

On the cover Ghost Ranch by Donovan Drake

#### 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. Bach transcribed one of his Cantata Arias for the organ, which uses the melody from Hymn 35, "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty." The ornamented alto melody is played by the pedals, the right hand takes the soloistic violin part, and the left hand plays the basso continuo.

### 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 81

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages. TEXT: John Newton, 1775; MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797.

### **GATHERING**

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

#### **PRELUDE**

Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter; BWV 650 J.S. Bach

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

Come, let us adore him.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come, let us adore him.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come, let us adore him.

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lord, open to us the sea of your mercy,
and water us with full streams
from the riches of your grace
and the springs of your kindness.

Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace;
kindle in us the fire of your love,
and strengthen our weakness by your power
as we become close to you and to each other. 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 81

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

We seek the will of God, but still find ourselves conformed to this world, instead of being transformed into God's image.

Let us seek forgiveness for the ways we have turned away from justice and mercy.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
when faced with earthly powers that seem
overwhelming, we crumble.
We fear this world.
We fear losing our status, our stability,
our station
more than we fear you.
Forgive our shortcomings
and teach us to trust in you
when we take a risk for what we know is right.

(Silent confession)

### **Kyrie**

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

### \*The Peace

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

## Call to and Prayer of Confession

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the errant state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Still, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ, This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

Assurance of Pardon

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

#### Act of Praise

The Act of Praise brings together the choir and congregation to sing God's praise in response to the Assurance of Pardon as the last phrase.

### 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.

### \*ACT OF PRAISE

### Celtic Alleluia

### O'Carroll/Walker



(The congregation sings with the choir.)

The Word of the Lord lasts forever.
What is the Word that is living?
It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead.

### 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 12:1-8**

(New Testament, pages 161-162 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

#### Psalm 138

David Haas

## Refrain:



I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart; you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels, I will bless you; I will adore before your holy temple. *Refrain* 

I will thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love, beyond all my hopes and dreams.
On the day that I called, you answered; you gave life to the strength of my soul. *Refrain* 

All who live on earth shall give you thanks when they hear the words of your voice. And all shall sing of your ways: "How great is the glory of God!" *Refrain* 

### Matthew 16:13-20

(New Testament, page 18 in your pew Bible)

**SERMON** "What are people saying about you?"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

\*HYMN 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(Romans 8:28, 38)

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

About Hymn 377

The author / composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2: 1 John :5: Revelation 21:23. TEXT and MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966.

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



About the Anthem

This African American spiritual is a classic example of how praise of God rises out of human experience. The repeated response "no one works like him" shows confidence that the sovereign, liberating Christ abounds with the very attribute the singers need in order to survive.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

### THANKSGIVING

#### **OFFERING**

Anthem

He Is King of Kings

Spiritual

### Refrain:

He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him.

He built his throne up in the air; no one works like him, and called his saints from everywhere; no one works like him. *Refrain* 

He pitched his tents on Canaan ground; no one works like him, and broke oppressive kingdoms down; no one works like him. *Refrain* 

I know that my Redeemer lives; no one works like him, and by his love sweet blessing gives; no one works like him. *Refrain* 

#### \*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**

**\*HYMN 353** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** Praeludium in C Major, BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude

\*(Those who are able may stand.)

About Hymn 353

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27 / Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor. TEXT: Edward Mote, c. 1834; MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863.

#### About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. The variety of compositional styles used in this piece include a pedal solo, canons, recitatives, a fugue, and a ciacona.

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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. Donovan Drake Pastor and Head of Staff

### Liturgist

Katie Gossage
Associate Director of Youth

## **Lay Liturgists**

8:30 AM Jennie Renwick 11:00 AM Bob Hines

#### 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 loving memory of my parents, Virginia Love and Dunk Bowman by Jennie Graves Bowman.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and with gratitude to the many Sunday School Teachers and Teaching Elders at Westminster.

### **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.



Jesus said to them,
"But who do you say that I am?"

Matthew 16:15

How does the world answer Jesus' question?

How would you answer Jesus' question?

Can you really "know" someone else?

How has knowing Jesus changed for you over the years?

# **TODAY @ WESTMINSTER**

### Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

# **Covenant Class ● Fellowship**Join us for the Adult Education Kickoff.

# Murdoch MacLeods ● Library We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

### **Youth Ministry**

### 9:45 AM ● Sunday School

Join us in the Youth Cafe for donuts, games, and announcements before splitting off into Sunday School for seventh grade, eighth grade, and Senior High.

