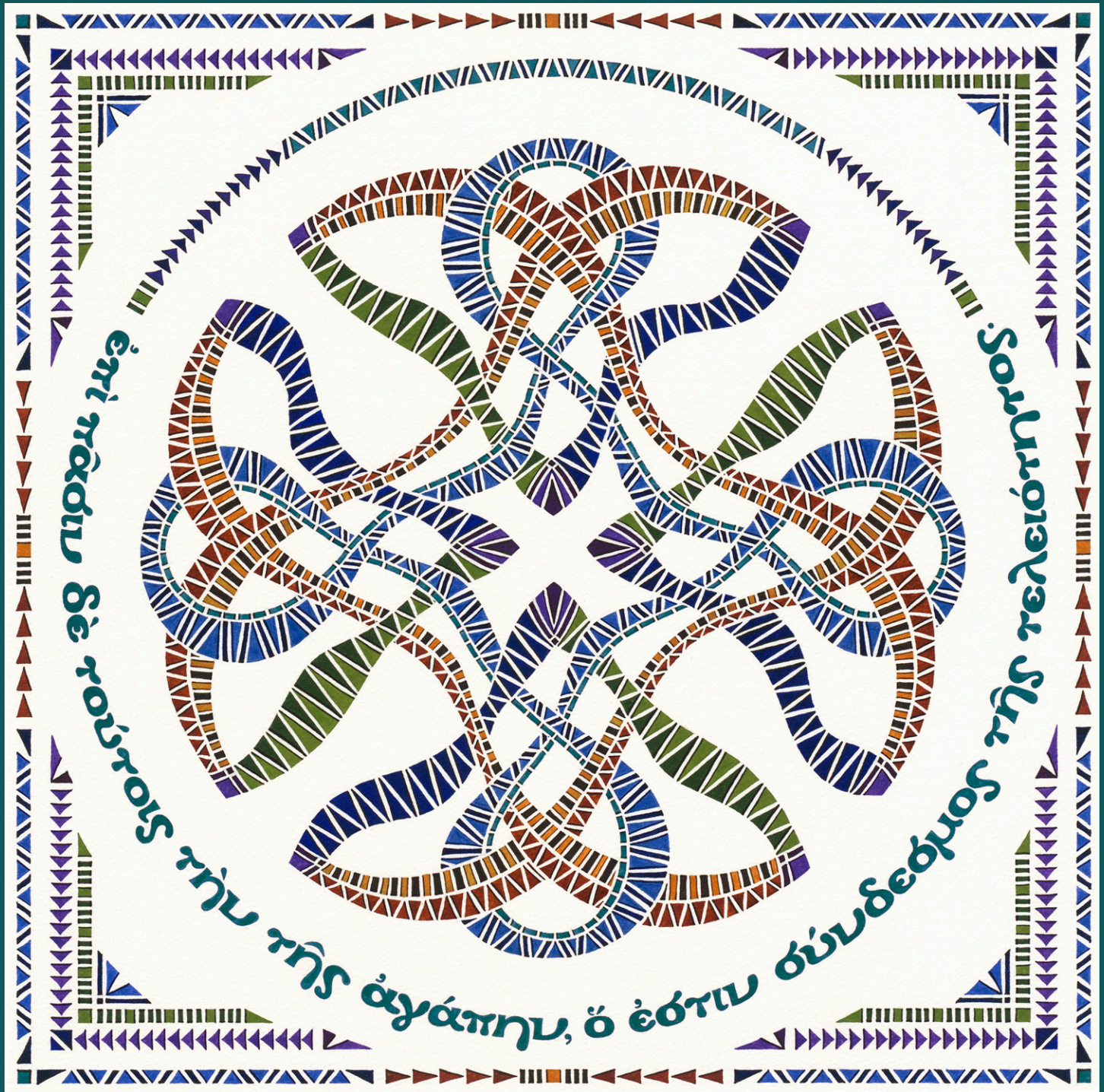


Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2023



The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us!—is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ’s love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture....None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I’m absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God’s love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

(Romans 8:34-39, *The Message*).

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.

PRELUDE The Peace May Be Exchanged Dan Locklair

***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.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Nothing can separate us from God’s love.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Holy One,

you are not bound by our visions,

our structures, our doctrine.

We cannot predict your coming or going,

yet you have given us your story,

your family, your work to do.

Meet us here.

Shape us for service in your world

for we carry the name of Jesus

and live by the power of your breath. 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.)

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.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II. TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848; MUSIC: English melody, 17th cent.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved, all who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God.

We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but we have received a spirit of adoption.

Let us then confess our sin with the freedom of children
who know how deeply they are loved.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
your creatures cry—creation groans—but we turn away;
we surround ourselves with noise.**

**We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:
we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy.**

It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.

Life-giving God, wash us clean.

Restore our imaginations and our hearts.

**Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins
until we love with abandon**

and our hands reach out in blessing,

for the creation waits with eager longing

for the revealing of the children of God. 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.**

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.

