

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2023
Children's Sabbath

"Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

Matthew 22:21

GATHERING

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

About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fantasia in E-Flat Major
Johann Pachelbel

CHORAL INTROIT *(11:00 a.m.)*

To Jesus we sing a glad song of joy,
For birds that so beautifully sing;
For raindrops that sprinkle the earth with life,
Our song to him we bring.
Sing alleluia, Sing alleluia, Our hearts so joyfully ring!
To Jesus we sing a glad song of joy,
Our song to him we bring.
To Jesus we sing a glad song of joy,
For parents who give loving care;
For warmth of a home that knows Jesus' love,
Our song we gladly share.
Sing alleluia, Our hearts so joyfully ring!
To Jesus we sing a glad song of joy,
Our song to him we bring.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Come worship God,
God created us all as unique people,
and God loves us all as God's children.

Our differences both challenge us and strengthen us,
and God calls us to be the body of Christ in the world.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

**God of mercy and grace,
you call us to be in community
with all of your children,
to listen, learn, and show love to one another.**

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.

**Draw us closer to you,
that the whole world may be one with you
as you are one with us
in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 1**

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Coming together as God's family,
let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion, you have shown your love
in works of healing, forgiveness, and justice,
and by giving yourself to us and for us,
in your death and resurrection.
Yet, we forget the voices of our neighbors,
friends, and community.
We close our ears, hearts, and minds and
we think about ourselves before we think about others.
Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to follow your example.
Help us to walk with others as you walk alongside us,
and celebrate the beautiful diversity
of your creation in the world. 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.**

About Hymn 1

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad. TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827; MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861.

Call to and Prayer of Confession

The minister invites us to say, "I'm sorry, God." We will try to follow God and do the right thing. But when we don't, we ask God to forgive us. We try to help all the people in God's world. But when we don't do enough, we can tell God we are sorry. This is what "confession" means.

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.

*About Psalm 96,
Hymn 639*

This setting of Psalm 96 provides a refrain for singing before the chanting of the psalm's verses, at designated intervals between the verses, and at the conclusion of the psalm. In our praise of God, we are made new, and that change in us is what makes our songs new. TEXT: Helen L. Wright, 1983; MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord, help us to live as your called children.
For if anyone is in you they are a new creation.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
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.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Exodus 33:12-23

(Old Testament, page 80 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 96, Hymn 639 (8:30 a.m.)

O SING A NEW SONG

(Refrain sung by all)

And I Will Praise Him

*And I will praise him, praise him with the cymbal,
I will praise him with the tambourine!
I will praise him on this day and I will praise him forever more!*

I will praise him for the earth so green,
I will praise him for the stars unseen,
I will praise him for his endless love,
I will sing to the Lord!
And I will praise him...

For mountains high and seas that roll
I will praise him, praise him ev'rywhere I go,
praise his name, his mighty name, I will sing to the Lord!
And I will praise him...

Matthew 22:15-22

(New Testament, pages 24-25 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

“Call it in the air.”

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 716** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (8:30 a.m.)

**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.** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

About Hymn 716

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, GA. TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961; MUSIC: The Sacred Harp, 1844.

Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 a.m.)

Presentation

Profession of Faith

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

*(Please see page 17 in the front of your hymnal
for the text of the creed.)*

Calling into Membership

Welcome

Welcome to this congregation and its worship and ministry.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
to share with us in the ministry of Christ,
for we are all one in him.**

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 (8:30 a.m.)

Children of our God in Heaven

Swedish Folk Tune

Children of our God in heaven
Safely gathered altogether;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne'er was given.
God's own doth tend and nourish,
In God's holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things God spares them,
in God's mighty arms bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord God's children sever;
Unto them God's grace is shown,
And their sorrows all are known.

Though God giveth or God taketh,
God's children ne'er forsaketh;
For God's loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Prayers of the People
is a prayer for the
people of the
community and of the
world. We might even
pray for specific
people like those who
don't have a place to
sleep or eat.

To GIVE, please scan
the QR code below:



Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Every Child Has Known God Ivo Antognini

Every child has known God,
Not the God of names,
Not the God of don'ts,
Not the God who ever does Anything weird,
But the God who knows only four words.
And keeps repeating them, saying:
"Come Dance with Me, come dance."

