

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost  
October 29, 2023  
Reformation Sunday  
Holy Baptism

## 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.

### *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 664*

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Though repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day. TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931; MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012.

### PRELUDE

arr. Sam Levine

A Medley of Traditional Celtic Melodies and Hymns

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**You have loved us even before creation existed;  
from everlasting to everlasting you are our God.**

Your time is not our time;

but you renew us like the dawn refreshes and renews the earth.

**God is with us in all places and times.**

**Praise and thanks be to God!**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;**

**Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;**

**Eternal Power, be our support;**

**Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;**

**Eternal Grace, make us whole,**

**that with all our heart and mind and strength**

**we may seek your face**

**and see you 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 664

BUNESSAN

Morning Has Broken

### CALL TO CONFESSION

God has told us what is good;

and what does the Lord require of us

**but to do justice, and to love kindness,**

**and to walk humbly with our God?**

*(Micah 6:8)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole  
heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.

*(Silent confession)*

### Kyrie

James MacMillan

*(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)*

Choir: Lord, have mer - cy. Congregation: Lord, have  
mer - cy. Choir: Christ, have mer - cy. Congregation: Christ,  
have mer - cy. Choir: Lord, have  
Congregation and Choir: mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

### \*The Peace

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

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

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

### *Call to and Prayer of Confession*

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

### *About the Kyrie*

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

### *Assurance of Pardon*

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

Act of Praise

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

**\*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.**

**John 8:31-36**

*(New Testament, page 101 in your pew Bible)*

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

**Anthem**

You Do Not Walk Alone

Elaine Hagenberg

*May you see God's light on the path ahead  
When the road you walk is dark.*

*May you always hear, Even in your hour of sorrow,  
The gentle singing of the lark.*

*When times are hard may hardness never  
turn your heart to stone,*

*May you always remember when the shadows fall  
You do not walk alone.*

*May you see...*

**Romans 3:19-24**

*(New Testament, page 54 in your pew Bible)*

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.

**SERMON**

“By Grace Alone” Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

*(A moment for meditation)*

**\*HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*About Hymn 450*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range. TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927.

*The Baptismal Rite*  
The Apostles' Creed: The oldest surviving baptismal liturgy, dating from around the year 200 C.E., describes the candidate for baptism standing in water and affirming the faith by responding to three questions. Each question corresponds to one person of the Trinity. The Paschal Candle is symbolic of Christ's death and resurrection. The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, is our Paschal sacrifice. The Paschal Candle also symbolizes the light of the risen Christ, shining in the world. The use of this symbol dates from the early days of the Church. New Christians were given a lighted candle, symbolic of their having died and been raised to new life in Christ through baptism.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Presentation**

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus,  
and confident of his promises,  
we baptize those whom God has called.

**In baptism God claims us and seals us  
to show that we belong to God.  
God frees us from sin and death,  
uniting us with Jesus Christ in his  
death and resurrection.**

**By water and the Holy Spirit,  
we are made members of the Church,  
the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry  
of love, peace, and justice.**

**Let us remember with joy our own baptism,  
as we celebrate this sacrament.**

**Questions to the Parents, Congregation and Children of the Church**

**\*Profession of Faith**

Through baptism we enter the covenant...

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven  
and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven;  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal and gracious God...lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptism**

#### **Welcome**

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the body of Christ.

**Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others. Amen.**

### **Baptismal Anthem**     A Scottish Blessing     David Blackwell

Be a light before to lead me; Be a guiding star above;  
Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always know thy love.

*Be a light...*

There is no bird that soars the mountain,  
there is no deer upon the hill,  
There is no creature of the forest, but shall sing thy praises, still.

Be a kindly shepherd for me, keep me safe thru' all my days;  
Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always sing thy praise.  
There is no life that swims the ocean; there is no creature of the sea;  
There is no fish within the river, but proclaims its praise for thee.

As the day falls into evening, as the night is lit with stars,  
At the ending of life's journey may thy heav'nly peace be ours.  
Let ev'ry creature in God's kingdom, let ev'ry life upon the shore  
Sing praise to God, the world's creator,  
sing praises now and evermore.

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

Anthem

A Celtic Song of Praise

Joseph Martin

Alleluia! Rejoice with glad music.  
Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord.  
Alleluia! Rejoice with glad music.  
Alleluia! Rejoice evermore.  
Alleluia! Rejoice with glad singing.  
Alleluia! Make jubilant noise!  
Rejoice with dancing. Rejoice with singing.  
Give thanks and lift up your voice!

