



Baptism of the Lord
Holy Communion
January 7, 2024



LIVING OUT **THE** **WORD**

LOVE • RECONCILIATION • SHINE • TRANSFORMATION

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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.

About Baptism of the Lord

At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus presents himself to John to be baptized in the Jordan. This is a Trinitarian event: as Jesus emerges from the water, the Holy Spirit descends from heaven as a dove, and we hear a voice naming Jesus as God's beloved. The Baptism of the Lord also foreshadows the season of Lent, as the Gospels tell us that Jesus was driven into the wilderness for forty days after his own baptism. At this festival of the Christian year, we not only remember Jesus' baptism, but also give thanks for the baptism we share with Christ.

About Hymn 150

The first three stanzas here use an as / so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it. TEXT: William Chatterton Dix, c. 1858; MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE Voluntary on "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Dale Nickell

CHORAL INTROIT

Arise, Shine

Hal H. Hopson

Arise, shine! Arise, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
O come and worship Christ, the newborn King.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

God said, "Let there be light,"
and there was light.

God's speech

is God's action.

When God creates,

the creation is good.

God our maker has done it again.

God has brought us to a new dawn.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Holy Spirit,

**though we cannot earn your pleasure,
we desire your grace.**

Speak to us words of mercy

and guide us with your love,

**that our lives might declare your glory
in action, word, and deed.**

In the name of Jesus, we pray. 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 150**

DIX

As with Gladness Men of Old

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart
and full assurance of faith;
**our guilty hearts sprinkled clean,
our bodies washed with pure water.**

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Creator, we confess
that we are broken, sinful creatures.
You made us in your own image,
but we tarnish your good name.
You call us your beloved children,
but we take your favor for granted.**

**Forgive us, God of Grace.
Pour out your mercy upon us
so that we may live in a way
that is pleasing to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(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.**

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

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and vowing 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 in response to the Assurance of Pardon as the last phrase.

Prayer for Illumination

This prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

Psalm 29, Hymn 259

This rather telegraphic paraphrase of Psalm 29 effectively conveys the psalm's recurring contrast between the mighty voice of God heard in thunder and tempest and the awestruck response of creation. Above this tumult, God reigns in peace, and the people of God sing praise. TEXT: Michael Perry, 1973; MUSIC: Norman L. Warren, 1973.

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.

***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 on the center aisle end of each pew.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Genesis 1:1-5

(Old Testament, page 1 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 29 (Hymn 259, all sing)

GLORY

Mark 1:4-11

(New Testament, pages 34-35 in your pew Bible)

SERMON "Between What Was and What Will Be"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

God sent Jesus Christ

**to proclaim release to those who are bound,
to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand,
to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news.**

The Lord is moving toward the time

**when the glorious liberty of the children of God
will be manifest throughout the whole creation.**

**We testify God is at work here and now
when people obey Christ's commission
to witness to Christ and make disciples of all nations,
when they spread the good news by their words
and embody it in their lives.**

(from A Declaration of Faith)

*To GIVE, please scan
the QR code below.*

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem When Jesus Came to Jordan
Dutch Chorale, arr. Trapp

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon, But as his Father's Son.
*Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
This is God's Chosen One.*

He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence With which good news begins.
Behold the Lamb of God...

He came to share temptation, Our utmost woe and loss;
For us and our salvation To die upon the cross, to die upon the cross.
Behold the Lamb of God...

So when the Dove descended On him, the Holy One,
The hidden years had ended, The age of grace began.
Behold the Lamb of God...

***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**



"When Jesus Came to Jordan" was first published in an American hymnal in 1982. The text was written by Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), a British Methodist minister. He had retired from active ministry in 1969 but was then asked to write hymns for the modern sensibility on topics that were conspicuously absent from traditional hymnody. Though he had intended to spend his retirement painting, Green instead spent it writing and is considered, in a way, the successor to the premier Methodist hymn composer, Charles Wesley himself. The text paraphrases Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22. The tune comes to us from Frits Mehrrens (1922-1975) who was a Dutch protestant church musician of great influence. A long-time friend, and undergraduate classmate of mine, Lynn Trapp, has arranged the tune using Green's text and adds the refrain to confirm yet another sign from God that Jesus is the "Chosen One," our Savior. Lynn is Director of Music for St. Joseph's Church in Baltimore.

