



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 25, 2023

*The peace of God, it is no peace,
But strife closed in the sod,
Yet, brothers, pray for but one thing—
The marvelous peace of God.*

-William Alexander Percy

"I call it an illusion for Christians to seek peace, as though the gospel wanted to make life comfortable for them. The contrary is true. 'I have not come to bring peace on earth, but a sword.' As long as the fight is going on, we have peace only in the fight. Our peace is not a well-being: it is a participation in Christ, in God in the flesh against all other things in the flesh."

-Christoph Friedrich Blumhardt

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.

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 239

This 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encouragement (stanzas 1-3 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias. It was written specifically for the dancelike 17th-century tune found here. TEXT: Cyril A. Alington, 1931; MUSIC: Melchior Vulpus, 1609.

PRELUDE

Folk Tune

Percy Whitlock

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Thus says the high and exalted one
who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy:

"I dwell in a high and holy place,

but I also live with those who are

broken and humble in spirit,

to revive the spirit of the humble,

to restore the courage of the broken."

(Isaiah 57:15)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Teach us, good Lord,

to serve you as you deserve;

to give and not to count the cost;

to fight and not to heed the wounds;

to toil and not to seek for rest;

to labor and not to ask for any reward,

save that of knowing that we do your will;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 239

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Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:8-9)

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin
before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

(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*

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.

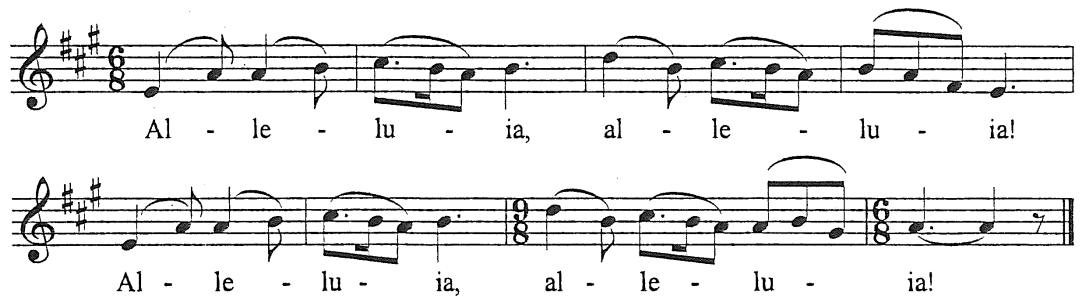
Act of Praise

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

***ACT OF PRAISE**

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker



(The congregation sings with the choir.)

**The Word of the Lord lasts forever.
What is the Word that is living?
It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead.**

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.**

Jeremiah 20:7-13

(Old Testament, page 722 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 86

Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

Here my voice, O Lord, when I pray.
Hear my prayer when I cry from the lowly place;
In your mercy, Lord, let me stay;
Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry;
Hear my words when I call from the lowly place; I will pray,
O Lord, lest I hear my words, O Lord I cry.

From the grave's descent You have taken me,
When the men of the world have forsaken me.
In my day of need and my time of grief,
Hear the prayer for my body and soul's relief.

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.

In the morning, Lord, I will sing
With a song that will rise from the holy place,
And my praises, Lord, it will bring;
In the morning, Lord, I will sing.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.

Matthew 10:24-39

(New Testament, pages 10-11 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

“Division of the House”

Guy D. Griffith

“Don’t think I’ve come to make life cozy...”
(Matthew 10:34, The Message)

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

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About Hymn 450

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle.

**The people of God have often misused God’s promises
as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.**

**But in Christ the new world has already broken in
and the old can no longer be tolerated.**

We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom.

**But hope plunges us into the struggle
for victories over evil that are possibly now
in the world, the church, and our individual lives.**

**Hope gives us courage and energy
to contend against all opposition,
however invincible it may seem,
for the new world and the new humanity
that are surely coming.**

Jesus is Lord!

He has been the Lord from the beginning.

He will be the Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

(From A Declaration of Faith)

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range. TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

To GIVE, please scan
the QR code below:



*God So Loved the
World*

This present-day setting of John 3:16 by Aaron David Miller has become a lovely addition to sacred choral repertoire since its first publication in 2008. The text is set to a flourishing two-part, mixed-voice arrangement, and a beautiful "Amen" closes the anthem with peacefulness and beauty. Miller is a highly-respected organist best known for his exceptional improvisational skills. His orchestral works have been performed by such ensembles as the Seattle Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Zurich Symphony, and St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. He is Director of Music and Organist for House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, MN.

*Prayer of
Thanksgiving*

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem God So Loved the World Aaron David Miller

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that ev'ryone who believes in him should not perish,
but have eternal life....

For God sent not his Son to the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved....

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that ev'ryone who believes in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

Amen, amen, amen, amen,
God so loved the world.

*DOXOLOGY

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**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.

**Gracious God, Creator and
giver of all good things:
For our home on earth
and for your unfailing mercy,
we give you thanks.**

**Christ, our redeemer:
For your sacrifice on the cross
and rising from death that we might live,
we give you thanks and praise.**

**Holy Spirit, giver of life:
For your abiding presence in our lives
and for comforting and guiding us,
we give you thanks, praise, and glory.**

**O triune God:
To you be glory and praise
now and forever. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*singing together*)

*(See the inside back cover of your hymnal
for the words and music to this prayer.)*

SENDING

***HYMN 738** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee MARYTON

About Hymn 738

***BENEDICTION**

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words. TEXT: Washington Gladden, 1879; MUSIC: Henry Percy Smith, 1874.

