



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
August 6, 2023

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 49

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation. TEXT: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.; MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770.

PRELUDE

Holy Manna

Jeffrey Blersch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Matthew 4:4; Psalm 34:8a)

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the Word of his kingdom.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. 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 49

LEONI

The God of Abraham Praise

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
**The Lord is good to all;
God's compassion is over all that God has made.**

Trusting in God's care for us, let us confess our sin.

(based on Psalm 145:8-9)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart, mind, and strength;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
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.")*

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.**

Isaiah 55:1-5

(Old Testament, page 685 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 145, Hymn 270 (All sing)

JERUSALEM

Matthew 14:13-21

(New Testament, page 16 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

“Free for All”

Claire Berry

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**An expert in the law asked Jesus a question
to test him.**

**“Teacher, which commandment in the law
is the greatest?”**

*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.

*Psalm 145, Hymn
270*

Although this paraphrase of Psalm 145 is abbreviated (the original psalm has a verse for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet), it maintains the tone of praise that characterizes the final six psalms. In fact, the whole book takes its Hebrew name, Tehillim (praises), from them. TEXT: The New Metrical Version of the Psalms, 1909; MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916.

With Jesus, we reply:

**“ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.’**

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments

hang all the law and the prophets.”

This we believe and seek to embody

in our daily living,

with the Holy Spirit’s help,

for the sake of Jesus Christ,

to the glory of God our Creator. Amen.

(Based on *Matthew 22:35-40*)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
RESTORATION/arr. David Bone

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;
God’s free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. I will arise...

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better,
you will never come at all. I will arise...

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him. I will arise...

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:



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

***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:

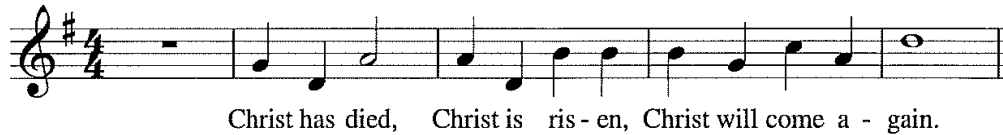
ALL:

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:



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.



Communion

The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices "open Communion" without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Westminster celebrates the "Eucharist," meaning "thanksgiving," on the first Sunday of each month.

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

Come to the Water

John Foley

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

About this Anthem

This beautiful prayer not only reminds us of our baptism but gives hope to the hurting, the suffering, the poor, and to those who have nothing. For with God, all things are possible. May God be with the people of Ukraine and bring them peace.

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

About Hymn 649

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835. TEXT: Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829.

***HYMN 649** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
AMAZING GRACE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro Moderato Maestoso
Felix Mendelssohn

**(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. Claire Berry
*Ukirk Nashville, Campus Minister and
Executive Director, Affiliate Presbyterian
PC (U.S.A.) Chaplain at Vanderbilt and
Belmont Universities*

Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith
*Associate Pastor for Adult Education and
Spiritual Nurture*

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Mark Beveridge
11:00 AM Keith Cole

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir
11:00 AM Summer Choir

Dr. John Semingson
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 our parents,
Margaret and Paul McNamara
and
Peg and Lou Christie
by Kelly and Bill Christie.*

Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter, Alice Elaine on July 27, 2023 to Lindsay and Joe DeBusk.

Let's Fill the Parlor with Flowers!

We have several dates available to reserve the Parlor for flowers to honor or celebrate your loved ones (\$75).

Please contact Terri Eckert in the church office at 615.292.5526 or by email at teckert@nashvillewpc.org to reserve your special date today!

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

Waldmüller, Ferdinand Georg, 1793-1865. Soup Kitchen, from Art in **The Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. [retrieved August 2, 2023].

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.



Communion kits are available for seniors living in a residency or independently.

Please contact Sylvia Leins, srleins@yahoo.com to receive one or add someone you know to the list for the next Communion Sunday.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education

Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

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.

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.

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!



**TWO
SERVICES**

8:30 & 11:00 AM

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

9:45 AM

**LUNCH
& FUN**

12:15 PM

08.20.23

KICKOFF 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.