(Persian, 16th c.)

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

About the 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!**

In the *Doxology*, we ask God to bless the gifts that we have given so that they will help others.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

About Hymn 757

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.

**We thank you for all the blessings of this life,
but most of all for your amazing love.
We offer these gifts to you
and ask that you will guide their use,
so that through the good this money will do,
we may serve you today and every day. Amen.**

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.
TEXT: Kenn Carmichael, 1985;
MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(See the inside back cover of your hymnal for text and music.)

SENDING

***HYMN 757** Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

The *Benediction* is a blessing to remind us that God loves us and that we are to go out into the world and share with our friends and family about God.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata and Fugue in C Major

Johann Pachelbel

About the Postlude

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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

The Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgists

8:30 AM James Keiper, Reid Maggart,
Halford Wyatt, and Ava Gebhard.

11:00 AM Nathan Simcox, Madelyn
Michael, Tripp Tompkins, Kate Cassetty,
and Gray Springer.

Ushers

8:30 AM Caroline Fend and Francie
Gaudreau.

11:00 AM Mac Schriener, Charlie South,
Charles Lyman, Harrison Stafford.

Music

8:30 AM Laudate Youth Choir
11:00 AM Children’s Choirs, Roberta
Rodgers, directing; Women’s Ensemble
from the 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
Mrs. William H. Tate
and Honey Alexander
by Mr. and Mrs. William Tate and family.*

*The flowers in the Parlor
are given to the glory of God
and in honor of
Westminster’s new members.*

2023 Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for the Chancel urns in the Sanctuary or the refectory table in the Parlor during 2024, please contact Terri Eckert by email at teckert@nashvillewpc.org to select your Sunday. Please note that reservations for flowers do not carry over from year-to-year. Arranged by members of Westminster’s talented Flower Guild, this is a wonderful way to celebrate or honor your loved ones.

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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.



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.

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.

Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional. The balcony will remain masks required.

Hearing Aides Now Available

For those needing hearing assistance for services, we offer personal FM Receivers with an ear-piece. These devices are located in the Narthex and the Welsh dresser in the Parlor. There are directions at each location. Ask an Usher for assistance if needed.

Living Out the WORD

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.
Matthew 22:15-22

Name a few occasions when you must choose a side.

When do you choose **god** things over **God** things?

What are some things that you need to let go of so that God may receive glory?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Update from the Security Team - Providing Peace of Mind in a Complicated World

The Westminster Security Team, guided by industry experts, is constantly evaluating and updating methods and protocols to ensure that the church campus remains a safe environment for our members, staff, school and guests. It is a difficult balance of safety, convenience, and having a welcoming environment.

Greeting You at the Door

The security team is intentionally controlling the flow of members and guests entering the building through the

North and Mayfair doors on Sundays by having a member of the security team let people in the building at those locations, and keeping other doors locked. This is to ensure that everyone entering the building is observed, and warmly greeted, by someone.

Please scan the QR code to read all of the security updates.



Did you know...

The graph on the right explains how quickly your passwords can be hacked. For example, in 2020, an 8-character password can be hacked in 8 hours. In 2023, it takes only 5 minutes!

Time it Takes to Brute Force a Complex Password

Data courtesy of Hive Systems

# of Characters	2020	2022	2023
4	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
5	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
6	5 secs	Instantly	Instantly
7	6 mins	31 secs	4 secs
8	8 hours	39 min	5 min
9	3 weeks	2 days	6 hours
10	5 years	5 months	2 weeks
11	400 years	34 years	3 years
12	34k years	3k years	226 years
13	2m years	202k years	15k years
14	200m years	16m years	1mn years
15	15bn years	1bn years	77m years
16	1tn years	92bn years	5bn years
17	93tn years	7tn years	380bn years
18	7qd years	438tn years	26tn years

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

CONGREGATIONAL RECEPTION TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

12:00 PM • Parlor

The GETconnected Commttee is hosting a reception to welcome and celebrate these new members. **Everyone is welcome!**

CELEBRATION OF NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED OCTOBER 22, 2023

The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church received the following new members at a called meeting this morning. They will be welcomed into this community of faith during the 11:00 AM service of worship today. We rejoice in their presence among us, the witness of their faith, their life stories and gifts, and sense of call!

