

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Aria tertia in F Major

Johann Pachelbel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Give thanks to God. Call upon God's name!

We come seeking God's strength and presence.

For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

God's faithfulness is for all generations!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

God of compassion,
you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light
of your people.
Calm our fears and open our hearts
to the riches of your grace,
for by the hands of Christ
you lift us up to safe places.
Grant us a vision of how we may dwell
secure in your love, 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 159

KINGSFOLD

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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. Composed in 1699, the melody of this Aria is based on the hexachord from E to C, followed by six variations.

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 159

This hymn, created by a noted Presbyterian hymnal editor and scholar, employs place names and sensory images (light, fragrance, wind) to sketch the events of Christ's life. The tune name commemorates the village in Sussex where the arranger first heard the traditional melody. TEXT: Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1899; MUSIC: English Country Songs, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God. we confess that our doubts, fears, and insecurities have often kept us from doing what we know is right.

You do not abandon us and yet we are often too busy to recognize your presence with us.

You have taught us your will and way and yet we often want to do our own thing.

You have called us to reach out in faith but we lack the courage.

Hold us now, we pray.

Restore our faith.

Give us confidence to do your will and follow your way in this world.

Forgive us and use us, for Christ's sake. 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

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.

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.

Act of Praise

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

About Psalm 85, Hymn 449

This paraphrase of the latter part of Psalm 85 includes some remarkable signs of God's reign: that mercy, truth, justice, and peace exist simultaneously and that the fruits of creation will be abundant. Because we still await that day, this psalm is often associated with Advent. TEXT: Christopher L. Webber, 2008; MUSIC: German melody; harm. Lowell Mason, 1831.

About Hymn 485

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer. TEXT: John Brownlow Geyer, 1967; MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904.

*ACT OF PRAISE Glory to God in the Highest

(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.

1 Kings 19:9-18

(Old Testament, page 326 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 85:8-13, Hymn 449

MENDON

John Weaver

(Verse 1: Choir alone; verses 2 and 3, all sing)

Matthew 14:22-33

(New Testament, page 16 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Take Heart"

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

(A moment for meditation)

*HYMN 485

We Know That Christ is Raised

ENGELBERG

*SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

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 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.

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

With This Water

Fred Gramann

With this water begins the journey;
With this water, forever claimed.
With this water the Lord now leads you.
With this water, forever changed.
With this water begins the journey...

With these vows your loved ones name you.
With these vows your family grows.
With these vows this congregation
Now surrounds you, God's love to show.

With this water we celebrate now.
With this water let us recall
The baptism of our dear Savior,
Who laid down His life for all.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem Dear Lord, Creator, Good and Kind C.H.H. Parry

Dear Lord, Creator, good and kind, forgive our foolish ways; Reclothe us in our rightful mind; In purer lives, Thy service find, In deeper rev'rence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, Beside the Syrian sea, The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word, Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, Till all our strivings cease:

Take from our souls the strain and stress,

And let our ordered lives confess The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe thro' the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;

Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;

Speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire,

O still small voice of calm!

With This Water

This gentle, lyrical, baptismal anthem opens with an a cappella soprano solo that blossoms into a hymn-like setting for mixed voices. An original text is enveloped with gorgeous choral harmonies in a tender, emotive setting by Fred Gramann, American organist, who served 46 years as the Director of Music for the American Church in Paris, France.

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



*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, you have called us to serve you.

To you we dedicate our lives and our gifts. Grant that we may minister in your name, with your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Prayed in unison)

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

SENDING

*HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praeambulum Primi toni a 5

Matthias Weckmann

About Hymn 694

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: Cor meum tibi offero. Domine, prompte et sincere. By moving from plural to singular, the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety. TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009; MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. This multi-sectional piece is in the first church mode, Authentic D Dorian, with the "5" referring to the five-voice texture of the fugal sections.

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^{*(}Those who are able may stand.)

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. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Liturgist

Sophie Maness
Executive Director of Family Ministries

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Suzie Lane 11:00 AM Kelly Christie

Presenting Elder for Baptism

8:30 AM Suzie Lane 11:00 AM Virginia Reynolds

Music

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

The Anthem With This Water is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cherrie Farnette by her grateful Sermet group.

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 with deep appreciation for
Westminster's musicians
for their beautiful voices, instrumental talents,
and leadership.

The flowers in the Parlor
are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of
Pam and Mike Koban
on the occasion of their
50th wedding anniversary on August 18, 2023
by Patti and David Bradford.

Baptisms

The sacrament of baptism will be administered today at the 8:30 AM worship service to

Murphy Elisabeth, daughter of Anne Ward and Andrew Eshelman

Arlo Syme, son of Marissa and Taylor Willingham

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

Baker Daniel, son of Kendall and Swan Burrus

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 plus a pastry in the Parlor from 9:30-11:00 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.



"...they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Matthew 14:26b-27

- 1. What do you remember about a time when you were afraid? What did it feel like? What thoughts or questions came to mind?
- 2. In times of fear, to whom do you cry out? If you pray, what wells up in you?
- 3. Jesus tells the disciples to take heart, he is with them, and they need not be afraid. From whom or what have you received strength, comfort, or release in times of fear? How can your own experiences be of help as you care for others, and allow the presence of Jesus and power of God to be at work through you?