# **Eighth Grade Confirmation Kickoff Luncheon for Confirmands and their Parents**

### 12:15 - 1:45 рм Koinonia Youth Café

This will be a time to discuss what Confirmation is, expectations, calendar items, mentors, and more!

## **Youth Group Kickoff**

### 6:00 рм Koinonia Youth Café

This is going to be a fun night for all grades, 7th-12th, which will include dinner, a snow cone truck, an inflatable obstacle course, life-size Hungry Hungry Hippos and more! For any questions, please contact Katie Gossage.

### **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.

### **Children's Ministry**

### 9:45 AM ● Children's Sunday School

Two-year-olds through kindergarten children will go directly to classrooms.

First through fourth grade will go to the Chapel.

Fifth and sixth graders will go to their classrooms.

Nursery care available all morning, and childcare for ages two - kindergarten is offered during worship.

For info, contact Sophie Maness, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

# **KICKOFF CONTINUES**

### **Adult Education Kickoff**

9:45 AM Fellowship Hall

Please join us as we unveil our Bible and book studies for the 2023-2024 school year. Opportunities for everyone.

### Everyone is welcome to attend.

Representatives from most classes will be on hand to talk about their study and sign-ups will be taken.

### **Parent Party**

6:00 PM Brent and Kate Pennington's

If you are a parent of an infant through sixth grader, we welcome you to join us for snacks, drinks and fellowship and to hear about Children's Ministry for this school year.

Get a sitter and come fellowship with church friends then go out for dinner.

For more info, please contact Sophie Maness, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.



### **Children's Choirs @ Westminster**

The Children's Choir Program at Westminster Presbyterian Church offers our children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

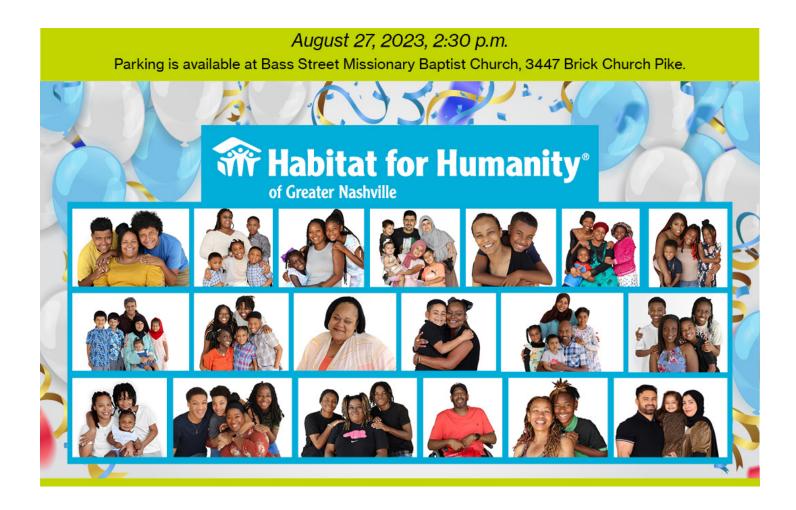
YOU'RE INVITED...
CHOIR KICK OFF PARTY
For all children Kindergarten
through 6th grade

Sunday, August 27, 2023

4:00-4:50 PM

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Mayfair Building
Second Floor Choir Suite

# **TODAY AT WESTMINSTER**





# TODAY - August 27 Habitat Dedication 2:30 PM

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 neighbors' homes. This is also a celebration of thanks for all of you - our dedicated sponsors and volunteers for helping us build better.

# **JOIN US**



September 6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesday Night Dinners 5:45 pm ● Fellowship Hall

Please join us for good food and fellowship. Scan the QR code below to register or write it down on the pew pad and drop it in the offering plate. Deadline to register is 12:00 PM on Monday.





Wednesdays in September
Joy in Learning Opportunities
4:00 - 5:30 PM

Join us for fun-filled Wednesdays at WPC. Members and our community are welcome. Help us celebrate our 10th anniversary.

Kindergarten - Second graders
Crafts and Recreation

Third and Fourth graders
Pottery

Teens and Adults
Tai Chi and Oil Painting



Please scan the QR code below to register teens and adults for oil painting:



Please scan the QR code below to register teens and adults for Tai Chi:



For more information on any of the programs available, please visit westminsterjoy.org.



# **JOIN US**



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.





Sundays, Sept. 10 - Oct. 22 Fall New Member & Inquirer Class To Begin September 10

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 GETconnected mini-fair of ways to become involved will be covered.

