

Second Sunday of Pentecost
June 11, 2023



On the cover:

English translation
of Bible verse:

In him all things
hold together.
Colossians 1:17

Artwork by Kirsten
Malcolm Berry.

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.

*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.

"I could see at least for a moment how if you ever took truly to heart the ultimate goodness and joy of things, even at their bleakest, the need to praise someone or something for it would be so great that you might even have to go out and speak of it to the birds of the air. "

Frederick Buechner, "The Sacred Journey"

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE Prelude in G Major, BWV 541 J.S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous.

Sing to the Lord a new song.

For your word, O Lord, is right,

and all your works are sure.

You love righteousness and justice;

your loving-kindness fills the whole earth.

(Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Eternal God,

your Son Jesus Christ,

now exalted as Lord of all,

pours out his gifts on the church.

Grant us the unity which your Spirit gives,

keep us in the bond of peace,

and bring all creation to worship before your throne;

for you live and reign,

one God, forever and ever. 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.)*

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

This hymn resembles many 18th-century drawings that show parallels between worship on earth and worship in heaven, especially as described in Revelation 7:9-11. This 18th-century tune has had many names; the one used here honors the dynasty of British monarchs, 1714-1901. TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744; MUSIC: Anon.; *A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms*, 1708.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God’s amazing love is this:

While we were sinners Christ died for us.
**Because we have faith in him,
we dare to approach God with confidence.**

Let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**With haste, we rush to the day’s work
when personal profit is the reward;
with reluctance, we engage the task
of ministering to the broken.
We are quick to expect apologies,
but slow to extend forgiveness.
We cheer the misfortune of those
we consider our enemies,
but drag our feet when it is time to make peace.
In many such ways, evident and invisible,
we ignore the saving graces that call us to life,
and pander to the narrow greed that leads to death.**

Call to and 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.

**Forgive us, O God.
Do not abandon us,
even though we are inconsistent;
but by the power of your constancy
overwhelm our reluctance,
and sweep us into the delight of obedient love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
whose love for us was so powerful
that even death could not prevail against it.**

(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

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.

Act of Praise

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.

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

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Romans 4:12-25

(New Testament, page 155 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 33:1-12 (all sing)

NETTLETON

Text by John Bell and Graham Maule

We rejoice to be God's chosen
Not through virtue work or skill,
But because God's love is generous
Unconformed to human will.
And because God's love is restless
Like the surging of the sea,
We are pulled by heaven's dynamic
To become, not just to be.

We rejoice to be God's chosen
To be gathered to God's side,
Not to build a pious ghetto
Or be steeped in selfish pride.
But to celebrate the goodness
Of the One who sets us free
From the smallness of our vision
To become, not just to be.

We rejoice to be God's chosen
To align with heaven's intent,
To await where we are summoned
And accept where we are sent.
We rejoice to be God's chosen
And amidst all that we see
To anticipate with wonder
That the best is yet to be.

Genesis 12:1-9

(Old Testament, page 10 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

“Friend of God”

Guy D. Griffith

*“I will bless you, and make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing.” (Genesis 12:2b)*

(A moment for meditation)

*HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

About Hymn 839

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Question 1. What is God’s purpose for your life?

God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Question 2. How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I entrust myself completely to his care, giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable. TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873; MUSIC: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873.

Question 3. How do you live for the love of God?

I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

Question 4. How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?

By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. I am baptized into Christ's body, the church, along with all others who confess him by faith. As a member of this community, I trust in God's Word, share in the Lord's Supper, and turn to God constantly in prayer. As I grow in grace and knowledge, I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life.

(From The Study Catechism)

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 All My Hope on God Is Founded
Herbert Howells/arr. Michael Burkhardt

All my hope on God is founded
Who will all my trust renew,
Who through change and chance will guide me,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, from thy throne
Call my heart to be thine own.

Mortal pride and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray our trust;
What with care and toil we fashion,
Tower and temple fall to dust.
But thy power, Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

To GIVE, please scan
the QR code below:



Great thy goodness e'er enduring;
Deep thy wisdom, passing thought;
Splendor, light and life attend thee,
Beauty springing out of nought.
Evermore from God's store
Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of God's own Son.
Christ shall call one and all:
All you that follow shall not fall.

