Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 2023

Living Out God-Sized Dreams

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. The melody and text for this tune can be found as #830 in our hymnal. Krebs starts this piece with a figuration prelude to introduce the tonality. Then the solo melody is accompanied by an active bass-line, followed by a final verse notated in figured bass to be realized in a chorale texture.

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 301

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community. TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1994.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Prelude, Solo, and Chorale on "Jesu, meine Freude" Johann Ludwig Krebs

*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. Maintain justice, and do what is right. God our Savior is coming soon.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty God, whose compassion embraces everyone, gather the outcast and the lost, heal the wounds of fear and distrust, and make us a community of reconciliation that we may embody your merciful love and rejoice in your astounding grace in Jesus Christ. 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 301**

TWO OAKS

Let Us Build a House

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns to embrace us, forgive us, protect us, and bless us.

We bring our brokenness to God as we confess now.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us, O God, but we seldom hear.
If we do hear, we are reluctant to respond.
If we do respond, we are afraid to follow your directions.
Our sins have deafened us to your Word, and too often we find comfort in our lack of hearing.
Remove the obstacles that keep us from the life you intend for us.
Shake us free from that which is faulty, so what remains is life-giving.
Help us to receive your call with our whole hearts, so that we may do your work and give you glory, through Jesus Christ. 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.")

*ACT OF PRAISE

GLORIA PATRI

(Singing together Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen. 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.

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.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

(New Testament, pages 160 and 161 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 133

How Good!

Michael Engelhardt

How good and pleasant it is when we dwell together in unity. All people, all around the world, all sisters and brothers, we're born to be in one family. Unique yet we're unified, one body yet many. Diversity; Oh, let it be our identity!

How good and pleasant it is when we dwell together in unity. It's time we finally agree we need one another. In bonds of peace we are free indeed. Nothing can separate us from the love of the Father. True unity; Oh, let it be a reality! O how good and how pleasant it is when we dwell together in unity.

Sisters and brothers, ev'ryone, let's dwell together in unity. Every nation, tribe, and tongue, let's dwell together in unity. How good and pleasant it is. Oh, how good and pleasant it is. How good!

Genesis 45:1-9 (Old Testament, page 42 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"God-Sized Dreams"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

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.

The lyrics of How Good! are a blend of various Biblical references to living in unity with one another. The title and chorus are derived from Psalm 133, which serves as the central theme of the piece. A spirit of celebration from the choir's performance will serve as a beautiful example of "how good and pleasant it is" when people from various backgrounds come together to form one unified body. Michael Engelhardt (b. 1974) was born and raised in Woodstock, IL.

*HYMN 39

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers, who have been reconciled with God and with one another: that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality, which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin, which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem	Draw the Circle Wide
	Draw the circle, draw the circle wi

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone. Standing side by side, draw the circle wide. Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring. TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923.

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



Mark Miller

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God's grace elicits our heartfelt gratitude. We respond to the good news of forgiveness with joyful acclamations of praise!

About Hymn 300

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day. TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. In the generations prior to J.S. Bach, German organists did not compose Preludes and Fugues separately, but used varied material in one piece comprised of multiple sections. This Praeludium by Tunder begins with Preludelike figurations that lead into a fugue with two expositions; the figuration style then returns to conclude the piece.

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*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!

***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.

Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy than we could imagine, and more blessings than we deserve. Receive our gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you, that your mercy may be multiplied, and your blessings abound to embrace all those in need. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (singing together)

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

SENDING

We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*HYMN 300

Praeludium in F

Franz Tunder

*(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. Dr. Donovan Drake Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Chad Folk 11:00 AM Lindsay Hamilton

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir 11:00 AM Westminster 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 gratitude for John Semingson's 60 years of life by Keith Cole.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in honor of Nancy Dunkerley on the occasion of her birthday by her family.

Parlor Flowers

Let's fill our Parlor with beautiful flowers!

Honor or celebrate your loved ones with beautiful arrangements by our talented Flower Guild members. The Parlor is available on multiple dates. (\$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.

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.



"...it was not you who sent me here, but God" Joseph lived out a "God-sized dream."

How have you lived out your dreams?

What are some of God's Dreams for you, the Church and world?

What keeps you from trusting God's dreams for you?

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Come join us 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.





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.

