make our lives to be an acceptable offering
in union with our risen Lord,
who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Prayed in unison)

(Please see page 35 of your hymnal for words to this prayer.)

SENDING

*HYMN 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557

J.S. Bach

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; MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831.

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

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Jane Kirchner 11:00 AM Joshua Herr

Presenting Elder for Baptisms

8:30 AM Janet Kuhn 11:00 AM Virginia Reynolds

Music

8:30 AM Westminster Choir 11:00 AM Laudate Youth Choir

Dr. John Semingson

Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell Associate Director of Music Ministries and Organist

The Anthem *Do Not Be Afraid* by Philip W. J. Stopford is given to the glory of God in memory of Joan McCarthy by John Semingson and Keith Cole.

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding anniversaries of Meredith and Rob Leathers and Destinee and Ben Leathers, and in memory of our mothers, Bettye Brown Fort and June Leathers by Myra and Rowan Leathers.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of S. Paul Lyles II on the sixth anniversary of his death by Patricia and Courtney Lyle.

Baptisms

The sacrament of baptism will be administered today at the 8:30 AM worship service to

Anna James, daughter of Caroline and Bo Creson.

Lucy Rose, daughter of Claire Harris and Andy Kramer.

Mary Margaret, daughter of Maggie and Pierce Sandwith.

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

Norah Purser, daughter of Margaret and Casey King.

Harris Riley, son of Helen and Allen Riley.

Lillian Medora, daughter of Sara Medora and Andy Frederick.

William Douglass, son of Ellen and Robert Fink.

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 PM.



"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever."

John 14:15-16

When do you see your faith coming out of a love for Jesus?

Do you have an assurance that Jesus/God is with you always? Can you explain that assurance?

If the Spirit is with us forever, why are we afraid of so many things?

minute 4 MISSION



Our congregation has had a longterm relationship with The Outreach Foundation in Tete Province,

Mozambique. Our "on the ground" partner, public health nurse Sebber Banda, trains women to serve as Traditional Birthing Attendants and trains both men and women to serve as Village Health Assistants in rural areas which are far from hospitals and medical clinics.

Following their training, the Village Health Assistants receive a bag of medical supplies that contains basic first aid supplies and general medications; while Traditional Birthing Attendants receive general instruments, cord clamps and other basic necessities for delivering babies.

It's hard for us to imagine because we have easy access to hospitals, but for many in these remote villages, Traditional Birthing Attendants and Village Health



Assistants may be the only medical support and care they receive.

Through our partnership with Sebber, Westminster is helping save lives... and improve the quality of life for our brothers and sisters in Tete. Birthing kits and well trained Birthing Attendants are dramatically improving the survival rate for both mothers and babies. Please note: A birthing kit. which costs only \$200, contains enough supplies to deliver ten babies. How many births would your family like to provide?

To learn more about our ministry in Tete Province, Mozambique, please scan the QR code below.



Please make your gifts to Westminster and designate for "Mozambique".

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



RE: Vision
Important Gathering - We Need You!
May 14
Covenant Class
9:45 AM • Fellowship Hall

God's love is a radical love. We want to share this radical, transforming love with the world. As we celebrate 150 years of our church, we are coming together to envision how we are called to serve God for generations to come.

Together we will hope, dream, talk, and listen as a body of Christ to discern what it means to be "Easter people" every day, all year long. Westminster needs you and your unique voice. Please join us!

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

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • Combined Sunday School

Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

Children & Youth Choirs

5:00 PM • Laudate will rehearse today.

BAPTISM



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

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

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

JOIN US



May 14, 21

Music Camp Rehearsals

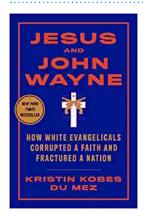
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Music Camp

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.

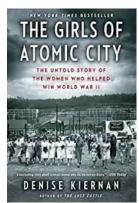




Starts June 1
Summer Book Study
9:30 AM ● 214
Led by Guy Griffith

Jesus and John
Wayne is a sweeping
account of the last
seventy-five years of
white evangelicalism,
showing how American

evangelicals have worked for decades to replace the Jesus of the Gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism?or in the words of one modern chaplain, with "a spiritual badass." As Du Mez explains, the key to understanding this transformation is to recognize the role of culture in modern American evangelicalism.