***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!**

***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** (*praying together*)

(See page 35 of your hymnal for the words to this prayer.)

SENDING

***HYMN 36** For the Fruit of All Creation AR HYDY NOS

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Fugue in G Major, BWV 541 J.S. Bach

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God's grace elicits our heartfelt gratitude. We respond to the good news of forgiveness with joyful acclamations of praise!

About Hymn 36

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than the title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night." MUSIC: Fred Pratt Green, 1970; MUSIC: Welsh melody, c. 1784.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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Our Mission

*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light
found in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.”

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith

*Associate Pastor for Adult Education and
Spiritual Nurture*

Liturgist

Sophie Maness

Executive Director of Family Ministries

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Bob Cooper

11:00 AM Rudy Kalis

Music

Keith Cole, Cantor; Emily Harrison,
Sarah McCutchan, Hannah Sims, and
Colby White

Dr. John Semingson

Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell

*Organist & Associate Director of
Music Ministries*

Flowers

*The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Janet, Robert, and Ada Felch
by Beth and Jim Felch.*

*The flowers in the Parlor
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Carol Ann Robertson
by her family.*

Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers— only a few dates remain for reservations!

Only a few dates remain to reserve the
Sanctuary for flowers: September 3, Oc-
tober 1, 8, or 22, and November 26.
(\$150)

The Parlor is available on multiple dates.
(\$75)

Our talented Flower Guild members are
ready to create beautiful arrangements
to honor or celebrate your loved ones.

Email Terri Eckert **today** to reserve your
date! **teckert@nashvillewpc.org**

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

WORSHIP

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact:
Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, 615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the *Worship Service Archive*. Click on the service you would like to watch.

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found on the Welsh dresser in the Parlor and by the window in the Narthex.

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.

Living Out the WORD

What do you think was the main reason Abraham was willing to pick up and take off into the unknown?

- Challenge: He was ready for a new adventure.
 - Reward: The Lord promised him a great deal.
 - Obedience: God told him to go.
- Discontent: He was restless.
 - Faith: What God promises and instructs, you believe and do.

Of the promises to Abraham, which appeal to you and why? (Would you rather be blessed or be a blessing?)

How have you learned to hear God's call in your life?

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education

Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class

9:45 AM • Fellowship Hall

Please join us for 2023 Music Camp performance, *In The Image*.

Faith & Fellowship • 214

The Gospel of John

From the Prologue to the miracles. The unique name and title used by Jesus in John. The Last Supper. Resurrection.

What are the theological goals of John?

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • Summer Sunday School

Location: Panera Bread on White Bridge Rd. (96 White Bridge Rd.)

When: 10:00 - 10:45 AM every Sunday of the summer.

How: Meet us there at 10:00 AM or meet Katie and T.J. in the Youth Café for a ride over BY 9:45 AM.

What: Scripture and snacks on us!

Childcare

Classroom 146 - Babies

Classroom 152 - Toddlers & 2s

Classroom 151 - 3s, 4s & 5s

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

Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • The Music Camp performance in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Childcare will be provided for little ones.

June 18 - Summer Sunday School

June 25 - Melting Bullets into Bells in the Fellowship Hall, more info to come on this exciting event. Preschool Sunday School classes will meet in their regular rooms.

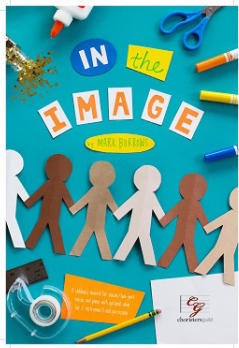


Join Donovan on his sabbatical of ministry memories.

Scan the QR code below to read his latest post.



JOIN US



June 11 • Music Camp Performance • Fellowship Hall

Please join us for the performance of "In the Image" by Mark Burrows.

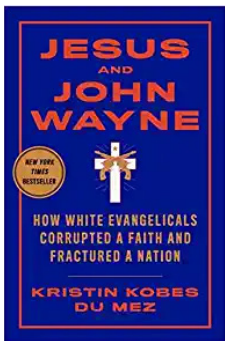
All are welcome! Childcare available.



June 11 • All-Church Picnic 12:15 PM • North Parking Lot

Please join us for good food, fellowship, and fun!!