September 14
WPC Blood Drive
12:00 - 6:00 PM
Goodpasture Hall

WPC is committed to strengthening our community and helping meet hospital and patient needs through blood donations. This blood drive is our way of giving staff, colleagues and neighbors an opportunity to help save lives.

We urge community members to donate blood and help ensure that patients in local hospitals have a supply of blood ready and waiting before an emergency occurs. There's no better feeling than knowing that your blood donation may give someone a second chance at life.

Scan the QR code below or contact Kris Pardue.



Children's Choirs @ Westminster

The Children's Choir Program at Westminster Presbyterian Church offers our children in Kindergarten through 6th grade the perfect opportunity to experience the Christian year through music and to serve as musical leaders in our corporate worship.

The children sing the great hymns of our faith, learn music reading, and get to experience playing instruments and handbells as well as developing their own singing voice. It is our goal to develop each individual for a lifetime of service to the church and to encourage them to sing correctly with beauty and sincerity so that each choir might be a truly inspirational part of worship.

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

YOU'RE INVITED...
CHOIR KICK-OFF PARTY
For all children Kindergarten
through 6th grade

Sunday, August 27, 2023

4:00-4:50 PM

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Mayfair Buildin
Second Floor Choir Suite

JOIN US



Westminster has always strived to meet the needs of its congregation and community. Tom and Jane McDow share the story of how the Westminster School (now Currey Ingram Academy) was started when parents of a child whose learning differences weren't being met asked the Session to provide space for a school to help children like theirs be educated.



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.



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.





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, August 6

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 12:00 PM Communion@Home Luncheon

Monday, August 7

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

Tuesday, August 8

- 7:00 AM Daybreak Believers
- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 1:30 PM Cong Care Steering Comm Mtg

Wednesday, August 9

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Summer Bells
- 5:30 PM Earth Care Task Force Mtg
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball

Thursday, August 10

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Summer Book Study
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
- 7:00 PM Hands on Mission Comm Mtg

Friday, August 11

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

Saturday, August 12

- 11:30 AM AA

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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49 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
3 Your good-ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!



O Lord, You Are My God and King 270

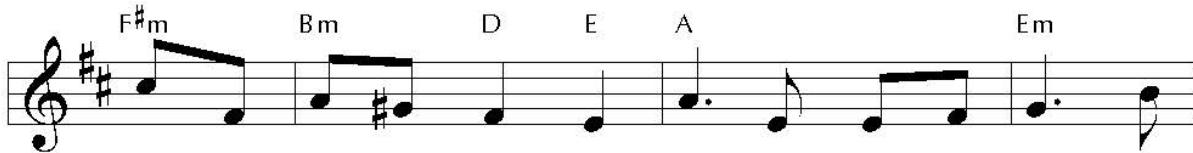
(Psalm 145)



1 O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will
2 How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of com-
3 Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your



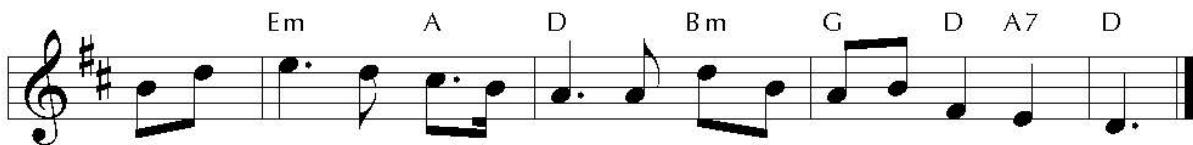
ev - er bless your name; I will ex - tol you ev - ery day, and
pas - sion, mer - ci - ful, your an - ger al - ways slow to rise; your
might - y acts will show, till all the peo - ples of the earth your



ev - er - more your praise pro - claim. You, Lord, are great - ly
stead - fast love you show to all, for you are good in
king - dom, pow - er, glo - ry know. E - ter - nal is your



to be praised; your great - ness is be - yond our thought; all
all your ways; your crea - tures know your con - stant care. To
king - dom, Lord, for - ev - er strong, for - ev - er sure; while



gen - er - a - tions shall tell forth the might - y won - ders you have wrought.
all your works your love ex - tends; all souls your ten - der mer - cies share.
gen - er - a - tions rise and die, your high do - min - ion will en - dure.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

