Second Sunday after Epiphany Holy Baptism January 14, 2024

Come and See!"



GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Nicaea"

Dale Nickell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. The Lord is about to do a new thing. Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Great God, we know that Christ calls us still. Help us to recognize your voice among us and give us the strength to go where we are called, that we may learn, O God, what it means to follow with open hearts. In the name of Christ, 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 610**

AZMON

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

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 610

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his lifechanging conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting. TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739; MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Creation, we confess that we are broken. You speak to us with tender mercy, yet we fail to recognize your voice. You know everything about us, yet we pretend we do not know you. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to heed your voice of truth, to follow your way of faithfulness, and to glorify you with our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

(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!

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Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.	pours water in font, which rei us of the grace cleansing of ou	
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 Glory to God in the Highest John Weaver	Act of Praise	
(Please refer to the inside back cover of your hymnal for words and music.)	The Act of Pra brings togethe choir and cong gation to sing	
CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH	praise in respo the Assurance	

(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship pad, which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.) *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.

Hal H. Hopson 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.

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

About Psalm 139, Hymn 29

Psalm 139 is one of the most introspective and intimate of all the psalms, showing an acute mindfulness of God's presence in all aspects of one's life. Sometimes resisted, this omnipresence ultimately becomes a ground of hope, a promise that we never stray beyond God's care. TEXT and **MUSIC: Bernadette** Farrell, 1992.

The Sermon

The sermon, based on the scripture read in worship, proclaims the good news of the risen Lord and presents the gift and calling of the gospel. Through the sermon, we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the gospel to others through our words and deeds.

About Hymn 475

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it. TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758; MU-SIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Psalm 139:1-6

(Old Testament, page 577 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 139, Hymn 29 O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME (Verse 1 sung by Choir alone, verses 2-5 sung by all.)

John 1:43-51

(New Testament, page 92-93 in your pew Bible)

SERMON "You haven't seen anything yet!" Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

*HYMN 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

***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.

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.

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Did you ever see such love before? Come and see, come and see. Go in peace and sin no more! Come and see, come and see. *We believe...*

*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!

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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**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

We thank you for making us your children by water and the Spirit.Keep us faithful to you throughout our lives.We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Prayed in unison)

(Please see page 35 of your hymnal for words to this prayer.)

SENDING

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

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Fuga in G Major, BWV 541

*(Those who are able may stand.)

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.

Service in the World

J.S. Bach

Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day; we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living.

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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

Sophie Maness Executive Director of Family Ministries

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Sallie Bailey 11:00 AM Bill Christie

Presenting Elder for Baptism

8:30 AM Ron Harris 11:00 AM Roberta Rodgers

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

Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter, Penelope Maximina on January 5, 2024 to Leslie and Adolfo Velasquez. Big sister Chloe is so excited!

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Britton Nielsen for her dedication to Westminster and the Flower Guild.

Baptisms

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

Kathryn Lane, daughter of Meagan and Jackson Brasher

William Jackson, son of Meagan and Jackson Brasher

William Robert, son of Candace and Edward Reeve

Carl August V, son of Fran and Carl Grote

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

Caroline Nell, daughter of Beth and JD Mason

🔡 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, 5s, & kindergarten - Room 151

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." John 1:46

Where are the places that are void of good news?

How has your faith in Jesus moved you to see things differently?

What is the best thing about following Jesus?

🗄 TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

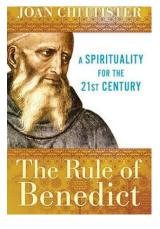
Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

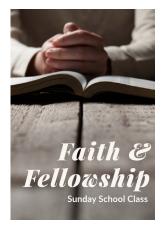
Join Rudy Kalis and a special guest who spent 41 years in prison and was just released a little over six months ago. A man who committed a terrible crime at a very young age. A man who saw the evils of Prison. A man who never thought that he would ever be able to be paroled and be back in society. But a man who God touched with his love, changed his heart, and gave him freedom. John Carter is a true redeemed man of God.