May 23 Westminster Book Group

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

Everyone is welcome as we have a unique opportunity to hear book

insights from someone whose career has provided an insider's perspective on life in Oak Ridge and who has spoken with women who worked during the WWII secret mission.

Our speaker, Jane Buchanan:

Jane is a native of Waverly, TN. After graduating from Ward-Belmont and Vanderbilt, Jane Buchanan worked for Union Carbide in Oak Ridge as a spectrographic chemist before the birth of her two sons. She later worked parttime as a technical writer for the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and the U.S. Dept. Of Energy. Her husband, Joel Buchanan, was a Nuclear Engineer. Her hobbies include photography, genealogy, travel, and reading. As part of the Tennessee State Bicentennial, the East TN Historical Society published her book Early Inns and Taverns of East Tennessee: A Photoessay.

JOIN US



Tuesdays through Fridays Westminster Café

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

May 16 Note Caring Ministry 9:00 AM • Westminster Café

Enjoy writing notes to various folks in the church as well as different ministries outside the church?

Let Beth, beth@westminsterjoy.org, know you are interested in joining this wonderful ministry!

May 18 Men's Coffee 10:00 AM • Westminster Café

REMEMBERING OUR PAST



Becky Wright has been a member since 1944. She became a member of WPC as a result of the gas shortage during the war. Learn more about her story by scanning the QR code below to connect to the video.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now more than ever, the Security Team needs volunteers to help with security on Sunday mornings.

Currently, we only have 22 volunteers which means many of us are working multiple Sundays each month. The more volunteers we have, the less demand on all of us.

Sunday morning shifts are 2 hours. You can choose either the 8:00-10:00 or 10:00-noon shift. Training is easy. You simply shadow the team for two hours on a Sunday and you are good to go!

If you are able bodied, we need you! To become a volunteer, please contact Scott Portis at smportis@gmail.com or see a yellow vest on Sunday mornings.

Thank you!



Thank you to those who participated and donated last year, and we hope you can be a part of the fun at Gaylord Springs yet again.

We raised right at \$8,000 for Westminster Home Connection and we want to exceed that this year. We'll sign up teams, and individual players to be assigned to a team.

The shotgun start will be at 8:00 AM, followed by a lunch buffet.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 14

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Journey with Jesus

Laudate Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 15

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

5:00 рм Pickleball

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 AM Daybreak Believers

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

Wednesday, May 17

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

5:30 PM Finance Committee Mtg

7:00 PM Men's Basketball

7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 18

8:00 AM Westminster Café

8:15 AM Yoga

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

Women's Bible study

Men's Coffee

Friday, May 19

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, May 20

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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2 Come, Thou Almighty King



Make a Joyful Noise to God!

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(Psalm 66)



- 1 Make a joy ful noise to God! All cre a tion sings your praise!
- 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless-ings to the just:
- 3 Bless the Lord, our ref-uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard





Great your won-ders here dis-played, un-ex-celled through-out our days. walked the cho-sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust. By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de-ferred.



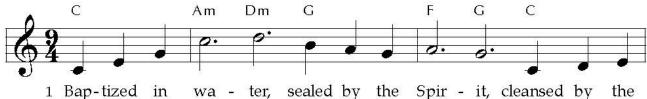


Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same. Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer-cies, and re - joice! When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven-ly home.



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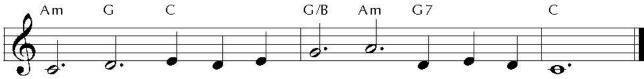
Baptized in Water



- 1 Bap-tized in wa ter, sealed by the Spir it, cleansed by the 2 Bap-tized in wa ter, sealed by the Spir it, dead in the
- 3 Bap-tized in wa ter, sealed by the Spir it, marked with the



blood Christ King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing of our ris - ing, freed and for -Christ tomb with King; one with his our Christ sign of our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom ise, faith - ful - ly God's prais - es sing. now we giv thank - ful - ly God's prais - es en, sing. now we joy - ful - ly God's prais - es chil - dren; now sing. we

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