Bill Alley	by reaffirmation of membership, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN
Victoria Alley	by letter of transfer, St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville, TN
Charlene Baxley	by letter of transfer, Alpharetta Presbyterian Church, Alpharetta, GA
Walt Baxley	by letter of transfer, Alpharetta Presbyterian Church, Alpharetta, GA
Christiana Beveridge	by letter of transfer, Highland Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX
Stockton Beveridge	by reaffirmation of membership, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN
Emmy Corry	by letter of transfer, First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, GA
Allison Kearney	by reaffirmation of faith
Candace Reeve	by reaffirmation of faith
Teddy Reeve	by reaffirmation of membership, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN
Justin Smith	by letter of transfer, Los Altos United Methodist Church, Los Altos, CA
Wendy Smith	by letter of transfer, Los Altos United Methodist Church, Los Altos, CA

We are also happy to again welcome these new members who joined over the spring and summer, 2023, and they are being celebrated at today's reception in the Parlor as well:

Meredith Batey and Karson Corley	Amber Marrow-Jones
Jackson and Meagan Brasher	Jennifer and Phil Osborne
Katie and Tyler Campbell	Emily Reynolds
Andrew and Anne Ward Eshelman	Connie Ridley
Kim and Jeff Leeper	Louise and Michael Shacklett
Sara and Steven Ludlum	

Please see the photo poster in the Parlor welcoming all of these new members, spring through fall, 2023, and extend your own personal welcome to them into the Westminster Church family!

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education

Classes start at 9:45 AM

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

No class today.

Faith & Fellowship • 214

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

Young Families • Overlook Room

What Happy Christian Couples Know
Led by Chad Folk

Spring 2024 Trip to Turkey - Information Meeting • Overlook (12:15 PM)

Contact Guy Griffith for additional information on the spring 2024 trip to Turkey, which will be discussed at this meeting. (ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org)

New Class Starting

Spiritual Practices for the 21st Century

This new Sunday school class will look at the many obstacles and pitfalls facing those seeking to live a spiritually grounded life. Through discussions of these issues, we will seek out ways to live that are balanced and healthy. The class will study Christian spiritual practices from the broader tradition and explore how they can be adapted for us today. In addition to learning about this rich tradition, we will actively engage in these practices during our time together. This class will begin Sunday, November 5th, and we will meet in Room 208 at 9:45 AM.



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

We will have our regular Sunday School class in the Parlor 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM to continue discussing how we can respond to God's call and Westminster's mission to radically love all. We are learning together how to model and teach empathy to our children through Dr. Michele Borba's book *Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine*. You do not need to have read the book to participate.

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

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

12:15 PM • Senior High Youth Group

6:00 PM • Junior High Youth Group

Children & Youth Choirs

Children's Sabbath

Children's Choirs

9:45 AM • Warm-up in the Sanctuary
No afternoon rehearsals

4:00 PM • Tintinnabulation
Intergenerational
Handbell Choir

Laudate

7:45 AM • Rehearsal for 8:30 AM worship
5:00 PM • Rehearsal

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'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.

GENEROSITY

As we find ourselves in the midst of our 2024 pledge campaign, we want to express our gratitude for your continued support and dedication to our church community. With our collective efforts, we are striving to reach a target of \$300,000 above last year's contributions, enabling us to further enhance our mission and ministry initiatives.

As you prayerfully contemplate your pledges, we kindly urge you to bear in mind the critical need for an increase in our budget. We plan to recruit additional ministry leaders and support staff for the sustained growth of our community - especially in the face of the challenging and expensive housing market we are currently navigating.

Additionally, the increased focus on ensuring the safety of our congregation has resulted in an added expense for the foreseeable future.

Finally, our beautiful church campus not only requires constant maintenance but it is also subject to inflationary expenses.



Your continued generosity and support are integral to the success of our shared endeavors. Your contributions, no matter the size, will significantly impact our ability to carry out our mission effectively. We are gently asking for an 8% pledge increase from those who are able.

