

I know that my redeemer lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. I myself will see him with my own eyes, I and not another

Do not be afraid, I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.

Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But the man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will gain it.

He knows the way I take. My kingdom is not of this world.

Where is death your sting? He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness.

On the cover:
Alpha and Omega
by Hannah Dunnett

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.

Reign of Christ

At the conclusion of the Christian year, we celebrate the sovereignty of the God who is known to us in Jesus Christ. On this day, as on every day, we give honor and glory to the Lord of heaven and earth and watch and pray for the coming of God's realm of righteousness, justice, and peace. Above all earthly powers, the crucified and risen Lord alone claims our adoration and allegiance. We proclaim that Jesus Christ is first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega.

About Hymn 263

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it. TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4 John Rippon, 1787; MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE Andante religioso and Allegretto, Op. 65, No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Come into God's presence with gladness and singing.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

For we are God's people, like sheep in a pasture.

Give thanks to the Lord and bless God's holy name.

God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord's faithfulness is to all generations!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

God of all glory,

on this first day,

you began creation

bringing light out of darkness.

On this first day,

you began your new creation,

raising Jesus Christ

out of the darkness of death.

On this Lord's Day,

when we celebrate the reign of Christ,

grant us grace and courage to follow him.

In God's saving power, which is love, we pray. Amen.

*The Cross and the Bible lead the procession,
symbolic of the centrality in worship of Jesus Christ—
the Living Word, and the Bible—the written Word.*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263

CORONATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ rules over us all,
seated at the right hand of God.
This is the same Christ who came to be with us,
to laugh with us, cry with us,
break bread with us, and be one of us.

Therefore, we approach the throne with boldness,
knowing that Christ will hear our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would have done something different.
If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would have given you food.
If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would have taken you in.
If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would not have passed you by.
But we did.**

**Too often we make excuses
for not taking care of each other.
We have ignored your commandments
to love and care.
We do not deserve forgiveness,
but we ask for it anyway,
and ask that you help us to change our ways.**

(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.**

*Call to and Prayer
of Confession*

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

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.

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.

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**

(Hymn 513) FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Sing with all the people of God, and join in
the hymn of all creation. Refrain.**

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.**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

(Old Testament, pages 803 and 804 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalms 100

OLD 100th/arr. Vaughan Williams

All the people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O, enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

Matthew 25:31-46

(New Testament, page 29 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

“If memory serves...”

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God
whose love is the source of all life
and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face
in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil
that waits to enslave us all,
and whose love, defeating even death,
is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful
and full of doubt,
in God we trust;
and, in the name and reign of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth
and to share the commonwealth
of God’s goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness
and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful
so to be the church,
for the glory of God. Amen.**

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.

(Iona Community)

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



Doxology

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

The Eucharist

The Lord's Supper (or Eucharist) is the sign and seal of our communion with the crucified and risen Lord. Jesus shared meals with his followers throughout his early life and ministry. On the night before his death, Jesus gave his disciples bread and wine, and spoke of the bread and wine as his body and blood, signs of the new covenant. He told the disciples to remember him by keeping this feast. As Paul wrote, when we share the bread and cup in Jesus' name, "we who are many are one body." (1 Cor. 10:17).

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hand and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done
In whom this world rejoices.

Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way.
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

*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!**

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

It is right to give you thanks and praise...
over the pride and greed of nations.

Therefore we praise you,
singing with the servants around heaven's throne
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
to the glory of your mighty name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
 God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na
 in the high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes, he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty...
 dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, give us your Holy Spirit ...
 and we feast with him in eternity.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honor, praise and adoration are yours,
 now and forever.

ALL:
 [organ] A - men, A - men, A - men.

Communion

The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices "open Communion" without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

About Hymn 269

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza, but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey. TEXT: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888; MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Praying together, see page 35 of your hymnal for text to this prayer.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(The people will move to Communion stations as directed by the ushers. The celebrant will give each worshiper the bread. The worshiper dips the bread in the cup and partakes. An appropriate response is "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Please return to the pews, using the side aisles.)