You'll be fascinated to hear from a man who amongst other things didn't even know how to use a Coke machine when he got out of prison, and never realized that we all drove so fast.



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.



Faith & Fellowship • 214

Faith and Fellowship will be starting an 8 week exploration of the 7 Letter of Paul.

We will discuss the letters individually and collectively discovering their purpose of the time, the collective themes of the letters, and what the letters/scripture say to us today.

> **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.





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

Regular Sunday School Class in the Parlor.

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

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

7th-12th Grade Join Julie Wilson to learn about the Call of Samuel (1 Samuel 3).

No Youth Group this Sunday. We'll be on the ski trip!

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

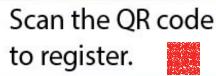
 5^{th} and 6^{th} are in room 292, upstairs on the Wilson Wing

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



Donate Blood And Save Lives!









Friends, We are humbled and grateful that our generosity campaign has reached a remarkable milestone, with 95% of our \$3.5 million goal in

pledges, totaling 445 pledges to date. Notably, approximately 80% of these pledges reflect a generous increase over last year. Your incredible generosity has brought us this far, and we express our deepest gratitude. As we navigate this journey of giving, let us recognize, and embrace the whispers of the Holy Spirit, urging us toward compassion and unity.

At this time, we are nearing the finish line, and we are prayerfully hoping for an additional 20 to 40 pledges to help us reach our ultimate goal. If you haven't pledged for 2024 yet, we invite you to join in this collective effort by making your pledge today. The Holy Spirit's influence is palpable, inspiring us to embody the spirit of generosity and support. Thank you for being an essential part of Westminster's journey. Together, let us walk this path, guided by the divine love of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ, that unite us all.

With heartfelt appreciation, Generosity Committee

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



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









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

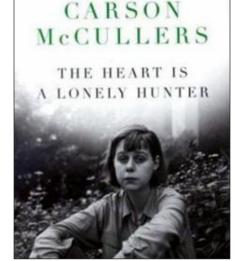
This class series is for people exploring Westminster, those feeling ready to join, and recent new members. To sign up for this class, please contact: Sherri Givens, sgivens@nashvillewpc.org.



January 17 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 рм • 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.

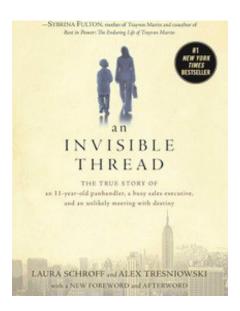




January 17 Westminster Academy 6:30 PM • Overlook Room

Professor Sue Tully Trout will lead 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 ам • Fellowship 10:00 ам • 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.





January 21 Young Adult Lunch 12:00 рм • Goodpasture Hall

If you are in your 20's or 30's, come join us as we continue to grow our Young Adult Ministry at Westminster! Monthly potlucks and Theology on Tap have continued over the course of the fall. What to plan for 2024? Come and share your ideas, meet new people, gather with old friends, and enjoy a good lunch!

Please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Sherri Givens, sgivens@nashvillewpc.org.

To learn more about Young Adult

Ministry at Westminster, please be in touch with the Co-Chairs:

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James Lawson High School Volunteers Needed To Stock Outdoor Refrigerator

Please help stock the refrigerators at James Lawson High School to provide food to students experiencing food insecurity.

Items needed: 4 dozen eggs 4 1/2 gallons of milk 4 1lb each ground beef or turkey for freezer 4 loaves of bread

Call or text Ms. Edwards (615-295-8578, shalita.edwards@mnps.org, 20 minutes before arrival to be sure she can meet you.

Please deliver food to Lawson High School (formerly Hillwood), 8001 Hwy 70 S Nashville, TN 37221.

Drop-off days and times: Mondays or Tuesdays 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Scan the QR code to register.







Tuesday - Friday 7:30 ам - Noon

Where you find that two or three are gathered... "I'm there!"



First and Third Tuesdays Note-Caring Ministry 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Do you love to make others smile with a word of hope, cheer, and encouragement? Notes and stamps provided.



