

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 2, 2023**



*"We cannot possibly let ourselves get frozen into regarding everyone we do not know as an absolute stranger."*

*--Albert Schweitzer*

*"Hospitality is the creation of a free space where strangers can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy."*

*--Henri Nouwen,*

*Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life*

### *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 409*

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, TX, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by nazi associations. TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979; MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941.

## GATHERING

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

**PRELUDE**                      Variations on "America"                      Charles Ives

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Welcome one another in Jesus' name

**for Christ is truly present among us.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**Faithful God, your love stands firm**

**from generation to generation;**

**your mercy is always abundant.**

**Give us open and understanding hearts**

**that have heard your word,**

**so that we may seek Christ's presence**

**in all whom we meet. 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 409**

**ABBOT'S LEIGH**

God is Here!

## 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 from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:8-9)

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord our God,  
we confess that we do not reflect your glory.  
You gave your law to guide us,  
but we remain enthralled by evil.  
We do the very things we claim to hate,  
and fail to do the things we say we love.  
Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives  
by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.  
From sin and death, set us free—  
free to love and serve you alone,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*(Silent confession)*

## Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

*(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)*

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

## \*The Peace

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

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

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

## *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.

## *About the Kyrie*

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for 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

### SCRIPTURE

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

#### **Romans 6:12-23**

*(New Testament, pages 156-157 in your pew Bible)*

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

#### **Psalm 13**

Christopher Norton

How long, O Lord, will you forget an answer to my prayer?

No tokens of your love I see,  
your face is turned away from me;  
I wrestle with despair.

How long, O Lord, will you forsake and leave me in this way?

When will you come to my relief?  
My heart is overwhelmed with grief,  
by evil night and day.

How long, O Lord? But you forgive with mercy from above.

I find that all your ways are just,  
I learn to praise you and to trust  
in your unfailing love.

#### *Prayer for Illumination*

This prayer 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.

#### *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.

**Matthew 10:40-42**

*(New Testament, page 11 in your pew Bible)*

**SERMON**

“Setting the Table”

Guy D. Griffith

*“This is a large work I’ve called you into, but don’t be overwhelmed by it.  
It’s best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone  
who is thirsty, for instance.” (Mt. 10:42, The Message).*

*(A moment for meditation)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves  
and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles,  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries  
of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples  
to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others  
for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks,  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,  
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

*(Excerpts from “A Brief Statement of Faith”)*

*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.

To GIVE, please scan  
the QR code below.



*Doxology*

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

## THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERING

Anthem Christ is Made the Sure Foundation Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the Head and Cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever,  
And her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness  
Hear thy servants as they pray,  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls always.

Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory,  
While unending ages run.

### \*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.**

We give you thanks, O God...  
and in whom you take delight.

Therefore we praise you,  
 joining our voices with choirs of angels  
 and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
 who forever sing to the glory of your name:

ALL:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.\_\_\_\_  
 God of pow - er and might.\_\_\_\_ Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -  
 ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!\_\_\_\_  
 Bles - sed is he who comes, he who comes in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -  
 san - na in the high - est!\_\_\_\_\_

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

You sent him from heaven...  
 and serve you as your priestly people.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit...  
 through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours,  
 almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,  
 now and forever.

[organ] A - men, A - men, A - men.

## 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 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                      Do This In Remembrance of Me                      Larry Visser

On the night he was betrayed, Christ took bread and,  
when he gave thanks, he broke it and said,  
"This is my body, which is for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, Christ took the cup,  
the new cov'nant in his blood, he poured it and said,  
"This is my blood, poured out for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

**\*HYMN 340**                      This Is My Song                      FINLANDIA

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**    Prelude & Fugue in Bb Major, BWV 560    J.S. Bach

---

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

### 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.

### About Hymn 340

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars, and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective. TEXT: Stanzas 1-2, Lloyd Stone, 1934; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, 1962; MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899.

### About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

COPYRIGHT INFORMATION: The music used in the service this morning is copyrighted under Christian Copyright Licensing International, Inc., No. 11221525.



