



Cover art: "The Red Vineyard" by Vincent van Gogh

Can I see another's woe, And not be in sorrow too. Can I see another's grief, And not seek for kind relief.

He doth give his joy to all. He becomes an infant small. He becomes a man of woe. He doth feel the sorrow too.

Think not, thou canst sigh a sigh, And thy maker is not by. Think not, thou canst weep a tear, And thy maker is not near.

O! he gives to us his joy, That our grief he may destroy Till our grief is fled and gone He doth sit by us and moan.

On Another's Sorrows, from Songs of Innocence William Blake, English 1757–1827

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on Vater unser im Himmelreich (Our Father, Who Art in Heaven)

Dietrich Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in the from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image.

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. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of 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 65

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

With that assurance and the promise of God's grace through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God. forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father. as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanks giving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Silent confession)

About Hymn 65

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18thcentury text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture. TEXT: William Williams, 1762; MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907.

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 in response to the Assurance of Pardon as the last phrase.

Kyrie

(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.")



(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.)

PRAYER FOR	ILLUMINATION		
SCRIPTURE			
Hear the	Word of God! Our ears are	open.	
Exodus 16:2- (Old 7	- 15 Festament, pages 62-63 in you	r pew Bible)	
The Word	d of the Lord. Thanks be to	God!	
Psalm 105, H	Iymn 59 THE STEADFAS	T LOVE OF THE LORD	Psalm 105, Hymn 59
(The choir sings the Refrain alone, followed by the congregation and choir singing the Refrain together. All speak the verses printed in bold and sing the Refrain where shown.)			This psalm refrain quotes (with a few modifications) Lamentations 3:22- 23, and the double singing of the final two phrases accentuates a sense of wonder. Finding
Matthew 20:1-16 (New Testament, pages 21-22 in your pew Bible)			
SERMON	"Unfair?"	Guy D. Griffith	ways to put Scripture, especially psalms, to music has long been a
"F Ca Are you	characteristic of the Reformed tradition. TEXT and MUSIC: Edith McNeill, 1974.		
	(A moment for meditation	.)	
*HYMN 724	O Jesus, I Have Promise	d ANGEL'S STORY	About Hymn 724
*AFFIRMATION	OF FAITH		Written to highlight the promises made by

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior. to unmask idolatries in Church and culture. to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused. TEXT: John Ernest Bode, 1866; MUSIC: Arthur Henry Mann, 1881.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

OFFERING

THANKSGIVING

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:

The First Song of Isaiah

Jack Noble White

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in God and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. On that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon God's name. *Refrain*

Make God's deeds known among the people, See that they remember that God's name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for God has done great things, and this is known in all the world. *Refrain*

> Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain*

About the Anthem

This text is a slightly altered form of an adaptation of Isaiah 12:2 -6 that appears as a canticle for Morning Prayer in the Book of Common Worship. This selection is identified there as The First Song of Isaiah. It is found as Hymn 71 in Glory to God-The Presbyterian Hymnal. Composer, Jack Noble White, was Director of Music for St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mobile, AL, for more than three decades, and also served as Headmaster of their private K-12 school, 1969-72.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)	About the Anthem	
Christus Paradox You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword bringer of the way you took and gave. You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss, You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost. You who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy si our cosmic Christ! Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life. Alleluia. You who are our death and our li		This text by Sylvia Dunstan examines the seeming contra- dictions inherent in the one called the Christ. These "Choral Variations on PICAR- DY" by Alfred Fedak are a fitting vehicle for the profound text. Fedak served as Di- rector of Music for Westminster Presby- terian Church in Al- bany, NY, for many years, has several hymns in our hym- nal, and served on the committee for the new hymnal, 2013.

*DOXOLOGY

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 God, we know that every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from you.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN 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!

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About Hymn 719

Using Jesus' harvest imagery in John 4:35-38 and Matthew 9:37-38 / Luke 10:2, this urgent text sounds a compelling call to Christian service. The words gain energy from the strong unison tune in the English cathedral style, who name echoes the Benedictine motto "Prayer is work." TEXT: Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859; MUSIC: Thomas Tertius Noble, 1918.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

See Hymn 816 to read the text that goes with this Postlude. The hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 5:22) and its tune were created by Georg Neumark at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

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especially your perfect gift of your Son Jesus Christ,
your indescribable gift!
Help us to receive your gifts and grace
with thanksgiving and humility
and use them faithfully in and for your kingdom.
We ask this in the name of your Son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

John Weaver

(Singing together, see the inside back cover of your hymnal for the words and music to this prayer.)

SENDING

*HYMN 719

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on *Wer nur den lieben Gott läst walten*, BWV 642 (If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee) J.S. Bach

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

Liturgist

Sophie Maness Executive Director of Family Ministries

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Suzie Lane 11:00 AM Ann Harris

Music

8:30 AM Laudate Youth Choir 11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson Director of Music Ministries

Shelia Pugh Guest Organist

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Tipton Horn by Steve Horn.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in honor of all my boys with love from Hays Estes.

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.



1). When you read this parable, where do you put yourself?

2). Is there a difference between equality, equity, and generosity? Which of those things should we be working toward in our relationships? In the world?

3). Look at the other places in Scripture where the final verse of Matthew's text is found: "So the last will be first, and the first will be last" (Matthew 19:30; Mark 10:31 and Luke 13:30). How do those other passages inform your understanding of this parable?

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Please enjoy the waffle breakfast this morning in the Koinonia Youth Café.

Faith & Fellowship • 214

Join us for an introduction discussion on A.-J. Levine's book, *Sermon on the Mount*.

Young Families • **Overlook Room** *Faith and Fear*

Led by Houston Estes

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.