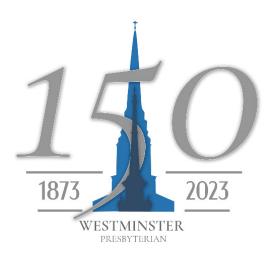
To sign up for this class, please contact: Sherri Givens, sgivens@nashvillewpc.org.

For questions, please contact Co-chairs: Ken Larish klarish@mainlandcompanies.com

Kathleen Simcoe kathleenmsimcoe@gmail.com, or

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

# **JOIN US**



Upon his return from sabbatical, Donovan shared the work of our Visioning Committee during last Sunday's all church meeting. If you didn't get a chance to make it here, please scan the black QR code to watch the video of his class.

Committee Co-Chairs, Howard Lamar and Terry Rappuhn, talk about the visioning process and the "God-sized dreams" we have established to guide Westminster's next ten years. Please scan the blue QR code to watch their video.

Donovan's class from August 20 below:



Howard Lamar and Terry Rappuhn's video below:



# Order a polo shirt to commemorate Westminster's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Blue or White Nike Dri-FIT polo shirts are made with soft moisture-wicking and breathable fabric. Embroidered with the Westminster 150<sup>th</sup> logo.

The shirts are available for men and women. Men's and Women's sizes/prices:

S/M/L /XI - \$60

2X - \$62

3X - \$65

4X - \$67

Order forms are available in the Parlor.

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



# SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS



### Yoga at Westminster Returns!

Yoga at Westminster is returning on Tuesday, September 5 at 9:00 AM in the Overlook Room. Claire Coenen is back, and we welcome anyone who wants to practice gentle yoga with us to bring their mat and \$10 for the weekly hour-long class. Our group includes men and women and beginners are welcome. For more information, please contact Susan Hassell, susanhassell@gmail.com.



#### Take Me To Your Leader

Nominations for next year's Elder class and Legacy Fund Trustees (the Class of 2027) are requested from Westminster members. To nominate a church member, complete a suggestion form. Forms can be found in the Parlor by the wooden ballot box, or online at our nashvillewpc. church, click on forms tab. *Nominations close on October 8, 2023.* 

For more information, please contact Denise Linn, statham\_denise@yahoo.com or Terri Eckert, teckert@nashvillewpc.org.



# Monday, September 11 Women's Covenant Group Goodpasture Hall

WCG gathers at 11:30 AM for BYO lunch with drinks provided for a time of fellowship.

Our program is from 12:00 - 1:00 PM. We're looking forward to seeing you; ALL are welcome!

Westminster Connections: What drew you to Westminster? What are your involvements, your joys, your curiosities at/about Westminster? Kelly Christie, who serves on the Visioning Task Force, will join us to hear about our interests and share the feedback received from members through the visioning sessions about how Westminster is being called to serve God now and in the future.

For more information, please contact:

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Margaret Wheeler margaret.wheeler@att.net

# SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS



#### **Bells for All!**

The Intergenerational Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 10 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Please let Keith Cole know if you are joining us so he can plan for the first rehearsal.

Keithc@wittetravel.com 615.513.2976



Starting September 13 Changing Gears Handbells 9:30 AM • Bell Room

For more information, please contact Sally Mae Arnn, sarnn@nashvillewpc.org.



September 26
Westminster Book Group
9:30 AM Socializing
10:00 AM Program
Room 10

**Leader: Guy Griffith** 

Walk Through Fire; The Train Disaster That Changed America by Yasmine S. Ali, MD

The first book to examine the rarely acknowledged Waverly Train Disaster of 1978-the catastrophic accident that changed America forever and led to the formation of FEMA.

Dr. Yasmine S. Ali, an award-winning medical writer and Waverly native, sets out to change this in WALK THROUGH FIRE, drawing from over a decade of meticulous research and interviews with survivors, first responders, and other firsthand accounts, including those of her own parents, first-generation Americans who were on call at the local hospital that treated the victims.



# 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.



# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, August 27

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

12:00 PM Confirmation Lunch

4:00 PM Children's Choirs Kickoff

6:00 PM Youth Group Kickoff

### Monday, August 28

10:00 AM Tai Chi

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

5:00 рм Pickleball

6:00 PM Disciple I Orientation

### Tuesday, August 29

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

#### Wednesday, August 30

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

7:00 PM Men's Basketball

### Thursday, August 31

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:30 AM Summer Book Study

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

1:00 PM Discernment Committee Meeting

3:00 PM Bereavement Team Meeting

### Friday, September 1

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

### Saturday, September 2

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



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