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

A Closer Look at Campus Ministry
Rev. Claire Berry, Executive Director
and Campus Minister of UKirk Nashville,
will share an update on her ministry
with college students at Vanderbilt and
Belmont as a new school year begins. The
class will also delve into what campus
ministry really involves in 2023. What
are the challenges and opportunities?
What does the life of faith look and
sound like for students, and how does
Presbyterian campus ministry support
faith's development? How can the larger
church support young adults? Join us for
a reflective, lively conversation.

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 • Celebrating Eleanor Bryant, Youth Ministry Summer Intern Extraordinaire!

We can't thank Eleanor Bryant enough for the hard work she put in this summer as the Youth Ministry Summer Intern! In addition to helping us prepare for the Fall in a plethora of ways, Eleanor has been instrumental this summer with communications, co-leading trips, orchestrating alumni gatherings, facilitating Summer Sunday School, coordinating Confirmation mentors, and much, much more. With the summer coming to a close, her final day will be this Sunday. Please join us in celebrating her during the Sunday School hour over some celebratory donuts!

Children's Ministry

No Children's Sunday School. Childcare is available.

BAPTISM



Baptism Sunday is the second and fifth Sundays of each month except during Lent.

If you would like more information about baptisms at Westminster, please contact Sophie Maness, 615.292.5526, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

If you would like to schedule a baptism, please contact Hannah Sims, 615.292.5526, hsims@nashvillewpc.org.



Let's Kick Off the New Year Together

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGES 2 - 6TH GRADE | 9:45 AM

Children will go directly to classrooms. Nursery care available all morning, and childcare for ages two - kindergarten offered during worship. For info, contact Sophie Maness, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR GRADES 7 - 12 | 9:45 AM

Come to the Koinonia Youth Café to hear about exciting plans for the year, enjoy donut holes, and games! A gathering for parents occurs in the evening. For info, please contact T.J. Piccolo, tjpiccolo@nashvillewpc.org, or Katie Gossage, kgossage@nashvillewpc.org.

ALL-CHURCH MEETING | 9:45 AM

Donovan will lead a discussion "Discerning and Visioning Towards 2030: Hearing

God's Call Together." *Everyone welcome*. Programming note: On August 27, we will hold the traditional adult education program overview. We invite you to come and discover the wealth of educational offerings available this fall. Contact Guy Griffith, ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org for info.

ALL-CHURCH LUNCH, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN AT 12:15 pm!

A BBQ lunch will be served. Cost is \$9 for 12 and up, \$5 for 4-11, and 3 and under are free (\$25 family max). Please sign up on the website or scan the QR code below. There will be a dunk tank and Blue Monkey Shaved Ice!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rise and Shine: Special Monthly Gatherings for Fellowship and Support

Westminster's Congregational Care Ministry is offering a time to gather and make connections in a safe, gentle setting for both caregivers and loved ones meeting the challenges of cognitive impairment or chronic illness.

Fellowship, fun, community, and support are offered, along with refreshments and snacks. Piece easy puzzles, play simple games, enjoy topical and openended conversation, share memories and photos, and for caregivers, time is also offered for specific reflection and support.

Where: Westminster Café

When: Third Thursday of each month

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Theme: Different each month!

For more information, please contact:
Rhea Bucy, rbucy@gsrm.com
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FINANCIALS

Each month, the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses.

If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact:

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Jo Ann McFarlin, Administrator jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 x231.

June 2023

Month Year to Date

Income: \$274,463 \$2,028,871 Expense: \$253,548 \$1,921,438

Net Income (loss):

20,914 \$107,432

August 17
Men's Coffee

10:00 AM • Westminster Café

We hope you can join us.

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 Chrisitian 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.

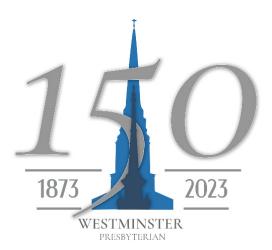
YOU'RE INVITED...
CHOIR KICK OFF PARTY
For all children Kindergarten
through 6th grade

Sunday, August 27, 2023

4:00-4:50 PM

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Mayfair Building
Second Floor Choir Suite

JOIN US



Father Charles Strobel, who founded Room in the Inn, passed away last week. Westminster was one of the four initial congregations that signed up to host homeless guests during the cold months, starting in 1987. Now there are nearly 200 congregations of all denominations who participate in Room In The Inn in Nashville.

Scan the QR code below to watch Chad Folk talk about how Westminster got involved with Father Strobel at the beginning of Room In The Inn and our continuing support for this ministry over the decades.



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.



We are providing two dates to choose from -- August 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.



Weddings at Westminster

As part of our 150th Anniversary
Celebration history, we are collecting
photos of brides or couples who were
married at Westminster (recently or
decades ago!). If you or anyone in your
family were married at Westminster, we
want to share your photo. Please send
an electronic copy of a photo of the bride
or couple (if you don't have an electronic
file, take a photo of your picture with your
phone and send that image) to Susan
Hassell - susanhassell@gmail.com along with the bride and groom's names
(including bride's maiden name) and the
date of the wedding.





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 <u>13</u>

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

12:00 PM Elementary SS Teacher Training

Monday, August 14

10:00 ам Таі Chi

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, August 15

7:00 AM Daybreak Believers

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

Wednesday, August 16

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:30 AM Summer Bells

5:30 PM Finance Meeting

7:00 PM Men's Basketball

Thursday, August 17

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:30 AM Summer Book Study

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

Men's Coffee

Rise & Shine Memory Care

Friday, August 18

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, August 19

11:30 AM AA

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

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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Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love 449 (Psalm 85)



We Know That Christ Is Raised 485



694 Great God of Every Blessing