-J. Semington

*About the Great
Prayer of Thanksgiv-
ing*

Following the offering and preparation of the table, the pastor invites worshipers to the Lord's Supper using scripture, leading the people in a prayer to the triune God: giving thanks for God's creative power, providential care, and covenant faithfulness, along with particular blessings of the day; remembering God's acts of salvation through Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, and promised return; calling on the Holy Spirit to draw worshipers into the presence of the risen Lord, nourish them in the body and blood of Christ, unite them with Christ in the communion of saints and Church in every place, and send them in mission to the world. The prayer ends with praise to the triune God.

***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 truly right and our greatest joy...
and to set before us the ways of justice and peace.

Therefore, we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

ALL:

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God...
in the joy of your eternal realm.

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



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayed in unison, see page 35 of your hymnal for words to this prayer.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

Anthem In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness Plainsong

In a deep, unbounded darkness,
 long before the first light shone,
 you, O God, beyond all merit
 worked a wonder faith makes known:
 in your mercy, in your mercy,
 you embraced us as your own,
 evermore and evermore.

Though our world is ever-changing,
 you are constant, firm, and sure,
 faithful to your covenant promise.

Trusting you, we live, secure:
 singing praises, singing praises,
 long as heart and breath endure,
 evermore and evermore.

Joy transforms our lips to boasting
 only in your matchless grace,
 sending Christ to dwell among us,
 Word made flesh in time and space:
 Friend and Savior, Friend and Savior,
 in whose life we glimpse your face,
 evermore and evermore.

God of Hagar, God of Sarah,
 God of nomad Abraham;
 God of Miryam, God of Moses,
 Fiery Pillar, great I am:
 lead us homeward, lead us homeward,
 to the love-feast of the Lamb,
 evermore and evermore.

Communion

The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices "open Communion" without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Westminster celebrates the "Eucharist," meaning "thanksgiving," on the first Sunday of each month.

About the Anthem

Setting this translation of a Chinese hymn to Western plainsong enhances the universal context of the opening stanza. The familiar pattern of creation, covenant, and incarnation in the first three stanzas leads to a far-reaching final stanza that looks both backward and forward. TEXT: Anon. Chinese; trans. Francis P. Jones, 1953; adap. Mary Louise Bringle, 2012; MUSIC: Plainsong, Mode V.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

About Hymn 547

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.
TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983; MUSIC: Welsh melody.

***HYMN 547** Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYDY NOS

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Praeludium in G Major, BWV 541 J.S. Bach

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

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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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)

TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Communion Preparation

Suzie and Richard Lane

Beadle/Acolyte:

11:00 AM Crosby Edwards

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Mary Hande
11:00 AM Scott Carey

Music

8:30 AM Chamber 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 celebration of a
milestone birthday for
Ellen C. Reynolds.*

*Big sister, Emily J. Reynolds and
big brother, C. Ernest Reynolds III
welcome her to their decade!*

Red Rose

The red rose in the chancel is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of a son, **Wells Robert** on December 8, 2023 to **Meredith and Rob Leathers**. Big brothers Graham and Ford are thrilled, as are grandparents Rowan and Myra Leathers and Tim and Vickie Boyd.

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.

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



In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

Mark 1: 9

What triggered some life-changing events?

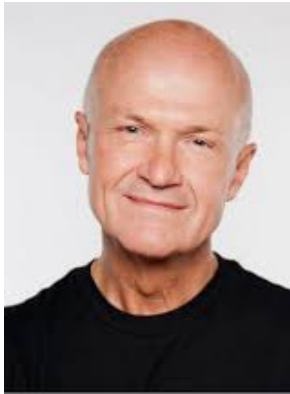
When have you entered into "ministry" in your life?

What has to happen for you to grow in your relationship with Jesus?

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education

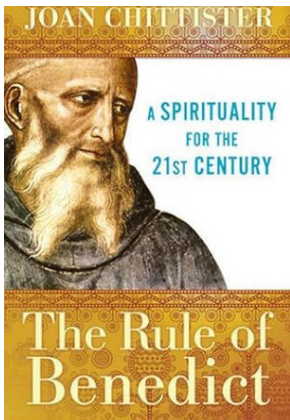
Classes start at 9:45 AM



Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Join us for a new series on “Westminster Loves” as a way of taking up and highlighting one of the important directives coming out of the Visioning work.

Over the month, we will hear from members who demonstrate this value starting with Rudy Kalis. On January 21, Beth Felch, Sylvia Leins, & Carson Salyer share their recent work with our Living Waters for the World work in Peru, and finally on Jan. 28, Raquel Oluyemo and our work with Equal Chance for Education.