Come, sing unto the Lord a great song of thanksgiving.  
Serve with gladness for all of your days.  
Come, bring unto the Lord, and give thanks with your living.  
We are a people of praise. We are a people of praise.  
O we are a people of jubilant praise.

O sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
O sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give all glory to God!  
Come, sing unto the Lord with a song of thanksgiving.  
Serve with gladness for all of your days.  
Come bring unto the Lord, and give thanks with your living.  
We are a people of praise. Alleluia! We are a people of praise.

### \*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!**

To GIVE, please scan  
the QR code below:



*Doxology*

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

*Prayer of  
Thanksgiving*

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

About Hymn 726

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry. TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987; MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987.

*About the Postlude*

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**God, we offer ourselves with our gifts,  
confident that you have a purpose for them and for us.  
Expand our limited vision  
to embrace your vision  
for our lives, our church, and the world.  
As you continually reform and transform us  
by your grace in Jesus Christ,  
we dedicate all that we are and all that we have to you.  
In the Spirit of Christ, we would pray and live. Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Prayed in unison; see page 35 in your hymnal for text)*

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 726** Will You Come and Follow Me KELVINGROVE

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Star of the County Down  
Traditional/arr. Sam Levine

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

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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)*

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## TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

### Worship Leaders

#### Preaching

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler  
*Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*

#### Liturgist

T.J. Piccolo  
*Associate Director of Youth*

#### Beadle/Acolyte

11:00 AM Andrew Wyckoff

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Fran Linley  
11:00 AM Scott Carey

#### Presenting Elders for Baptism

8:30 AM Jim Barr  
11:00 AM Meredith Nowers

#### Music

Jerry Kimbrough, acoustic guitar; Tammy King, fiddle; Sam Levine, flutes and whistles; Jerry Prostick, percussion; Anthony Saddick, accordion; Phyllis Sparks, Celtic harp; Westminster Choir

The anthem *You Do Not Walk Alone* is given to the glory of God and in honor of two holy men in my life: brother James Cole and husband John Semingson by Keith Cole.

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  
Joan McCarthy,  
with gratitude for the example of  
service she set for us  
by Kelly and Bill Christie.*

*The flowers in the Parlor  
are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Sarah Wilkinson  
on her 80th birthday  
by Nancy and Jim Langdon.*

### Baptism

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

Catherine Stanley,  
daughter of Caroline and Dare Williams

Claire Steele,  
daughter of Emily and Brett Jackson,

Henry Walker,  
son of Christiana and Stockton Beveridge

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

Frances Elizabeth,  
daughter of Sarah Gay and James Boswell

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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](mailto: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](http://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.

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### Mask Policy

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

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### 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

"...since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus..." (Romans 3:23-24)

Said Jesus, "...you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:32)

When have you experienced the free gift of grace?

What keeps you from accepting the gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ?

What are the "messages" you have received or hear that block you?

What is the truth that frees you to receive the fullness of God's grace?

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# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

## Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

**Murdoch MacLeods • Library**  
We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

**Faith & Fellowship • 214**  
Join us for a discussion on A.-J. Levine's book, *Sermon on the Mount*.

**Young Families • Overlook Room**  
*Faith and Fear*  
Led by Houston Estes



### **Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall**

*The Reformation, Reformed Churches, and Their Relevance Today*

Over 500 years ago, in 1517, Martin Luther challenged the practices of the Catholic Church

and set in motion the Protestant Reformation. The Reformation gave rise to various Reform movements and breakaway churches, mostly premised on fresh readings of scripture and the principle of salvation by faith alone.

In this class, James Hudnut-Beumler will delineate the competing and complementary churches wrought by the Reformation, including the Presbyterian and Reformed churches, and address how contemporary Christians still live in a world invented half a millennium ago.

Led by James Hudnut-Beumler  
Chair, Graduate Department of Religion  
Vanderbilt Divinity School



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

LOCATION CHANGE:  
We will meet in  
Koinonia Youth Cafe

for Faith and Family series for all 7<sup>th</sup>  
through 12<sup>th</sup> grade parents and youth.

Contact:  
Fran Linley, [fran.linley@gmail.com](mailto:fran.linley@gmail.com)

## **New Class Starting**

### **Spiritual Practices for the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, and we will meet in Room 208 at 9:45 AM.

