

Cover photo by Donovan Drake.

About the Prelude

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

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 4

Based on an 18thcentury German metrical version of a celebrated 5thcentury Latin hymn, Te Deum laudamus. this abbreviated 19thcentury English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version. TEXT: Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774; trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858; MUSIC: Allgemeines Katholisches Gesanbuch, c. 1774; harm. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Pastorella, Mvt. 2, BWV 590

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

O God,

in your Son, Jesus Christ, you richly bless us with all that we need: bread from the earth and the bread of heaven, which gives life to the world. Grant us one thing more: grateful hearts to sing your praise, in this world and the world to come. 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 4 GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

CALL TO CONFESSION

Come to me, all you who labor
and are heavily burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

(Matt. 11:28-30)

Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*The Peace

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

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

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

*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. 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.

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.

Deuteronomy 8:7-13

(Old Testament, page 165 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 90 (Cantor sings verses, all sing Refrain)

Refrain



O Lord, you have been our refuge from one age to the next. Before the birth of the mountains, before the world came to be, you are God forevermore. *Refrain*

Our sin is always before you, our faults in the truth of your light. Our days are consumed by your anger, our life is spent like a sigh. We are drawn to the end of our days. *Refrain*

Fill us, O Lord, with your love as the promise of dawn is fulfilled. Give joy to soften our sorrows, to soothe our years of pain. Lord, prosper the work of our hands! *Refrain*

Luke 17:11-19

(New Testament, page 80 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

"Giving Thanks"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

*HYMN 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together
for the good of those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(Romans 8)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

HOUSTON/arr. Lamberton

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path;

And show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all...

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

We shall know the joy of Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all...

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; harm. James H. Wood, 1958.

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 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, whose 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.

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*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.

Holy God,
give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips but in our lives.
In the Spirit of Christ,
we pray and live. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SENDING

*HYMN 719

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro con brio, Op. 54, no. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

^{*(}Those who are able may stand.)

Our Mission

Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

T.J. Piccolo

Associate Director of Youth

Beadle/Acolyte

8:30 AM Jet O'Rear 11:00 AM Helen Schriner

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM William Wyckoff 11:00 AM Kyle Thomson

Music

Eva Tatum, cantor 8:30 AM Laudate Youth Choir 11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson

Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
our beloved grandson, John Reid Comita
by Suzanne and Terry Allen.

Red Roses

The red roses in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for a daughter, *Millie Frances* on November 8, 2023 to *Adrianne and Ben Hatch* (Margaret is excited to welcome her baby sister!); and for a son, *Thomas Cook IV* on November 14, 2023 to *Mary Brette and Cook Wylly* (grandparents Pam and Tom Wylly and big sisters Frances and Elizabeth are thrilled!).

2024 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.

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;

Mask Policy

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

hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org.

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.

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.

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



"Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth."-Deuteronomy 8:17

How much of your life comes by luck? How much is hard work? How much do you attribute to God?

What are the theological challenges to how you answered the above? What do you think God receives from our giving thanks?

How have you provided "thanksgiving" to someone this week? Who provided you with an opportunity for thanksgiving?

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

Please come join us Sunday for the last of three Sundays discussing Grace-Forgiveness-Sin-Faith-Roots of Bitterness and Charity. This Sunday, we will look back over the last two Sundays and discuss Faith, Roots of Bitterness and Charity.

Led by Tom Wylly.



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

Regular Sunday School Class in the Parlor. Mark 12:31

"Love your neighbor as yourself." How do we teach this to our children when the culture is telling all of us to compete and win in order to be successful? We will continue our discussion of how to help our adolescents and teens not always STRIVE but THRIVE in God's world. Regular Sunday School Class in the Parlor. Sissy Wade will lead the class in discussing thankfulness.

Contact:

Fran Linley, fran.linley@gmail.com

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Special Class Series Led by Carole Bucy

"Westminster's Response to Race & Gender Issues"

The Presbyterians and other denominations in the United States split in the 1850s as the country moved closer and closer to the Civil War. Southern churches left the denomination and formed a separate General Assembly. The cause of the division was the institution of slavery. When the Civil War ended, each time in the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly met, the Northern General Assembly sent a resolution to the meeting, asking for reunification. Each time, the Southern churches declined the overture for reuniting. It was not until 1983 that the two assemblies came together. How did this congregation respond to the Civil Rights Movement that began after World War II?

Spiritual Practices for the 21st Century Led by Will Wellman Room 208

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.

This Sunday, we will study Scripture: Lectio Divina and the Psalter.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Youth Ministry

Sunday School • 7th - 12th grade 9:45 AM • Koinonia Youth Café

Middle School Youth Group 6:05 PM

Children & Youth Choirs

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

5:00 рм 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.

November 26

We will **not** have children's Sunday School for ages two through sixth grade. We will, however, have childcare available for the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services.

GENEROSITY



On Generosity Sunday, we celebrated the 150th anniversary of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Those in attendance overflowed the gym and the Café

in a joyous gathering of many members, one Body, remembering our past and looking to the future. As we look back on Westminster's amazing collective history and story of faith, we also look forward to the multitude of stories we will continue to write and tell, today and tomorrow.

Thank you! We are so grateful for your generosity. We still need commitments for every gift of every size. Please prayerfully consider your promise, your pledge to this community of faith so that Westminster will be welcoming everyone to God's Table and serving God's people for years to come.

In gratitude, The Generosity Committee

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









ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 3 Alternative Christmas Gift Market Parlor

Give Christmas gifts to friends and family while also giving to those in need – visit us at the market or from the comfort of your own home.