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.**

Genesis 29:15-28

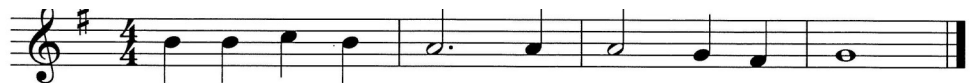
(Old Testament, page 26 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 128

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain:



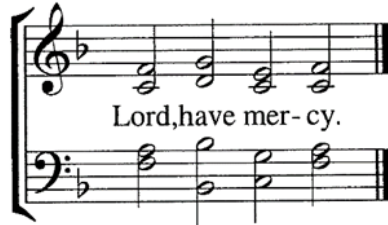
Blest are they who trust, who trust in the Lord.

Joy abounds for all the faithful;
Those who trust the Lord are filled;
All the good wrought by their labor
Is their gain, so God has willed. **Refrain**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Following each petition, the leader will sing,
“Let us pray to the Lord.”

And the congregation is asked to sing:



Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

Congregation: Lord, have mercy

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God,
and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

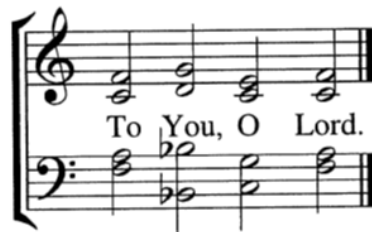
For all who have died in the hope of resurrection and are at
rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

(A time for silent prayer.)

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves,
one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

To you, O Lord.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

John Weaver

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem There's A Wideness in God's Mercy Maurice Bevan

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of one's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

*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!**

To GIVE, please scan
the QR code below:



About the Anthem

In his work among the poor in London, UK, the author of this text (William Faber) knew the need to plead with people who felt themselves rejected by society and sometimes the churches around them. In this selection of verses from the longer hymn by Faber (1854), he says the model for our dealings with others must be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The tune was written by Maurice Bevan (1921-2006) to be sung in St Paul's Cathedral-- London, where he was a member of the choir for forty years. His tune (CORVEDALE) is named after the River Corve near Shropshire in England where his father had been vicar. Set here in an anthem arrangement, the sweetness of the tune is still plainly heard, carrying these profound and unique words.

Doxology

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

***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.

Holy One,
receive these offerings
as you receive our lives.
Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts,
our generosity and our reluctance.
Enliven us with your breath
and make your purposes known,
that our lives might show forth your glory,
for we pray in the name of Jesus
and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

About Hymn 815

This text uses selected stanzas from 16 four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here. TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1872.

SENDING

***HYMN 815** Give to the Winds Thy Fears FESTAL SONG

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Phoenix Processional Dan Locklair

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

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

Katie Gossage

Associate Director of Youth

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Nathan Ridley

11:00 AM Joshua Herr

Music

8:30 AM Eva Tatum, cantor; Chamber
Choir

11:00 AM Summer Choir

Dr. John Semington

Director of Music Ministries

Elizabeth Smith

Guest Organist

Flowers

*The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
William Albert Caver
from Jennifer, Giles, Henry,
and Sarah Jean Caver.*

Parlor Flowers on Sundays

Honor or celebrate your loved ones with beautiful arrangements by our talented Flower Guild members. The Parlor is available to reserve on many dates through to the end of the year. (\$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.

On the Cover

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:14.
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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

“Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ’s love for us?”

Romans 8:35, *The Message*

- 1). What is the difference between hope and wishful thinking? How has your hope in Christ helped you this week?
- 2). When was the last time you did not know how to pray? How did the Holy Spirit help you?
- 3). How has the promise that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus ground you in challenging times?

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education

Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Please see page 12 for details on this class.

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.

Intergenerational Handbell Choir Opportunity

Bells for All!

The Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir is becoming an intergenerational choir beginning this fall! If you are in the 7th grade and older and are interested in playing bells with a group of fun folks and teenagers, this choir is for you.

If you are interested in joining us, please reach out to Keith Cole at keithc@wittetravel.com or call/text at 615.513.2976.

Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 4:50 PM and will begin after Labor Day.

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.

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • Come to the Youth Café during Sunday School for some doughnut holes, prayer, connection, and a short discussion led by Eleanor Bryant!

We will be reflecting on our relationship with our faith this summer and exploring when God has felt near or far away.

All rising 7th graders through graduated 12th graders are welcome!

Children's Ministry

**No Children's Sunday School.
Childcare is available.**

JOIN US



July 30 and August 6, 2023
Sunday School Opportunities
from the WPC Earth Care Task Force
9:45 AM • Fellowship Hall

Concerned about Climate Change?

July 30

Please join Will Wellman, an ordained minister in the PC(USA) with experience in education, conservation, community engagement, natural resource management and agriculture, to discuss the topics about our place in the natural world (the anthropomorphic vs theocentric, etc, what both the Old and New Testament have to say about it, and discuss what perspective we might take in viewing New Testament writings, which many do not think addresses the issue of our place in the natural world.

August 6

We conclude our series - 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?