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# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

## Youth Ministry

### Sunday School

9:45 AM • Koinonia Youth Café

"Faith & Family: Faith Reflections"  
Combined Class for 7th-12th Graders &  
Parents

This opportunity is an expectation for  
Confirmands

Come hear Mac Hardcastle, Vanessa  
Garner, & Jarron Springer share about  
their faith journeys, and then have  
an opportunity to reflect on your faith  
journeys together as a family.

**HALLOOoOoOoWEEN GAME NIGHT**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
**for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**  
**6:00 PM • Koinonia Youth Café**  
**COME IN COSTUME**

## Children & Youth Choirs

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

5:00 PM Laudate Choir

## 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](mailto:smaness@nashvillewpc.org).

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# GENEROSITY

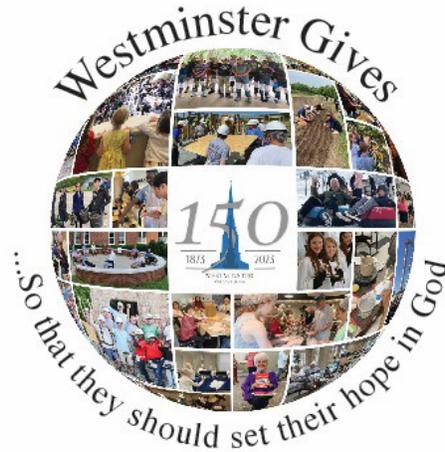
As we all come together in reflection and prayer to consider our 2024 pledges, we invite you to consider the profound impact this cherished sanctuary has had on our lives and the lives of our loved ones. In our recent discernment sessions, you shared your earnest desires for your children to experience the same unwavering love and support within the embrace of this very community that you were fortunate to know. With our recent children's sabbath, we witnessed the seeds of faith taking root within the young hearts of our community. The nurturing environment of Westminster is playing a pivotal role in their spiritual development.

Reflecting on our shared experiences, from the uplifting worship services to the compassionate care during times of struggle and healing, it is evident that Westminster is more than a place of congregation; it is a haven where we find solace, fellowship, and the boundless love of God. Our commitment to the future of this remarkable community is vital. We

believe wholeheartedly that through our united efforts, we can meet the ambitious goal set before us, and for those who are able, we gently ask for an 8% increase over last year's gift. Thank you to those who have already pledged. We are currently at 40% of our goal. May we continue to uphold the legacy of Westminster, ensuring that it remains a beacon of faith, compassion, and unwavering devotion for generations to come. Let us walk together in the footsteps of those who have built this sanctuary, carrying forth the spirit of love and grace that has defined our journey thus far.

In gratitude,  
The Generosity Committee

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



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# NEW MEMBERS

## We Welcome These New Members!

On Sunday, October 22, the Session of Westminster formally received new members with joy into our church family:



Victoria and Bill  
Alley



Walt and Charlene  
Baxley



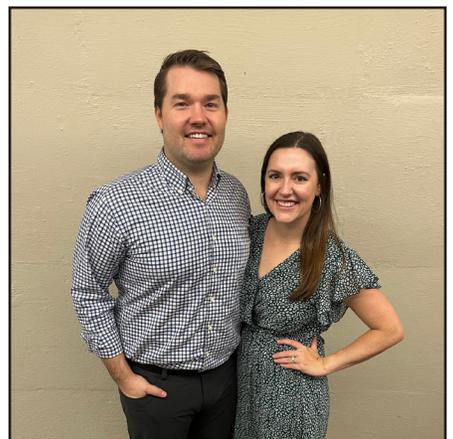
Christiana and Stockton  
Beveridge



Emmy Corry



Allison Kearney



Teddy and Candace  
Reeve



Justin and Wendy Smith

# JOIN US



**Tuesday - Friday**  
**8:00 AM - Noon**

*Where you find that 2 or 3 are gathered...*  
*"I'm there!"*  
Matthew 18:19-20



**Sunday, November 5**  
**9:30 - 10:45 AM**  
**Church Parlor**

All are invited to see various items created in Joy in Learning! If you participated in past classes, bring an item that you created to the Parlor and pick it up on your way home. In addition, take or give a tour of the Joy in Learning hallway!