Spiritual Practices for the 21st Century • 208

The Rule of Benedict: Crafting Our Own Rule of Life

This class will continue our earlier examination of Christian spiritual practices and how to adapt them to our busy lives by focusing specifically on the Rule of Benedict. We will use Joan Chittister’s book *The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century* as a guide to explore Benedict of Nursia’s 1,500-year-old text, the cornerstone of Western monasticism. In learning more about this spiritual classic, we also discuss its relevance to our spiritual life today and work together on crafting our own rule of life.



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

We will join the Covenant Class this Sunday and meet in

Fellowship Hall.

For more info, please contact:
Fran Linley, fran.linley@gmail.com

Faith & Fellowship

We will discuss this week’s lectionary texts.

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week’s gospel lesson.

Young Families

We will join the Covenant Class this Sunday and meet in Fellowship Hall.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Youth Ministry

Sunday School

9:00 AM

Eighth Grade • Koinonia Youth Café
Confirmation

9:45 AM

Seventh Grade • Magnolia Room

Ninth - Twelfth Grade • Goodpasture Hall

Youth Group

6:15 PM • Edley's Barbeque
Seventh through twelfth graders please
join us at Edley's on Murphy Road for
good food and fellowship.

Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM Children's Choirs

5:00 PM Laudate Choir

Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • Children's Sunday School

These classes go directly to their rooms...

2s are in room 149, in the preschool hall

3s are in room 161, in the preschool hall

4s are in room 163, in the preschool hall

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

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

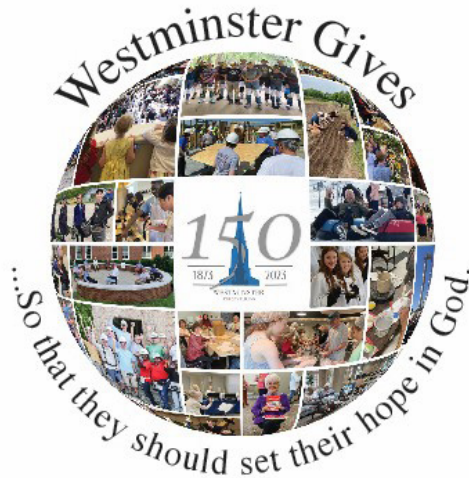
1st - 4th comes to the Chapel and then
will be picked up on the first floor of the
Wilson Wing

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

GENEROSITY

As we turn a page to a new year, we want to express profound gratitude for your unwavering generosity. Every gift is helping Westminster bring the light of God's kingdom to earth and we are humbled by the generous response to our stewardship campaign. With every gift, we are reminded that our aim is to spread Jesus' love and share our faith with the world. Our financial contributions enable us to reach more hearts and make a difference.

Together, we have witnessed the streams of God's grace flowing through our collective efforts. Thank you for being an integral part of this journey as we have shared our God-sized dreams for our congregation. As we give of our time and resources, our hearts become more and more trusting of the God who loves us, forms us, and takes care of us. We pray that our trust in God will be deepened and our faith in God will be bolstered as we witness & remember the many ways that God provides for us and for our church.



Our hearts are made full by every way of compassion that connects us and allows us to bravely serve together. We express heartfelt gratitude as the seeds of a better world are forming. As we near the culmination of our campaign, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the love of Jesus that binds us in this cherished community. We are getting

close to our goal (91%), and each gift, no matter the size, is crucial in making this vision a reality. Your generosity enables us to continue growing, learning, and spreading acts of care and goodness in our world. Together, let's embrace the spirit of giving, ensuring Westminster remains a beacon of love and fellowship for future generations, and for

our world.

In gratitude,
The Generosity Committee

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



GETCONNECTED



January 10
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.



Sundays, January 21 – March 3
Winter New Member & Inquirer Class
9:45 AM • Goodpasture Hall
Led by: New Member Committee,
church leaders and staff

This class series is for people exploring Westminster, those feeling ready to join, and recent new members. It offers a first small group experience, covers a wide range of topics, and includes a special class dinner. The opportunity to be received into membership is offered on March 3. The ethos and vision of Westminster, who we are as Presbyterians in our worship and beliefs, a church tour, and ways to become involved will be covered.

To sign up for this class, please contact:
Sherri Givens, sgivens@nashvillewpc.org.