Sunday, December 3
Service of Hope and Healing
7:00 рм • Sanctuary

As we enter the Advent/Christmas season, many feelings well up in us. Joyful Christmas carols seek to bring good cheer, yet for many experiences of grief and loss, anxiety and health concerns, depression and painful relationships are on our hearts.

Through scripture and prayers, candlelight and music, this service is for all people seeking hope and healing during this season. Join us as we claim the promises of God in Emmanuel, God-with-us, and pray for Christ's peace to make us whole.



Poinsettias will once again grace our Sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship services. If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a friend or family member, please scan the QR code below or contact Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org. A donation of \$10 per name is requested. The deadline for submitting names to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins is Monday, December 11, 2023.



LIVING OUT THE WORD

Warm Coats Needed

Cockrill Elementary students need warm coats this winter in sizes 4 - 14.

James Lawson High School needs coats in sizes xsmall to 3X. Hoodies and sweatshirts are welcomed, too.

Please bring your donated winter items to the bins in the coat closet in the Mayfair Entry of the church campus.





Room In The Inn

Room In The Inn has started and has many opportunities for engagement for singles, families or small groups Wednesday nights through March 2024.

Scan the QR code to sign-up and help 14 of our homeless neighbors.

Holiday Food

Did you know that up to 40% of food grown in the U.S. is wasted and that 50% of that is from our homes after purchase? Many people are not well informed about food labels and how that contributes to food wastage. To learn the straight skinny, view this webinar on labels, food waste, and climate change, scan the QR code.



Questions? Email Curtis Baysinger at cbaysinger2@gmail.com.



JOIN US



Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon

Where you find that 2 or 3 are gathered..."I'm there!"

Matthew 18:19-20

The café will be closed November 21-24. We will reopen November 28.



Save the Date

Wednesday,
December 6
4:45 PM
Westminster Café
Special Songwriter
Event

A Special EP Release Show featuring Debra Griner.

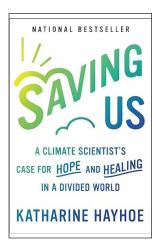
Click the QR code to RSVP and learn more about Debra.



Are you searching for stillness? Looking for a way to calm your anxious mind? Craving the felt presence of God? Then Centering Prayer may be for you. Westminster holds a Centering Prayer gathering every Monday from 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM in the Chapel. The time begins with an opening prayer followed by 20 minutes of silence. It is open to all and no experience is necessary! Participants find it to be a refreshing start to the week and with practice, it can create deep peace. In the words of theologian Cynthia Bourgeault, "Centering Prayer trains practitioners to recenter themselves in God, become more aware of God's presence, let go of anxiety when it arises, and respond to life's struggles with composure."

For more information, email elizabethtrabue@gmail.com.





WPC Book Group is meeting the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

Tuesday, November 28 • 9:30 AM • Room 10

Leader: Curtis Baysinger

WPC member Curtis Baysinger is on the retired faculty at the Vanderbilt School of Medicine, and is one of the three faculty leads for the Healthcare and Climate Change course in the School of Medicine. He is on the health Care and Sustainability Task Force at VUMC as well co-lead of Citizens Climate Lobby for TN, the Treasurer of TN Interfaith Power and Light, and head of our Congregation's Earth Care Task Force.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, November <u>19</u>

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

6:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, November 20

9:30 AM Westminster Bells

10:00 ам Таі Chi

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

5:00 рм Pickleball

Tuesday, November 21

7:30 AM Bible Study

9:30 AM Harvard Handbells

Wednesday, November 22

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

10:00 ам Таі Chi

6:00 PM Room In The Inn

7:00 PM Men's Basketball

7:00 PM Westminster Choir

Thursday, November 23

- church campus closed -

Friday, November 24

- church campus closed -

Saturday, November 25

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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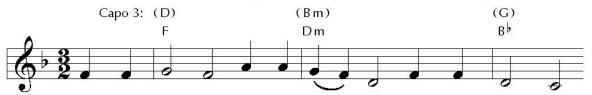
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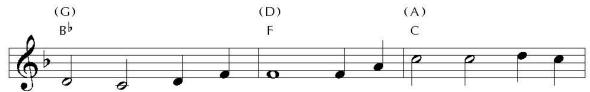
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



- 1 God, whose giv ing knows no end ing, from your rich and
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press ing toward the goals of
- 3 Trea sure, too, you have en trust ed, gain through powers your



wis - dom, end - less store, na-ture's won - der, Je - sus' Christ, your Son: in health and free - dom, all at peace rac-es con-ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to grace



grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by we turn you, Now di - rect church made joined, the one. our dai - ly gos - pel O - pen wide spread the word. our hands in



to you, of-fering up our - selves in praise; thank-ful song shall la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents, shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



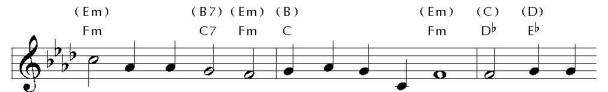
rise ev gra-cious do of our for er, nor days. ser - vants fit an at your throne. make us to swer and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

719

Come, Labor On



- 1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i dle on the har-vest plain
- 2 Come, la-bor on Claim the high call-ing an gels can not share;
- 3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom-y doubt and faith-less fear!
- 4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west-ern sky,



while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each to young and old the gos - pel glad-ness bear. Re - deem the No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble till the long shad-ows o'er our path-way lie, and a glad



ser - vant does the Mas-ter say, "Go work to - day." time; its hours too swift-ly fly. The night draws nigh. a - gents, may we all ful-fill God's righ - teous will. sound comes with the set-ting sun, "Well done," well done!"

