

"O Lord, Jesus Christ, who art as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, who beholdest thy weak creatures weary of labor, weary of pleasure, weary of hope deferred, weary of self; in thine abundant compassion, and fellow feeling with us, and unutterable tenderness, bring us, we pray thee, unto thy rest. Amen."

Christina Rosetti (1830-1894)

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 846 J.S.Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Come, all of you who carry heavy burdens and Christ will give you rest.

For he is gentle and humble in heart: in him we find rest for our souls.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, 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.)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 267

MADRID

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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 267

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified. TEXT: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843; MUSIC: Śpanish folk melody; arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Therefore, let us confess our sin with every confidence that we will be lifted up.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we fill our lives with comfort and convenience,
distractions that consume our energy and time.
We chase after wealth and power
as if they could satisfy the hunger in our souls.
But you beckon us toward new life,
a life made rich through Sabbath and service.
Free us from the yokes that bind us
and draw us near to you,
until we learn to walk with Christ.

(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.

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.

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 Hymn 475

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it. TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758; MU-SIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813.

*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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Romans 7:15-25a

(New Testament, page 157 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Canticle Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One Healey Willan

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come; arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

(Song of Solomon)

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

(New Testament, pages 11 and 12 in your pew Bible)

SERMON "The Unforced Rhythms of Grace"

Guy D. Griffith

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me - watch how I do it." (Mt. 11:28, The Message)

(A moment for meditation)

*HYMN 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30 a.m.)

(See "Profession of Faith" on page 5)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

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. 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.

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 (11:00 a.m.)

See This Wonder in the Making

Carl Schalk

See this wonder in the making: God himself this child is taking as a lamb safe in his keeping, his to be, awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens, as the door to heaven opens and the Father beams: "Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"

Far more tender than a mother, far more caring than a father, God, into your arms we place him, with your love and peace embrace him.

Here we bring a child of nature, home we take a newborn creature, now God's precious son or daughter, born again by Word and Water.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (8:30 a.m.)

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem The Road Home

Stephen Paulus

Tell me where is the road I can all my own,
That I left, that I lost, So long ago?
All these years I have wandered, Oh when will I know
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, When the dark is done, As I wake from a dream In the gold of day, Through the air there's a calling From far away, There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home. Rise up, follow me...

Rise up, follow me, Come away is the call, With love in your heart As the only song; There is no such beauty as where you belong, Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

*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.

God of compassion, we praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding, and that you desire for us all a new life in Jesus Christ. To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



The Road Home

American composer, Stephen Paulus (1949-2014), composed this beautiful anthem with a text by Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940). The melody is a Southern Harmony (1835) shape-note hymn tune that was originally set to the text, "The Lone Wild Bird." We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads to new life.

By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Prayed in unison)

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

SENDING

*HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata and Fugue in F Major

Johann Pachelbel

*(Those who are able may stand.)

About Hymn 744

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusivelanguage alternative to an older hymn using this late 19thcentury tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God, but to people. TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974; MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894.

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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

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Bob Cooper 11:00 AM Jane Kirchner

Presenting Elder for Baptism

11:00 ам Jackie Shrago

Music

8:30 AM Emily Harrison, Colby White, Sarah McCutchan White, Vineecia Buchanan, Andrew Hard and Hannah Sims

11:00 AM Summer Choir

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
Dena's parents,
Charles and Linnie Hewett,
by Dena and Paul Williamson and family.

Baptisms

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

Tyler Clarke, son of Kathryn and Tyler Moore

Amelia Grace, daughter of Kathryn and Tyler Moore

Ryland Douglas, son of Lida and Lou Alsobrooks

Miller Lee, daughter of Lida and Lou Alsobrooks

Red Roses

The red roses in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of these precious, new babies:

a son, Declan William Scully, born July 5, 2023 to Meredith and Patrick Scully. Grandparents Sheri and Mark Lawrence are thrilled!

a son, William Jackson Brasher, Jr., born July 5, 2023 to Meagan and Jackson Brasher. Big sister Laney is so excited!

a daughter, Lily Grace Branstetter, born on July 5, 2023 to Catherine and Austin Branstetter. Big brother Charlie is delighted!