**Friday, November 10**  
**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Westminster Café**

All past and present leaders, participants, and supporters are invited to enjoy a light lunch and fellowship while visiting with old and new friends. Also, enjoy a slideshow showing 10 years of fun!

Scan the QR code to RSVP.



**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!

Let Beth Drake know you can come.

# JOIN US



**November 1**  
**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.



## Women's Book Club

**November 9**  
**7:00 PM • Streetcar Taps & Garden**  
All are welcome. Please contact Elizabeth Story, [elizabeth.story8@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.story8@gmail.com), for more info and to let her know you are coming.

## Monthly Potlucks

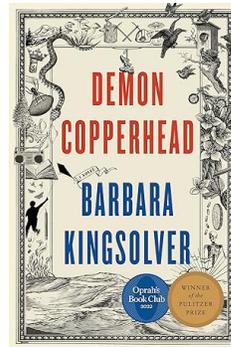
**November 2**  
**6:30 PM • Grace and Jonny Wagenman's home** Please RSVP to Grace, [gracewagenman@gmail.com](mailto:gracewagenman@gmail.com), 615.739.2590.  
Main dish provided. Please bring appetizers, sides, or dessert.

**To learn more about Young Adult Ministry** at Westminster, please be in touch with the Co-Chairs:  
Michael Drake,  
[drakerduck@gmail.com](mailto:drakerduck@gmail.com)

Meredith Scully,  
[meredithjlawrence@gmail.com](mailto:meredithjlawrence@gmail.com)

Grace Wagenman  
[gracewagenman@gmail.com](mailto:gracewagenman@gmail.com)

**November 1**  
**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.

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# THE POWER OF PRAYER

Greetings, my Brothers and Sisters in Christ. My name is Dan Cook, and I have been worshipping at Westminster since 1982. While that is not 150 years, it is a sizable portion thereof. My purpose is to bear witness through my testimony to the power of prayer and the Love of God in Christ Jesus as I have experienced it recently in my life.

Last December 14, 2022, I went to Ascension/St Thomas West Hospital for open-heart surgery. My condition was an Aneurysm of the Ascending Aorta, known as a AAA to the world of cardiology. My Aorta which comes out directly on top of the heart had ballooned and was dilated to 5.5cm (normally 4cm) and it was causing my heart to not properly pump my blood throughout my body. I was weak, short of breath, and my doctors told me that it needed to be repaired.

After being prepped for surgery, and prayer with my pastor, I was wheeled into an Operating Room greeted by several wonderful people who were skilled, talented, compassionate and determined to make me well. After administering anesthesia (the same thing that killed Michael Jackson) my body was chilled to 55 degrees, my chest was cut open, and my ribs spread out to expose my heart. Then, with the help of some amazing technology and machinery, my heart was stopped. I was then hooked up to a Heart/Lung machine for several hours while they installed a Dacron graft at the base of my Aorta to strengthen it.

When I awoke from the anesthesia, two more wonderful people yanking the tube out of my throat that had helped me breathe while they were operating. The only thing about this moment that was pleasant was the profound realization that I was alive. There were numerous tubes, of all sizes, running in and out of me and a symphony of beeping, clicking, and humming further giving me comfort and hope.

In this state, you can only assume a single position, on your back. You are so weak that you cannot even lift a cup of water to your mouth. You cannot sleep so you just lie there listening to the machines and the intermittent company of the wonderful nurses. I was in

the ICU for a week and was graced by several welcome visitors such as Donovan, Guy, and Heidi to name a few. Heidi brought me a "Healing Blanket" which is a humble piece of cotton/wool fabric with a hand-sewn border and a patch, sewn on by one of you beautiful women, with the WPC logo and the Jerusalem Cross on it. Heidi covered me with the blanket. Then, as God is my witness in this Holy place, I could FEEL your prayers. I could feel my cells mending. Some of you were praying for me, Sylvia, Amy, Rosemary, Kelly, Jim, Steve, and some of you who don't even know me. I could feel your prayers and your Love, guided by The Holy Spirit, and this filled me with comfort and the Grace of our Savior overwhelmed my fears.

Last summer, while our beloved Donovan was taking awesome pictures of this beautiful world, Guy asked, "What's it like to be prayed for?" I can tell you first-hand...it is knowing and feeling the presence of God in the midst of pain, doubt, grief, and despair. It is the sublime understanding that you are loved by others. It is believing without seeing. It is beautiful!