POSTLUDE Prelude, Fugue and Toccata in E Minor
Johann Pachelbel

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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

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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

Eleanor Bryant
Youth Ministry Summer Intern

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Kathryn Wyatt
11:00 AM Spencer Klavan

Music

8:30 AM Sarah McCutchan, Colby
White, Emily Harrison, Andrew Hard

11:00 AM Summer Choir;
Don Marler, Guest Conductor

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 honor of our Staff for their
support and continual good cheer.*

Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers— make your reservations today!

Honor or celebrate your loved ones with beautiful arrangements by our talented Flower Guild members. The Sanctuary is available on September 3, October 1 or October 22. (\$150)

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

Email Terri Eckert 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.

Mask Policy

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

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.

Living Out
the **WORD**

“Don’t think I’ve come to make life cozy...”

Matthew 10:34, *The Message*

- 1). If Jesus is calling you to participate in his kingdom work, what do you think he would say to you in light of your own personality and gifts?
- 2). How has Christ’s teaching united members of your family? Divided them?
- 3). How can you best represent to your neighbors that the kingdom of God is near?

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education

Classes start at 9:45 AM

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

All Youth are invited to attend the discussion in Fellowship Hall.

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

Melting Bullets into Bells in the Fellowship Hall. Preschool Sunday School classes will meet in their regular rooms.

Special Class Presentation



Melting Bullets Into Bells

Turning an object that has caused harm into something that is peaceful with artist Stephanie Mercedes.

Sunday, June 25 • 9:45 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

For more info, please contact Sophie Maness, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

JOIN US



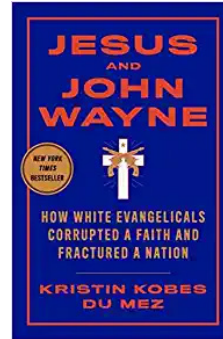
June and July
Summer Hours for the Café
8:00 AM • Westminster Café

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!

Thursday Mornings in June and July
Special Teen Activities in the Café
10:00 AM - Noon
Westminster Café

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.

For more information, please contact Kimberly Dillard, kwdillard@gmail.com.

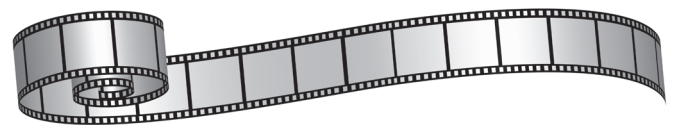


Thursdays • Summer Book Study
9:30 AM • Goodpasture
Led by Guy Griffith

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.



Elder Terry Rappuhn helped lead the development of Westminster Home Connection following the work our congregation provided to the community in the 2010 Nashville flood. You can watch Terry's video discussing Westminster's approach to serving our community after the flood and eventually, the development of Westminster Home Connection, by scanning the QR code below.



June 28
Faith & Film Festival
6:15 PM • Brown Bag Dinner
7:00 PM • Movie

Rev. Guy Griffith will show the movie *A Man Called Otto* followed by conversation. As in other years, those who would like to bring a brown bag dinner are invited to come at 6:15 PM and enjoy community and conversation over dinner before the movie begins.

For more information, contact Guy, ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, June 25

8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship

Monday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 27

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

Wednesday, June 28

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8:00 AM Westminster Café
6:15 PM Faith & Film
7:00 PM Men's Basketball

Thursday, June 29

8:00 AM Westminster Café
9:30 AM Summer Book Study
10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
6:00 PM Parents of Young Families Co Mtg

Friday, June 30

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

Saturday, July 1

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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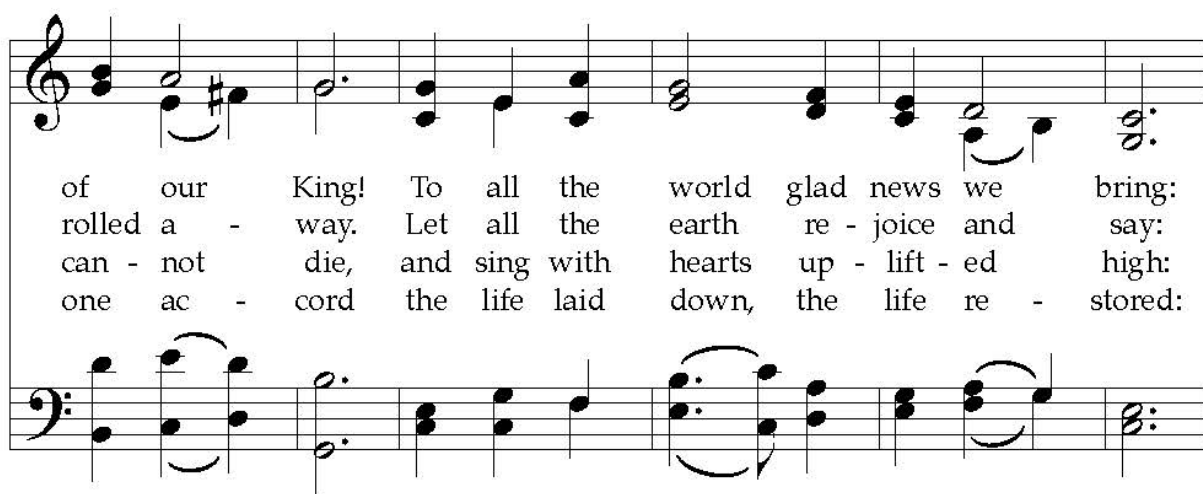


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Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239



1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way. Let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
2 Help me the slow of heart to move
3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
by some clear, win - ning word of love;
in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
guide them in the home - ward way.
trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