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.

Second Sunday Celebration

Grab a cappuccino, latte macchiato or flat white in the Parlor from $9:30-11:00~{\rm AM}$ and visit the membership table to update your contact info.

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.



"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me - watch how I do it."

Matthew 11:28, The Message

- 1). What room in your house is most hard to keep up? Which is most relaxing?
- 2). Why is the Gospel hidden from the "wise and learned"?
- 3). Is Jesus' yoke resting lightly on you, or are you struggling to get out from under it? How does taking up his way lead to rest?

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

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.

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.



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.

Faith & Fellowship ● 214

We 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

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!

Children's Ministry

Preschool Summer Sunday School will meet in room 161 in the preschool hall. This will include 2, 3, 4, and 5-year-olds. We will cover a Bible story, have a simple craft, a snack, and some playtime.

Elementary Summer Sunday School will meet in room 195 on the Wilson Wing. We will not gather in the chapel first. This is for rising Kindergarten through rising 6th grades.

JOIN US





July 16, 23, and August 6, 2023
Sunday School Opportunities
from the WPC Earth Care Task Force
9:45 AM • Fellowship Hall

Concerned about Climate Change?

Want to know more about the science, what our faith says, how to engage in discussions with others, and what we as individuals and as a group can do?

Then, please come participate in three presentations/discussions to be held during the Sunday School hour on the three Sundays noted above.

Each session will begin with 15 - 20 minute video presentations by Katharine Hayhoe, Trisha Tull, or members of the Presbyterians for Earth Care Committee and will preface our group discussion following the videos.

Questions? Email Curtis Baysinger at cbaysinger2@gmail.com.

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!



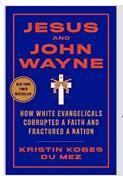
Share your own Westminster Story!

We are providing three dates to choose from -- August 6, 13 and 20 -- if you and your family would like to be videotaped talking about your memories at Westminster. A maximum of five people are allowed to participate in a single video. The videos will be edited to five minutes or less and shared on our 150th Anniversary website.

Scan the QR code to schedule a time to be recorded.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Hassell at 615.579.3505.

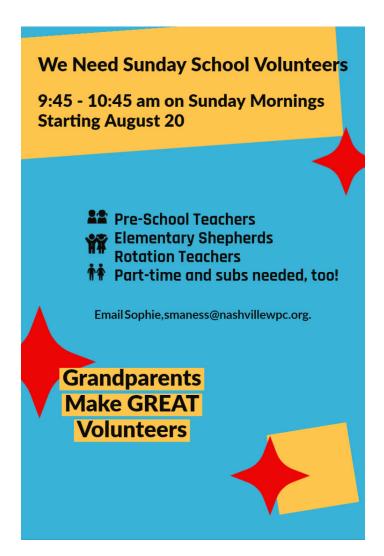




Thursdays Summer Book Study 9:30 AM ● Goodpasture Led by Guy Griffith

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.



REMEMBERING OUR PAST

In December 1981, The Reverend Dr. Kyser Cowart Ptomey, Jr. was installed as Westminster's senior pastor, inviting all to call him "K.C." While engaging the congregation with his powerful preaching, K.C. also restored numerous liturgical practices of the early Church that had been abandoned during the Protestant Reformation and supported the early Reformed practice of singing psalms in worship. At his suggestion, non-inclusive language was removed from the liturgy.

K.C. passionately believed in the civil rights movement. One Sunday in the early 1960's, three white students at Southwestern College at Memphis—what became Rhodes College went with African American students to worship at Second Presbyterian Church, the city's largest and most powerful Presbyterian church. These men were turned away at the doors of that church, per church policy. Almost immediately, the story hit the national media. The Presbyterian General Assembly had planned to hold its annual meeting at that church the following year, but the power of this story moved leaders to elect another venue. Reverend Theodore J. Wardlaw shared that "these young men were bravely defiant. They risked their necks; they could have been beaten up." Yet all three of those white students were formed by that moment and became Presbyterian ministers -- including K.C. Ptomey. He often said his role was to comfort the afflicted but also to afflict the comfortable.