For questions, please contact Co-chairs:
Ken Larish,
klarish@mainlandcompanies.com,

Kathleen Simcoe,
kathleenmsimcoe@gmail.com, or

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

GETCONNECTED



January 8
Women's Covenant
Group
Goodpasture Hall
11:30 AM • BYO Lunch
12:00 PM • Program

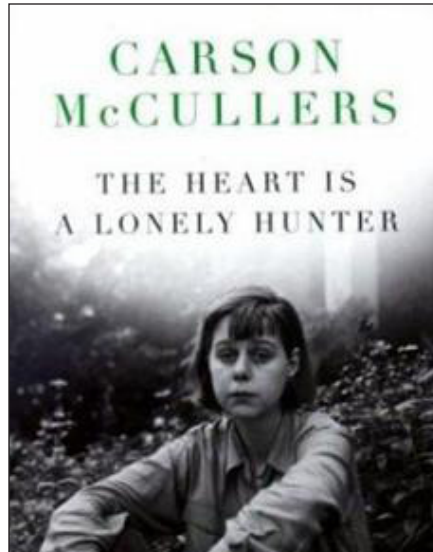
Jeannie Newton, a physical therapist from Precision Physical Therapy & Pilates (P3) will join us again to share tips for keeping our bodies healthy and functioning well. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes as we will be moving!

For more information, please contact:

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janice.b.kemp@gmail.com

Harriet Sewell
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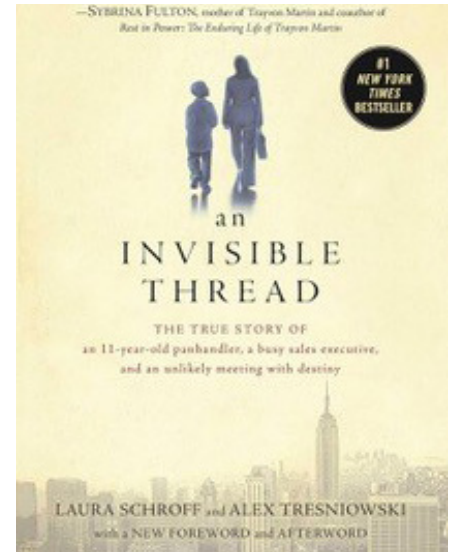
Margaret Wheeler
margaret.wheeler@att.net



January 10
Westminster Academy
6:30 PM • Overlook
Room

Professor Sue Tully Trout from Belmont will be leading us through Carson McCullers' *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*.

McCullers' debut novel was published in 1940 when she was only 23. It is about a deaf man named John Singer and the people he encounters in a 1930s mill town in the US state of Georgia.



January 23
WPC Book Group
9:30 AM • Fellowship
10:00 AM • Program
Room 10
Leader: Dr. Ann Neely

An Invisible Thread: The True Story of an 11-Year Old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski

This inspirational New York Times bestseller chronicles the lifelong friendship between a busy sales executive and a disadvantaged young boy, and how both of their lives were changed by what began as one small gesture of kindness.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



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 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)



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.

Women's Retreat 2024

Special Guest Speaker
Kate Bowler
Author of
**Have A Beautiful,
Terrible Day!**



February 9 & 10

Registration Now Open

Friday Night • 6:30 p.m.
Dinner at Linley Home
\$25

Saturday • 9:00 a.m.
Conversation with Kate
Lunch
Discussion with
Katherine Hande Smith
\$60

Both Days \$75
This includes a copy of her book.

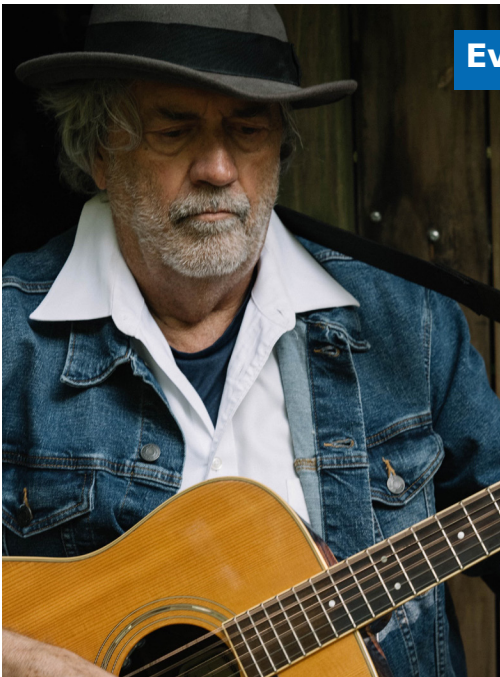
Register today at nashvillewpc.church.