---

# 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*

#### Liturgists

8:30 AM Rev. Dr. Lib Caldwell  
11:00 AM Rev. Dr. John Larson; Katie  
Gossage, *Associate Director of Youth*

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Mary Hande  
11:00 AM Scott Carey

#### Music

8:30 AM Emily Harrison, Colby White,  
Sarah McCutchan White, Vineecia  
Buchanan, 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 loving memory of  
my brother, Ted McCarley  
and my parents,  
Sue and Trimmier McCarley  
by Beth O'Shea.*

### Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel gives glory  
and thanksgiving to God for the following  
new baby and the joy of this family:

Agnes and John Bartek on the birth of  
a son

***Stephen John Bartek V***

Big sister, Adelaide, is excited.

---

# 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](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

### Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to [nashvillewpc.church](http://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.

***The church campus will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July Holiday.***

Living Out  
the **WORD**

“This is a large work I’ve called you into, but don’t be overwhelmed by it. It’s best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance.”

Matthew 10:42, *The Message*

- 1). When have you received hospitality that was especially meaningful for you? Why was it so?
- 2). What prevents you from being as hospitable as you might like to be? How can you overcome those barriers by starting with something small?
- 3). How has God provided for your needs?

---

# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

## Adult Education

Classes start at 9:45 AM

### Covenant Class

Fellowship Sunday.

#### July 9

Led by Mike Hassell, author of *Deep Tradeoffs*.

Polarization, uncivil bickering, alienated families and friends -- these are among the most disturbing problems of our time. Many remedies focus on attitudes or processes of engagement, including openness, grace, curiosity, mirroring, etc. But there's far more to consider in effectively engaging people who disagree, including powerful subconscious motives and value tradeoffs just beneath our normal awareness.

During the July 9th Covenant Sunday School class in Fellowship Hall, Elder Mike Hassell will discuss his research and findings on these topics, recently published in his book entitled *Deep Tradeoffs: Restoring Balance and Respect In A Polarized, Angry World*.

Scan the QR code below to purchase a copy.



### Faith & Fellowship • 214

We will gather in Room 214 to enjoy an hour of Fellowship, coffee, Sunday treats, and casual conversation.

**Starting July 9th** - Faith and Fellowship will be reading and discussing Amy-Jill Levine's book, *The Difficult Words of Jesus*.

Please order your copy through Amazon by scanning the QR code below.



### Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

---

## Youth Ministry

Fellowship Sunday.

---

## Children's Ministry

Fellowship Sunday. Childcare is available.

### Childcare

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

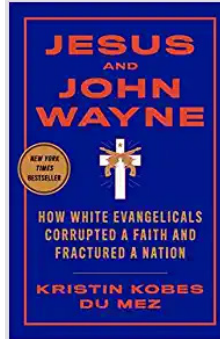
Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

# JOIN US



**June and July  
Summer Hours  
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!



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

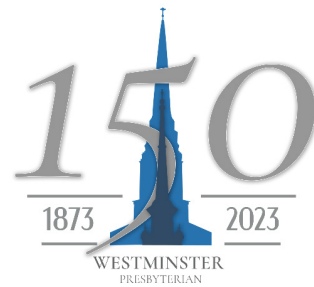
*Jesus and John Wayne* is a sweeping account of the last seventy-five years of white evangelicalism, showing how American evangelicals have worked for decades to replace the Jesus of the Gospels.



**July 16  
Rise Against Hunger Event  
Koinonia Youth Café  
3:30 - 5:30 PM**

Join us in our annual packing of 10,000 meals for hungry folks all around the world. This event will be in the afternoon with food trucks to follow the packing. All ages are welcome!!

Scan the QR code below to register.



For Westminster's 150th Anniversary, elders Jennie Renwick and Hartley Hall reminisce about their experiences at Westminster.

Scan the QR code below with your phone to open the video.



You can also watch this and other videos by scanning the QR code below.



## God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing  
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

340

## This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.