Westminster stands as a testament to the enduring dedication of those who came before us. As we continue their legacy, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to preserving

and nurturing this cherished place of worship for generations to come.

May our collective efforts mirror the resilience and devotion of our predecessors, ensuring that our church remains a beacon of hope and solace.

Generosity Committee

Please scan the QR code below to make your 2024 pledge.



JOIN US



Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon

Do you know where the Café is located? Park in the back of the church (north entrance) and look for the blue outdoor umbrella! We are located by the gym.

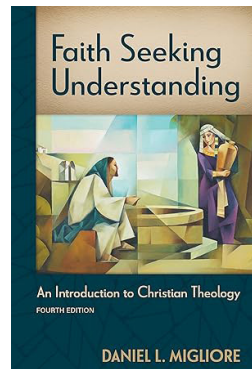
Ask about our juices, yogurt, and cold brew options!

Did you know? You are invited to listen to the Songwriters' Song Circle in the Cafe on Thursdays from 10 AM to noon!



All are welcome!

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



Thursdays
Faith Seeking
Understanding
9:30 AM
Café Room 89

Led by Will Wellman

Join us for a study of Daniel Migliore's classic book, *Faith Seeking Understanding*.

This class will serve as a thorough introduction and investigation of Christian theology, with particular emphasis on the Reformed tradition. We will cover Christian doctrine, the relevance of faith in the 21st century, and what it means to live out our belief.

JOIN US



Theology on Tap

Next Meeting: October 24 • 7:00 PM

Meets bi-monthly on Tuesday nights in local restaurants for reflection on faith, God, and life.

For more information, contact: Lane Russell, lrussell7942@yahoo.com.

Women's Book Club

November 9

7:00 PM • Streetcar Taps & Garden

All are welcome. Please contact Elizabeth Story, elizabeth.story8@gmail.com, for more info and to let her know you are coming.

Sunday Brunches/Lunches

In the planning stages, contact one of the co-chairs of Young Adult Ministry at Westminster for more information, to share your ideas, and to become further involved with planning.

Monthly Potlucks

First Thursday of each month we meet in homes and gather for good food and fun fellowship.

November 2

6:30 PM • Grace and Jonny

Wagenman's home Please RSVP to Grace: gracewagenman@gmail.com.

December 7

Save the Date • Holiday Party

Details coming soon!

To learn more about Young Adult Ministry at Westminster, please be in touch with the Co-Chairs:

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Meredith Scully,
meredithjlawrence@gmail.com

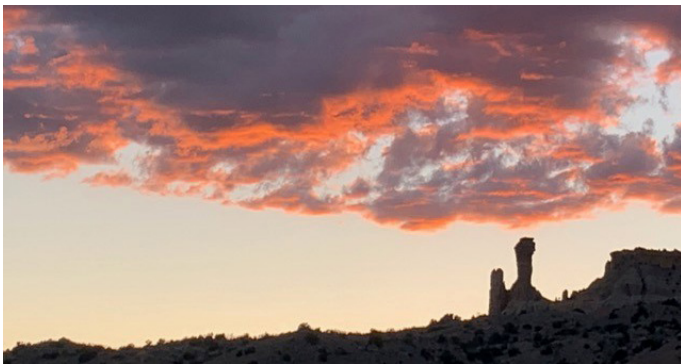
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JOIN US



Joy in Learning is celebrating our 10th year of ministry! We invite past participants to bring their creations to the parlor on Sunday, November 5 between services. Everyone is welcome to view these amazing projects and hear the stories of this ministry through the years.

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



Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 29
Creative Journey through Scripture Reflection
Watercolor Painting Session
9:15 - 10:30 AM

- \$40.00 for all 4 days including supplies
- Westminster Café
- Absolutely no experience is required

Please register by scanning the QR code below:



Saturday, November 11
Saturday Scones and Biscuits
10:00 AM
Led by Ann Schulze

What an awesome way to start a weekend! Come learn how to bake Ann's prized scones and biscuits!

\$10 per person; Ages: 10 and above
Includes a light lunch. Space is limited.

Please register by scanning the QR code below:



It's fleece blanket weather again!
Help us cut the fringes of 45 fleece blankets for our refugee middle school friends! They finish their own blankets by tying the fringes together!