We will have a picnic after church in the north parking lot. If it is hot, there will be indoor seating as well. Martin's Barbeque with pulled pork and chicken tenders, Blue Monkey Shaved Ice, face painting, games and fellowship together.



Thursdays • Summer Book Study 9:30 AM • Goodpasture Hall 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."



June 18 - August 13 • Summer Choir Rehearse 9:45 AM • Sing for the 11:00 AM Service

If you are a rising eighth grader or older, we would love for you to try the Summer Choir. We rehearse each Sunday in the Chancel and sing for the service at 11:00 AM. You do not have to be with us each Sunday.

If you have wanted to give the choir a try, now is your chance.

For more info, please contact John Semingson, johns@nashvillewpc.org.

JOIN US



Tuesdays through Fridays
Westminster Café

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

June and July **Summer Hours for the Café** **8:00 AM • Westminster Café**

The Café will be open Tuesdays through Thursdays, 8:00 AM to Noon and closed on Fridays. We will open back up on Fridays in August!

Come out of the heat and enjoy a specialized hot coffee, iced coffee and homemade pastries!



For more information on any of the programs available, please visit westminsterjoy.org.

June 15 **Special Teen Activities in the Café** **10:00 AM - Noon** **Westminster Café**

Zach Dillard will be leading a pottery wheel workshop. We will gather in the cafe and go together to the ceramics studio.

To register or for more information, please contact Kimberly Dillard, kwdillard@gmail.com.

If you are between the ages of 10 and 15, you are welcome to get together and have fun with us in the Café. Activities include crafts, ping-pong, foosball, and table games. There will be a "featured" activity on selected weeks.

July 10- 14 **Summer Camps with Nations Ministry**

We will have our refugee teens and Westminster leaders and helpers in summer camps July 10-14 at Westminster.

Would you be willing to provide a snack or lunch? Volunteer by clicking the QR code.

For more info, please contact Catherine Garrison, kcegarrison@gmail.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Members

New members were received in a called meeting of the Session on Sunday, June 4.

We rejoice in their presence among us, and the power of their faith, life stories, gifts, and sense of call!



Jackson & Meagan Brasher
Laney



Katie & Tyler Campbell



Andrew & Anne Ward
Eshelman
Murphy and Henry



Kim & Jeff Leeper



Help us update the Westminster Directory TODAY by stopping by the Parlor table in between services or during the All-Church Picnic.

New photos can be taken, and you can verify we have your current contact info.

Members of the *GETconnected* Committee and Hannah Sims, Membership Secretary, will be available to help with all facets of getting you connected!

If you want to work with Hannah directly during the week, please contact her at hsims@nashvillewpc.org, or 615-292-5526.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Travel Dates
9/26 - 10/5

CHRISTIANITY IN TURKEY

✈️ INFORMATIONAL MEETING ✈️
JUNE 11 • 12:30 PM
OVERLOOK ROOM

Contact Guy Griffith for more information.

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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May 2023

	Month	Year to Date
Income:	\$229,607	\$1,561,324
Expense:	<u>\$292,271</u>	<u>\$1,421,565</u>
Net Income (loss):	\$(62,664)	\$ 139,759



Remembering Our Past

Trace Haythorn, former Associate Pastor of Adult Education at Westminster, provides his remembrances of being on staff from 1998 - 2003.

Please scan the QR code to watch his video.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, June 11

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 12:15 PM All-Church Picnic
- 12:30 PM Turkey Trip Info Meeting

Monday, June 12

- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, June 13

- 7:00 AM Daybreak Believers
- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café

Wednesday, June 14

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 1:15 PM Tai Chi
- 5:30 PM Benevolence Committee Meeting
Earthcare Task Force Meeting
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball
Church Nominating Committee

Thursday, June 15

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Summer Book Study
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
Men's Coffee
- 12:30 PM Bereavement Committee Meeting

Friday, June 16

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, June 17

- 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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EVERYONE WELCOME!

JUNE 11, 2023

**ALL-CHURCH
PICNIC**

12:15 PM | NORTH PARKING LOT

MARTIN'S BARBEQUE | BLUE MONKEY SHAVED ICE

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,
 3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.
 he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

For the Fruit of All Creation

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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.