This 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!



**TWO
SERVICES**

8:30 & 11:00 AM

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

9:45 AM

**LUNCH
& FUN**

12:15 PM

08.20.23

KICK OFF SUNDAY

JOIN US



Tuesdays - Fridays
Regular Café Hours
Resume
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Westminster Café

Regular Café days and hours resume this week. The Café is a great place to meet with friends, work or just sit enjoy a nice cup of coffee. In addition to coffee, we serve cappuccinos, latte macchiatos, flat whites and cold brew.

August 1
Youth Alumni Breakfast
7:00 AM
Belle Meade Starbucks

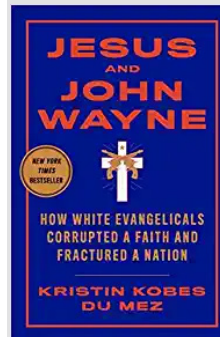
Westminster Alumni! Join us at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, August 1st for coffee and a chance to catch up!

Just send Eleanor your order beforehand (eleanor.l.bryant@gmail.com).

All are welcome, we would love to see you!

August 2
Ladies Bridge
9:30 AM
Westminster Café • Room 87

Please join us for a fun morning of ladies bridge. If interested, please contact Donna Summar, summard@comcast.net.



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.

The Security Team Needs You!

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 two hours. You can choose either the 8:00-10:00 AM 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 smporis@gmail.com or see a yellow vest on Sunday mornings. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Members

New members were received in a called meeting of the Session on Sunday, July 23. We rejoice in their presence among us, and the power of their faith, life stories, and gifts!



Emily Reynolds



Karson Corley and Meredith Batey



Amber Marrow-Jones

not pictured
Mack Wilsey, Magnolia and Maple



Phil and Jennifer Osborne

NEW MEMBER & INQUIRER CLASS TO START IN SEPTEMBER

If you are exploring Westminster and would like to learn more, or if you are a new member, we invite you to attend our fall New Member & Inquirer Class series set to begin September 10.

The class is held during the Sunday School hour, 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., with the opportunity to join at its conclusion in mid-October, for those feeling called to do so.

If you have questions, or would like to sign up, please contact: Co-chairs
Kathleen Simcoe
(kahtleenmsimcoe@gmail.com)

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Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler
(hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org;
615-292-5526).

Do you remember these precious PTM children at Joy in Learning?
Look at them NOW!



**Come to the Westminster Cafe
Friday August 4 at 10 am**

**Learn about Preston Taylor Ministries
and their new R.I.S.E. program**

**And get ready for a new and different
Joy in Learning partnership
with Preston Taylor Ministries!**



Questions? Contact Janet Kuhn at janetkuhn@mac.com.

JOIN US



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.



Frank Wade and Beth O'Shea have been lifelong members of Westminster, growing up in the church, raising their children here and providing leadership to the congregation. In this video, Beth and Frank share their experiences at Westminster over the years. At the end of the video, they share a fun remembrance!

Scan the QR code below to watch



You can also watch videos or read blogs as part of our 150th Anniversary on the church's website. Scan the QR code below to connect to the website.





SEPTEMBER 18

**GAYLORD SPRINGS
GOLF LINKS**

***BENEFITING
WESTMINSTER HOME
CONNECTION***

**3RD ANNUAL
WESTMINSTER GOLF OUTING**

**REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!**



Come join us Monday, September 18th for the Third Annual Westminster Golf Outing at Gaylord Springs Golf Links at 8:00 AM. Cost is \$125 per player and includes the practice tee prior to start and lunch following play.

All proceeds and donations will benefit Westminster Home Connection.

Please contact Mark Lawrence with any questions at 615-477-9319 cell or markwlawrence58@gmail.com. Register by scanning the QR code.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, July 30

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

Monday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

- 7:00 AM Daybreak Believers
- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 12:30 PM Caring Connections Meeting

Wednesday, August 2

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Ladies Bridge
- 11:00 AM Pastor's Aides Meeting
- 4:00 PM Independent Living Care Team
- 5:30 PM Benevolence Committee Mtg
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball

Thursday, August 3

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Summer Book Study
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
- 7:00 PM Families w/Young Children Comm

Friday, August 4

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Preston Taylor Ministries RISE
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, August 5

- 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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20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

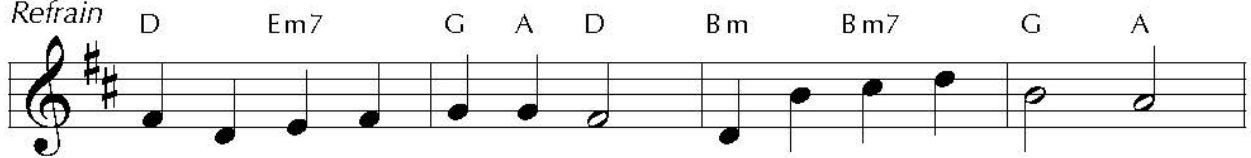
all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

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Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of



glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.



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