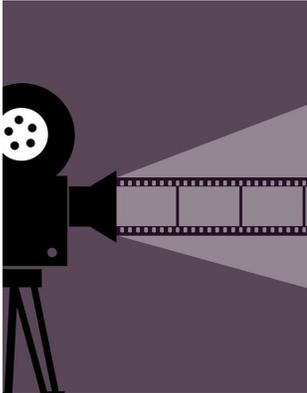
Therefore my testimony is simply to thank you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, from the bottom of my heart, and the top of my heart, for your prayers guided by Christ through the Holy Spirit, that has helped me to heal and become whole again.

Ten days after my surgery, it was Christmas Eve and there was nowhere that I wanted to be except with you, My church, Your church, His Church, to celebrate the birth of our Savior and commune with his body and his blood, here at Westminster.

So finally, during the next 150 years, or at least for all that I have breath in my lungs, blood in my veins, and the Holy Spirit in my soul, I will be here with you. I will give my treasure, my time, my energy, my faith and my love to the mission of this Church, the mission of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

DEO GRATIAS!

# OUR ANNIVERSARY



A sign of these times is increased security around the Westminster campus. Our leaders were thinking about enhanced security long before the Covenant School shooting in March 2023. Watch this video to learn how elders Hugh Harvey and Scott Portis have led the process to secure our facility while still maintaining a welcoming presence for our members and visitors.

Please scan this QR code to watch this video:



Westminster will celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> 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; Scholarships are available for lunch.

***Your reservation must be received by November 3.***

Scan the QR code or use the pew pad to make your reservation. Do you need a ride on November 12th to our special worship and anniversary lunch celebration? If so, please contact Sherri Givens [sgivens@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:sgivens@nashvillewpc.org).



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# NOVEMBER 5, ALL SAINTS



## All Saints' Banners

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 Morning Worship

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)



## All Saints' Service of Remembrance 3:00 PM • West Columbarium

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.



## Choral Evensong 7:00 PM • Sanctuary

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).

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

## Sunday, October 29

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

## Monday, October 30

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

## Tuesday, October 31

- 7:00 AM Daybreak Belivers
- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Harvard Handbells

## Wednesday, November 1

- 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, November 2

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

## Friday, November 3

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

## Saturday, November 4

- 11:30 AM AA

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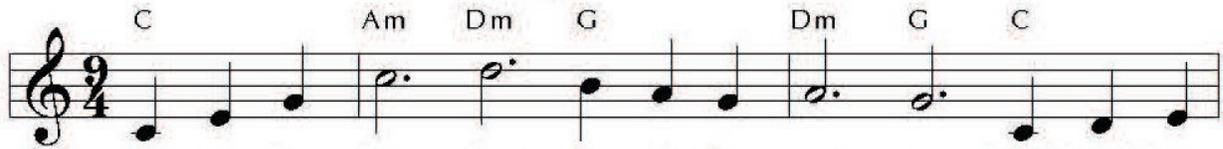
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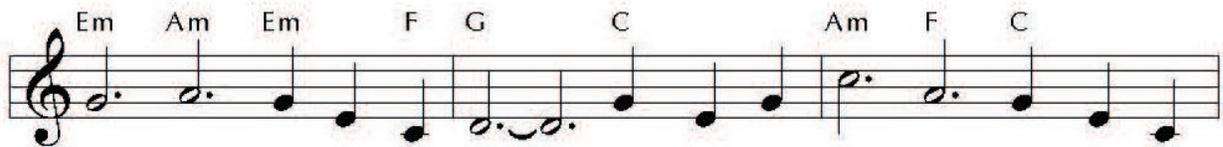


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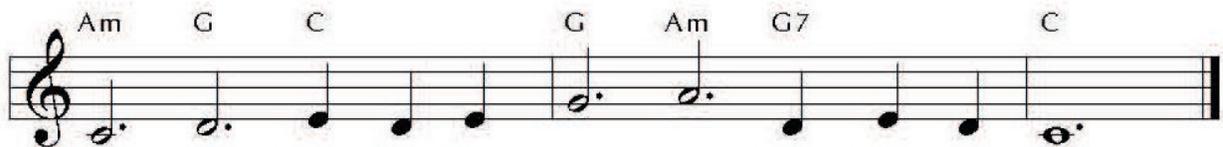
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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