Nov 7 - 10 in the Westminster Café!
Come anytime between 8:00 AM - noon!

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS



Looking for a way to connect with other members of Westminster?

Join 190 of our members in one of our HOST groups (Hearts Open to Sharing Together).

Our HOST groups are a wonderful opportunity to get to know other members of our church in a smaller setting. These coed groups of 10-18 people experience fellowship and community around a meal or appetizers and a short devotional and/or shared faith discussion. Groups generally meet monthly or every 6 weeks and vary in size and age with some groups being same age/stage of life and others being intergenerational. Joining a HOST group is a great way to get connected, get to know others more deeply and grow together in faith.

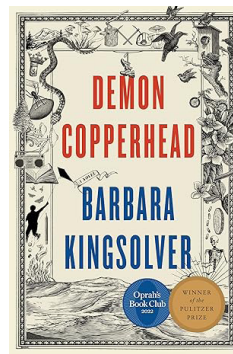
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October 25 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 PM • Fellowship Hall

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.



October 25 Westminster Academy 6:30 PM • 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.

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS



October 24

Westminster Book Group

9:30 AM Socializing

10:00 AM Program

Room 10

Leader: Carol Brewer

Candide by Voltaire

As philosophers of Voltaire's day contended with the problem of evil, so too does *Candide* in this short novel, although more directly and humorously. Throughout the novel Voltaire mercilessly lampoons science, philosophy, religion, government, and literature. A caustic and comic satire of the social ills of its day, *Candide's* reflections remain as pertinent now as ever.

Partially taken from information in Amazon synopsis

Carol Brewer, WPC member and retired literature teacher extraordinaire, will introduce us to the classic novella *Candide*, a French satire first published in 1759 by Voltaire, a philosopher of the Age of Enlightenment. *Candide* is recognized as Voltaire's magnum opus and is often listed as part of the Western canon; it is arguably taught more than any other work of French literature.



October 24

Congregational Care Presents End-of-Life Planning

7:00 PM via Zoom

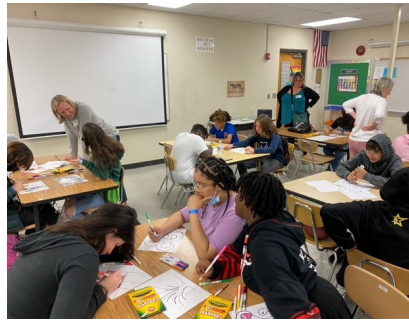
Lynn Wood, of Mental Health America and Director of the Caregiver Support Program for the MidSouth Division, will present an overview of End-of-Life Planning. Many of you will remember Lynn, who led the four-part series, *Joining the Journey* last Fall, providing us with the resources and knowledge needed to continue to care for our aging loved ones.

Lynn's presentation will focus on three areas of end-of-life planning: the legal, personal, and business part surrounding our end stage of life, with these objectives:

- Making Your Decisions Matter
- Putting a Plan in Place
- Estate Documentation Organization
- After Loss Support

Contact Sherri Givens, sgivens@nashvillewpc.org or Sylvia Leins, srleins@yahoo.com for the Zoom link for this class, which will be recorded and available for viewing on the WPC website. Contact Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, 615-481-0666, hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org for more info.

HANDS ON MISSION



Part of our Hands on Mission work we do at Westminster is through activities we are involved in at Cockrill Elementary and the new James Lawson High School (formally Hillwood High).

This fall, if you have time to volunteer, we are looking for folks to work with students.

- Some need your care.
- Some need your willingness to help them read
- Some need you reading with them to understand what they are supposed to do next.
- Some need you to make emergency food available in an outdoor refrigerator.
- Some are new to the US and need a friendly adult smile.
- Some need your tutoring help in various subjects.

We know each of you have different skill and strengths:

"Helping students learn is a gift that builds their self-confidence and opens opportunities." - Katherine McElroy

"I have a chance, with some students, to make a difference at a pivotal time in their lives." - Mike Hassell

- Some of you will work on a high school subject, but not math.
- Some of you will listen to high school students but don't want to tutor much.