Coffee and Conversation: Sunday School for Parents of Youth and Young Adults

Location change for this Sunday.

Please meet in the Koinonia Youth Café for the waffle breakfast.

Contact: Fran Linley, fran.linley@gmail.com



Sundays, Sept. 24 – Oct. 22 Fall New Member & Inquirer Class 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@mainlandcompanies.com

Kathleen Simcoe kathleenmsimcoe@gmail.com, or

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

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School Waffle breakfast

Youth Group 12:15 рм Senior High 6:05 рм Middle School

Childcare

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

Nursery - Room 146 Toddlers & 2s - Room 152 3s, 4s, 5, & kindergarten - Room 151

Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM Children's Choirs Tintinnabulation Intergenerational Handbell Choir

5:00 PM Laudate Choir

Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • Children's Sunday School

These classes go directly to their rooms...

2s are in room 149, in the preschool hall

3s are in room 161, in the preschool hall

4s are in room 163, in the preschool hall

Godly Play/Kindergarten is in room 183, near the big cross on the corner

5th and 6th are in room 292, upstairs on the Wilson Wing

1st - 4th comes to the Chapel and then will be picked up on the first floor of the Wilson Wing

We look forward to seeing you!!

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





To learn more about all the activities and classes we have to offer, please scan the QR code below:



Wednesday Afternoons January 10, 17, 24, 31 Classes for Kindergarten - Fourth Grade 4:00-5:30 PM

Join our friends from Nations Ministry for mornings or afternoons of fun. These opportunities are available for Westminster members and non-members. Scan the QR code below to register.





October 9 & 10 MNPS Fall Break Days 10:00 ам - Noon

Due to transportation issues after school, we have found another time for our 35 Nations Ministry refugee elementary friends to join us at Westminster! As always, we invite our Westminster and community elementary students to join us as well.

Register for clsses by scanning the QR code below:



To help provide snacks, scan the QR code below:



For more info, please contact Beth Drake, beth@westminsterjoy.org.





Enjoy the outdoor courtyard with a cup of coffee, tea, or juice! In addition, relax with homemade goodies and yogurt.

Come experience a

welcoming place for church members and the community to meet a friend, gather in a small group, work on the computer, or just pick up a Scrabble game!

For more information, please contact Beth Drake.



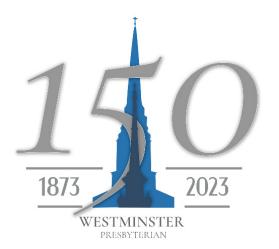


Friday, September 29, 2023 Author's Roundtable 10:00 AM to Noon Westminster Café

ALL are welcome to attend!

Westminster's own Jane Criley Denney, at age 90, has published a book of poetry titled *Around the Corner, A Poetry Collection*. Jane's book is beautiful, inside and out, filled with her exquisite use of language and imaginative word images. Jane, a native of Nashville and magna cum laude graduate of Vanderbilt, says she has written poetry ever since her days at the old Eakin grammar school. Come hear more of her story.





Elders Bill and Kelly Christie, whose families live in Canada, talk about finding a church family at Westminster in this video.

Please scan this QR code to watch this video:



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.



Order a polo shirt to commemorate Westminster's 150th Anniversary!

Embroidered with the Westminster 150th logo, you can order a shirt in both men's and women's sizes.

Blue or white Nike Dri-FIT polo shirts are made with soft moisture-wicking and breathable fabric.

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

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

	Men's	Women's
S/M/L/XL -	\$25	\$35
2X -	\$27	\$35
3X -	\$28	\$36
3X -	\$28	\$36

Order forms are available in the Parlor.

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS



Wednesdays Yoga at Westminster

9:30 AM • 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.

September 27 Wednesday Night Dinners 5:45 рм • 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.





September 27 Westminster Academy 6:30 рм • Overlook Room

Please join us for a close study of Barbara Kingsolver's new Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, Demon Copperhead. We

will look closely at her Appalachian novel which delves carefully into some of the most consistent problems that continue to plague our culture: poverty, exploitation, addiction, and abuse. And despite the grim topics of the novel, we will consider the abiding possibilities of grace and redemption.

Led by Sue Trout

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September 23rd & 30th October 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th

Help support a hardworking Davidson County resident by helping us build.

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 JOIN US



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.



Everyone Welcome!

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

Bring your family, a chair, picnic blanket and cooler if you'd like. Bring your favorite outdoor games, toys, and/or balls and let's get a soccer or football game going.

MOE's will be served, hymns will be sung and music played.

Watch this space for more information as we look forward to fellowship together.



Scan the QR code to make your reservation.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

	September 24
	Worship
9:45 ам	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship
12:15 рм	Senior High Youth Group
4:00 рм	Children's Choirs Rehearsal
	Tintinnabulation
5:00 рм	Journey with Jesus
	Laudate Choir rehearsal
6:00 рм	Middle School Youth Group
Monday,	September 25
10:00 am	
11:45 ам	Centering Prayer
5:00 рм	Pickleball
Tuesday,	September 26
7:00 ам	Daybreak Belivers
7:30 ам	Bible Study
8:00 am	Westminster Café
Wednesd	ay, September 27
7:00 ам	
8:00 am	Westminster Café
9:30 ам	Yoga
10:00 рм	Tai Chi
5:45 рм	Wednesday Night Dinner
	Westminster Academy
7:00 рм	
7:00 рм	Westminster Choir
	, September 28
8:00 am	
9:30 ам	Women's Bible Study
10:00 am	Knitting & Crocheting
7:00 рм	Session
	eptember 29
	Men's Bible Study
9:15 ам	,
	Pickleball
	, September 30
11:30 ам	

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