CAFÉ ACTIVITIES



Tuesday - Friday
7:30 AM - Noon

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



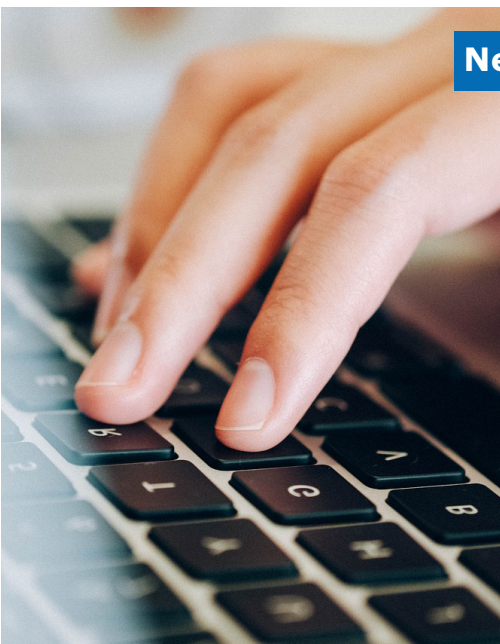
Everyone Welcome!

January 24
The Sound of Grace
4:30-5:30 PM
Westminster Café

Join us for a songwriter show in the Café featuring Dan Cook. Cook has an amazing story of what Christ has done in his life through Westminster.

Arrive around 4:00 PM to get your favorite coffee and a pastry.

Please scan the QR code to RSVP.



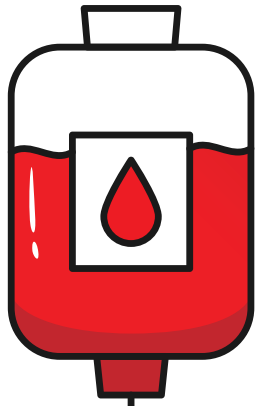
New Class Starting

Starts January 12
Telling Your Story
10:00 AM
Westminster Café

Feeling the itch to write down your memories and/or stories but not sure how to get started? We can guide you through the process! Beginners and experienced writers are all welcome!

Please scan the QR code to register.

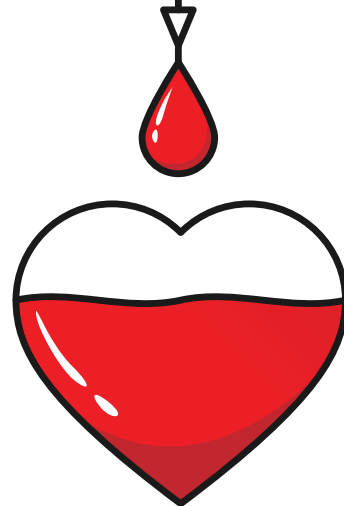




February 8
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Goodpasture Hall

GIVE
BLOOD
SAVE
LIFE

Donate Blood And
Save Lives!



Scan the QR code to register.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 7

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 12:00 PM Communion@Home Lunch
- 4:00 PM Children's Choirs
- 5:00 PM Journey with Jesus
Laudate Choir rehearsal

Monday, January 8

- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 11:30 AM Women's Covenant Group
- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 10

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Westminster Bells
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:00 PM Room In The Inn
- 6:30 PM Westminster Academy
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball
- 7:00 PM Westminster Choir