We will find a perfect match for you.

If you are interested in learning more about Cockrill Elementary and their needs, please contact Jennifer Anderson, andersonjl2001@yahoo.com.

We are collecting coats for students at Cockrill - sizes 4 -16. Please put in the bin in the closet behind the Mayfair info desk.

If you are interested in working with students at the high school level or need more info, please contact Jackie Shrago, jshrago@gmail.com.

OUR ANNIVERSARY



Reserve Your Seat for our Special 150th Anniversary Celebration Event!

Westminster will celebrate our 150th Anniversary on Sunday, November 12.

Please join us at either worship service for a special sermon by Donovan Drake and to hear the choir sing a new anthem composed just for this occasion by Philip W.J. Stopford. The anthem is based on Psalm 78:1-7 about our ancestors and future generations being the people of God.

Then at 12:15 PM, reserve a seat for a congregation-wide meal in the church gym. Everyone welcome.

Adults: \$15 per person
Children: \$10 per child
Family Maximum: \$40

Need a ride?

If you need a ride on November 12th to our special worship and anniversary lunch celebration, contact Sherri Givens in the church office, sgivens@nashvillewpc.org.

Your reservation must be received by November 6.

Scholarships are available for lunch.

Please scan the QR code below to make your reservations.



Sam Levine, Hank Hildebrand and Mac Hardcastle are creating a special program for after lunch to make this occasion interesting and fun!

We look forward to sharing the culmination of Westminster's 150th Anniversary Celebration year with you.

Anniversary Lunch

EVERYONE WELCOME

**November 12
12:15 pm**

**Please make your reservations by clicking the
button below. We will have a boxed lunch
followed by a special program.**



For more info, please go to nashvillewpc.church.

OUR ANNIVERSARY



This week, we share two videos that have close ties.

Westminster has been blessed with a strong children's ministry, and in this first video, Sophie Maness, Executive Director of Family Ministries, talks about involving parents in their children's faith journeys and the unique challenges of providing support during the COVID-19 pandemic and Covenant School shooting.



Please scan this QR code to watch this videos:

In the second video, Sophie and Logan Lyman, Executive Director of The Westminster School for Young Children (WSYC), talk about how WSYC was established by member Mrs. Wilfred Fisher as Westminster Kindergarten in 1946. As the needs of the community evolved, Westminster Kindergarten and the Toddlers and Twos programs merged in 2010 to become the WSYC. Today, WSYC serves nearly 300 children, employs over 40 teachers and administrators, and continues to be an outreach mission of our church.



Please scan this QR code to watch this videos:

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

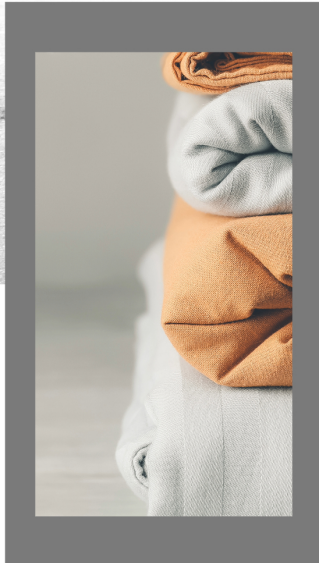
White polo shirts are available for men and women. **These shirts run small, please order up one size.** Men's and Women's sizes/prices:

	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.

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.





Room In The Inn resumes at Westminster November 8, 2023 with many opportunities for engagement for singles, families, or small groups Wednesday nights through March 2024. We have many great opportunities to spend time with Westminster friends and 14 homeless male neighbors.

For more information visit nashvillewpc.church.

LOOKING AHEAD

All Saints' Banners

The All Saints' banners are a very special part of our All Saints' services on Sunday, November 5.

On Sunday, October 29, please add bells in remembrance of your loved ones to these banners, which can be found on the Parlor table, along with bells. This is a beautiful activity for all ages.

These banners are carried into our morning All Saints' services and into the Evensong service that night. Hearing and seeing the bells helps us lift up with gratitude all those who have gone before us.

All Saints' Communion Sunday – November 5 Morning Worship

At the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM service, we will unite in communion with all the saints on earth and in heaven.