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 рм

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Mayfair Building Second Floor Choir Suite

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Fellowship Hall Sunday School

Led by Donovan Drake "Discerning and Visioning Towards 2030: Hearing God's Call Together." *Everyone welcome.*

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

Childcare

Classroom 146 - Babies Classroom 152 - Toddlers Classroom 151 - 2s & 3s Classroom 160 - 4s, 5s, & Kindergarten

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

Youth Ministry

9:45 ам • Kick off style Sunday School

2:00 рм • Seventh Grade Pool Party

Seventh graders, welcome to the Youth Ministry! Come join us at the Lowrance's for some snacks, swimming, and information about the year to come! Be sure to bring a towel, swimsuit, and sunscreen! Parents are welcome to stay or drop their kids off. Please contact T.J. Piccolo for info.

6:00 рм • Parent Party for Seventh -Twelfth Graders

Parents, do you want to know more about our youth ministry and what we have going on this year? Do you want to eat a nice meal? Do you want to mingle and hang out with church staff and fellow parents? You do? Then the Parent's Party is for you! Save the Date and join us at the Pennington's for all these things and more! Dinner will be provided. Contact Katie Gossage if you have any questions. See you there!

Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • Children's Sunday School

Children promote to their new classroom.



Let's Kick Off the New Year Together

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGES $2 - 6^{TH}$ GRADE | 9:45 AM

Two-year-olds through fourth grade children will go directly to classrooms. Fifth and sixth graders will go to the Chapel. 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

August 27, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

Parking is available at Bass Street Missionary Baptist Church, 3447 Brick Church Pike.





Habitat Dedication August 27 2:30 рм

Please join us for a wonderful community celebration for our Habitat for Humanity Homeowner Conswala Fleming and her two daughters. Nineteen homes will be dedicated so it will be a special day of joy and thanksgiving! Hope to see you there!

Conswala invested many hours in homeowner preparation classes, worked every weekend to help construct not only her home but her neighbor's homes. This is also a celebration of thanks for all of you - our dedicated sponsors and volunteers for helping us build better.





Tuesdays - Fridays Regular Café Hours Resume 8:00 ам - 12:00 рм 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 рм 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.



Fall New Member & Inquirer Class To Begin September 10

Sundays, Sept. 10 – Oct. 22 9:45 AM • Goodpasture Hall Led by: New Member Committee, church leaders and staff

This class series is for people exploring Westminster, those feeling ready to join, and recent new members. It offers a first small group experience, covers a wide range of topics, and includes a special class dinner. The opportunity to be received into membership is offered on October 22. The ethos and vision of Westminster, who we are as Presbyterians in our worship and beliefs, a church tour, and a GET*connected* mini-fair of ways to become involved will be covered.

To sign up for this class, please contact: Sherri Givens, sgivens@nashvillewpc.org.

For questions, please contact Co-chairs: Ken Larish klarish@mainlandcompaniescom

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Pastoral staff Heidi Hudnut-Beumler hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org, 615-292-5526

JOIN US





Westminster member, Rudy Kalis, says that he spent 45 years in broadcasting to prepare him for his work in prison ministry, and in doing so,

he has found his life's purpose. Scan the QR code below to watch Rudy's testimony about his experiences working with prisoners, some of them on death row.

Scan the QR code below to watch the video.



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.



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.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, A	August 20
8:30 am	Worship
9:45 ам	Sunday School
11:00 ам	Worship
12:00 рм	Kick Off Picnic
2:00 рм	Youth Pool Party
6:00 рм	Youth Parent Party
	August 21
10:00 am	
	Centering Prayer
	Pickleball
Tuesday,	August 22
7:30 ам	Bible Study
8:00 am	Westminster Café
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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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For more information on the events listed here, please contact the church office, 615.292.5526.



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All Church Homecoming Picnic

once again on the lawn at Carol and Bobby Frist's home 1326 Page Road, Nashville, TN. 37205

Sunday, October 1 3:00 p.m.

No charge, just RSVP so we know to expect you!

Bring your family, a lawn chair, picnic blanket and cooler if you'd like. MOE's will be served, children can play on the lawn, hymns will be sung and music played.

Feel free to invite former church members who have moved and would like to join us for fellowship at this special 150th Anniversary event.



Scan the QR code to make your reservation.