Thursday, January 11

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

Friday, January 12

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

Saturday, January 13

- 11:30 AM AA

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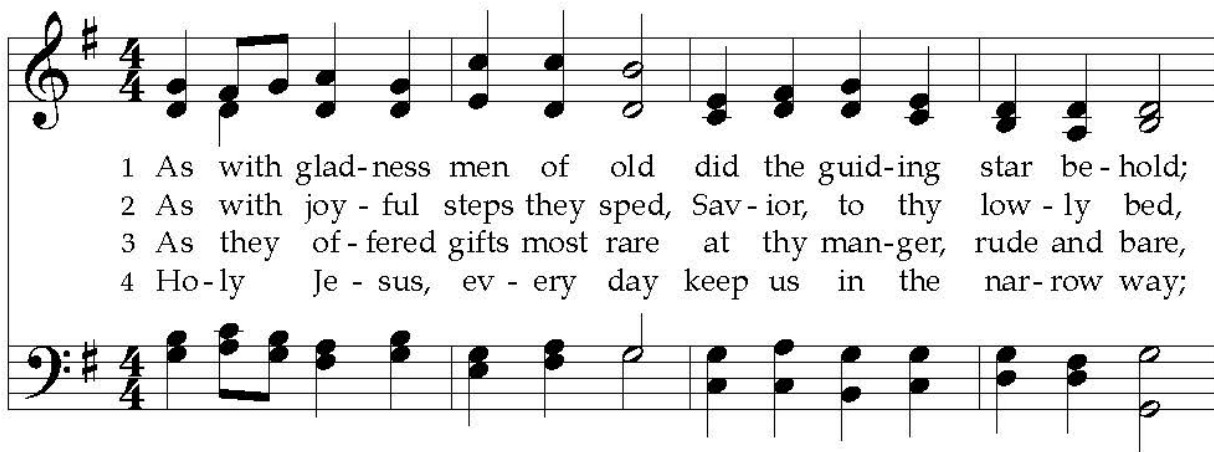
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As with Gladness Men of Old 150



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last

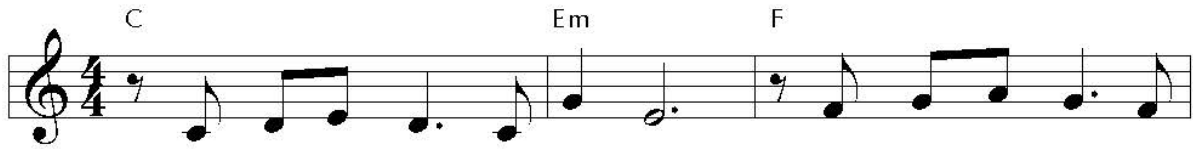


so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav-en-ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

The God of Heaven

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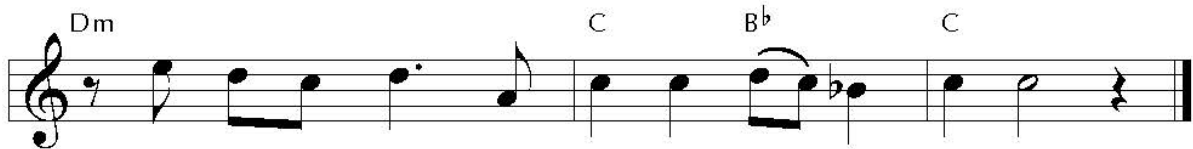
(Psalm 29)



1 The God of heav - en thun - ders, whose voice in stri - dent
2 The des - ert writhes in tem - pest; wind whips the trees to
3 The might - y God e - ter - nal is to the throne as -



ech - oes re - sounds a - bove the wa - ters,
fu - ry; the light - ning splits the for - est
cend - ed, and we who are God's peo - ple,



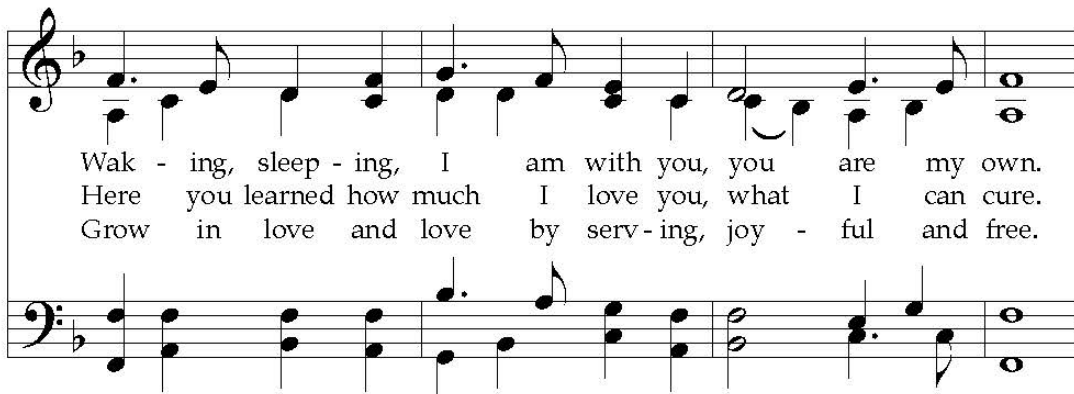
and all the world sings, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!"
and flame dif - fus - es glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!
with - in these walls cry, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!"

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