The names of those Westminster members who have died in the past year (as well as any others whose memorial services occurred here) will be lifted up. There will also be the opportunity to lift up those saints on our own hearts, in silence or aloud as the bell tolls. Together, we give thanks that "nothing, not even death, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39, par.)

All Saints' Service of Remembrance November 5 • 3:00 PM

A service of remembrance will be held outdoors in the west columbarium, providing the opportunity to remember all our loved ones in the great cloud of witnesses. Through liturgy, meditative music, scripture and prayer, the ringing of the bell, the lighting of candles, and the sharing of communion, we will remember and give thanks for the lives of the saints.

- Names to be lifted up will be received ahead of the service, 2:45 – 3:00 PM, or by sending names to Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, 615-481-0666, hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org.
- You are invited to bring a photo of your loved one(s) to this service to place on the worship table, or to hold.
- If you are in need of support, grief resources or referrals, please contact Heidi. In addition, the grief resource library of the Bereavement Ministry Team is housed in her office for sharing.

In case of rain, the service will be held in the Chapel. The Congregational Care Bereavement Ministry Team is the sponsor of this service.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

LOOKING AHEAD



Choral Evensong for All Saints'

Sunday, November 5 • 7:00 PM

Westminster Choir & soloists

Dale Nickell, organist

Dr. John Semington, Director of Music Ministries

Plan now to join us for one of the most beautiful services of the church year at Westminster. Our Westminster Choir will offer a wide range of choral music including the "Harvard" Evening Canticles by Charles Callahan (composed for the Harvard University Memorial Chapel Choir), and Daniel Gawthrop's beautiful, "Sing Me to Heaven."

At All Saints' Evensong, our Sanctuary is draped in candlelight as we remember through prayer, praise and song, all those who have been so important in our lives. Please join us and bring a friend. It is a wonderful evening of great music!



October 30
Reformation Sunday
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM •
Sanctuary

Join us for a Celtic Music Celebration. Sam Levine and his wonderful band of Celtic instrumentalists will join with the Westminster Choirs to lead the musical liturgy. Don't miss this beautiful morning of worship at Westminster!

Music will begin ten minutes prior to service.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, October 22

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Tintinnabulation
- 5:00 PM Journey with Jesus
Laudate Choir rehearsal

Monday, October 23

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

Tuesday, October 24

- 7:00 AM Daybreak Belivers
- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Harvard Handbells
- 10:00 AM WPC Book Group
- 7:00 PM End-of-Life Planning Class

Wednesday, October 25

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Yoga
Westminster Bells
Formerly Changing Gears Handbells
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:30 PM Westminster Academy
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball
- 7:00 PM Westminster Choir

Thursday, October 26

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
- 7:00 PM Session

Friday, October 27

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, October 28

- 11:30 AM AA

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If you have questions about a certain event listed on our calendar, please contact a member of our program staff.

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1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly, - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, key of D major, and 4/4 time, with a long melisma over the word 'ly'. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, featuring chords and moving lines. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, providing harmonic support with chords and a bass line.

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

The second system of the musical score continues the piece. It features a vocal line with a melisma over 'ly', piano accompaniment in treble clef, and piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics describe the angels' worship of God.

ho - - - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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O Sing a New Song

(Psalm 96)

Refrain

F Gm F

O sing a new song to the Lord;

Bb F Bb C Bb F

sing to the Lord; sing all the earth.

F Gm

1 O sing a new song to the Lord;
 2 Proclaim God's salvation day by day;
 3 The Lord is great and worthy of all praise,
 4 For the Lord made the heavens!
 5 Let the heavens be glad; let the earth rejoice;
 6 Shout for joy, all trees of the woods,

C Dm

sing to the Lord, all the earth!
 tell of God's glory among the nations,
 to be feared more than all gods;
 O the splendor and majesty of God's presence!
 let the sea roar, and all its creatures;
 at the presence of God, who now comes,

C F

Sing to God and praise God's name.
 and God's marvels to all the people. (R)
 all other gods are merely idols.
 O the power and beauty of God's temple. (R)
 be glad, you fields, and all your fruit.
 who comes to judge the earth with right and the people with truth. (R)

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.



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