He strongly advocated for women in ministry and for LGBTQ+ rights, both in civil society and within the ecclesiastical community. K.C. was passionate about liturgy and the importance of language. In the mid-late 80's, he was vilified in the local media for taking a position that patriotism and Christianity are not intertwined - that God does not belong to America. During a renovation, he removed the flag from the sanctuary and never returned it. Some members left the church over that disagreement.

K.C. was a leader in the denomination. He served as trustee for both Rhodes College and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He campaigned to become moderator of the PCUSA denomination to help it through a hostile period, but was not successful. K.C. was a member of The Moveable Feast, a big steeple study group that presented papers and invited a scholar to sit with them each year.

As a gifted administrator, K.C. believed his role was to support and enable each staff member to do his or her best work. During K.C.'s ministry, the children's Sunday School program was reorganized, the congregation added a minister focused on adult education and many week-day Bible study groups were formed. The church also expanded its work in pastoral care, with teams of members regularly visiting the sick and participating in intercessory prayer groups.

The church flourished under K.C.'s leadership. Within a year of his arrival, a two-million-dollar capital campaign was initiated to fund a new educational building (which would house Westminster School), a new organ and \$500,000 designated for benevolences. In 1994, Westminster launched another capital campaign to add another education building, remodel various spaces and add a columbarium.

After the UPCUSA and the PCUS (north and south denominations) reunified in 1983, the Westminster Session voted to reduce its size from 48 elders to 36, each serving a three-year term, to conform to the new PC(USA) constitution.

K.C. Ptomey, Jr. retired in 2008 after 27 years, the longest senior pastor tenure in Westminster's history. He then served as Professor in the Zbinden Distinguished Chair of Pastoral Ministry and Leadership at Austin Theological Seminary in Texas. K.C. died in Nashville in 2013.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, July 9

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

Monday, July 10

10:00 AM Tai Chi

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, July 11

7:00 AM Daybreak Believers

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

3:30 PM Cong Care Steering Committee

Wednesday, July 12

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

5:30 PM Earth Care Task Force Mtg

Property Comm Mtg

7:00 PM Men's Basketball

Thursday, July 13

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:30 AM Summer Book Study

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

6:00 PM Hands on Mission Co Mtg

Friday, July 14

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, July 15

11:30 AM AA

For more information on the events listed here, please contact the church office, 615.292.5526.

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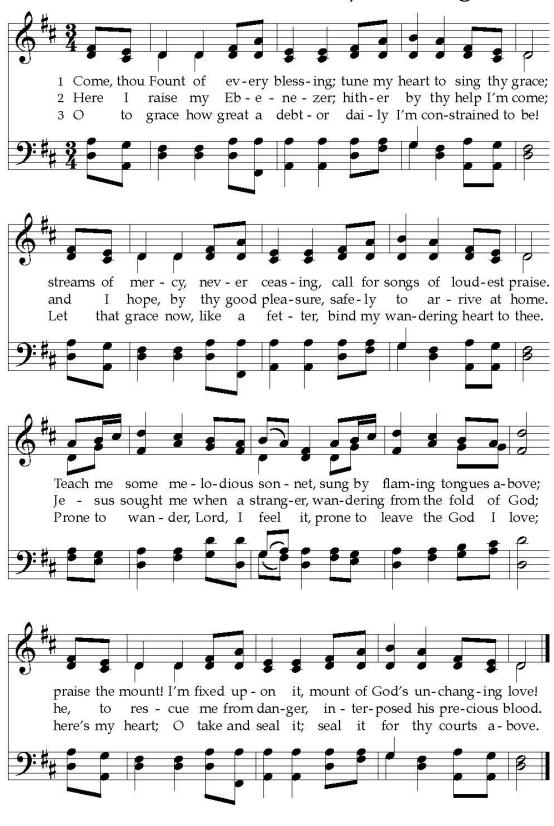




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