Music during Communion

Anthem

Eat This Bread

Berthier/Taizé

*(The congregation is invited to sing the **Response** with the choir.)*

Response

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Creator. **Response**
Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven. **Response**
Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. **Response**
If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life. **Response**

SENDING

***HYMN 269**

Lead On, O King Eternal!

LANCASHIRE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro maestoso e vivace, Op. 65, 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

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

Communion Preparation

Doug Kirkpatrick

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Keith Cole
11:00 AM Hamilton Proctor

Music

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
Corrine Walker Sterling
by her family.*

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; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org.

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.

Prayer Requests

In the pew racks are prayer request cards which can be filled out and placed in the offering plate. It is our privilege to "Live Out the Word" by praying by name for those who need our care. The Congregational Care Prayer Team and the pastors will be pleased to add their voices to yours in prayer. All requests

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

are held in the confidence of the pastors and the Prayer Team. Believing in the power of prayer, we affirm our calling: "...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education

Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Please join others in the Parlor for fellowship.

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

Fellowship Sunday

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 Spiritual Disciplines: Journaling, Praying with the body.



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

No class today.
Hoping all find a few
moments of daily rest

during the Thanksgiving holiday to give to yourself and create space to hear God.

Contact:

Fran Linley, fran.linley@gmail.com

**Advent devotionals are now available
in the Parlor.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Ministry

No Sunday School or Youth Group this Sunday.

Children & Youth Choirs

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

5:00 PM Laudate Choir

Children's Ministry

No classes this Sunday. We will, however, have childcare available for the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services.

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



Service of Hope and Healing

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



November 30
Theology on Tap

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.

December 7
Monthly Potlucks

6:30 PM • Lane Russell's home
It's tacky sweater time. Please wear your favorite Christmas sweater and bring a \$10 gift for a white elephant exchange.

Main dish will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts.
RSVP and for more information, contact: Lane Russell, lrussell7942@yahoo.com.

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

Westminster Bells
formally
The Changing Gears Handbell Choir

December 14
10:00 a.m.
Goodpasture Hall

Everyone Welcome!

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.



December 7 Downtown Presbyterian Annual Waffle Shop 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Waffle Shop began in 1924 as a fundraiser for the Downtown Presbyterian Church and evolved into a popular holiday tradition. The Waffle Shop marked the beginning of the Christmas shopping season. Over the decades, it has evolved as an event to raise funds to purchase food and supplies to provide weekly meals for the less advantaged members of our community.

Scan the QR code to buy tickets.



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.



Support for Grief and the Holidays

A piece with helpful support for those who are grieving during the holidays is available on the Parlor and Narthex tables.

Please also know that the pastoral staff and Bereavement Care Team are here for you as any needs arise.

JOIN US



Tuesday - Friday
8:00 AM - Noon

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

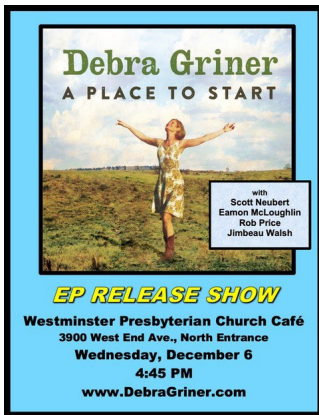
Matthew 18:19-20

Mondays
Centering Prayer
11:45 AM • Chapel

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.

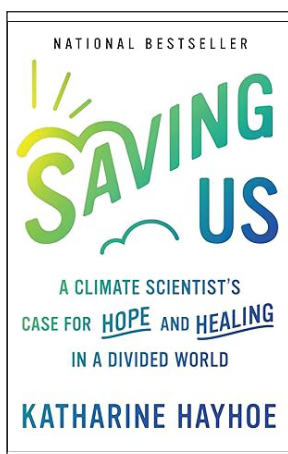
The café will be closed November 21-24. We will reopen November 28.



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.



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 26

- 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, November 27

- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, November 28

- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 9:30 AM Harvard Handbells
Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, November 29

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 AM Westminster Bells
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 6:00 PM Room In The Inn
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball
- 7:00 PM Westminster Choir

Thursday, November 30

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

Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, December 2

- 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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263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred thron'g we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
4 O that with yon - der sa - cred thron'g we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher-e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
with deeds of love and mer - cy the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