January 18 Men's Coffee 10:00 AM



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.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

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7:00 ам	Daybreak Believers		
7:30 ам	Bible Study		
	Westminster Café		
9:00 am	Harvard Handbells		
Wednesday, January 17			
7:00 ам	Men's Bible Study		
7:30 ам	Westminster Café		
9:30 ам	Westminster Bells		
10:00 am	Tai Chi		
5:45 рм	Wednesday Night Dinner		
6:00 рм	Room In The Inn		
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For more information on the events listed here, please contact the church office, 615.292.5526.

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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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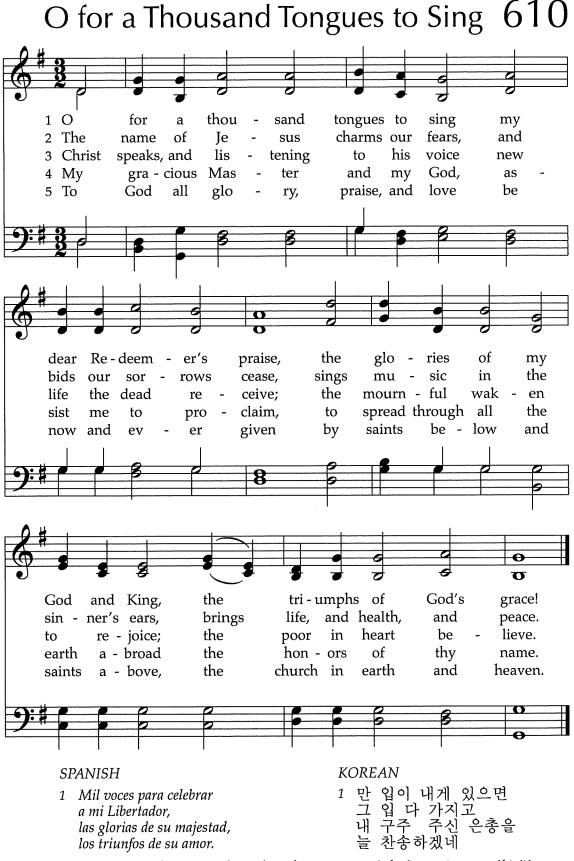
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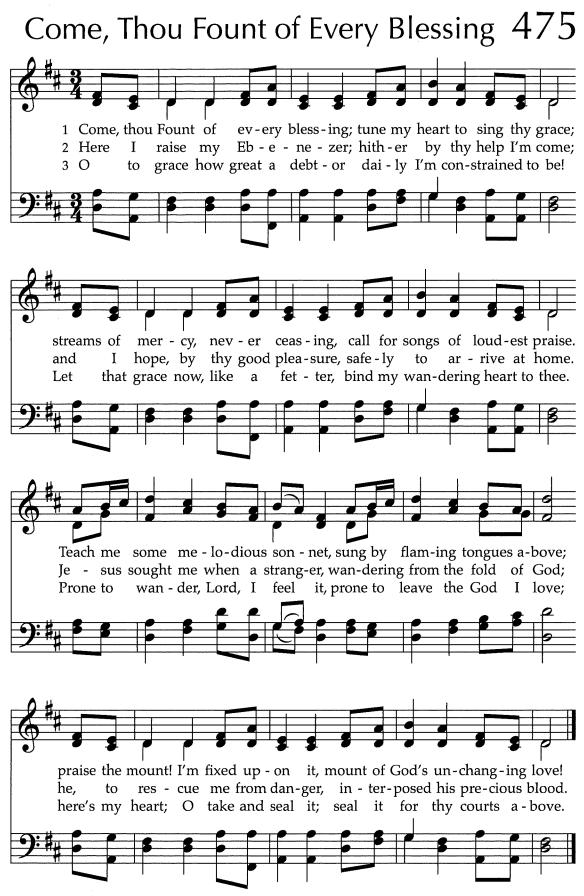
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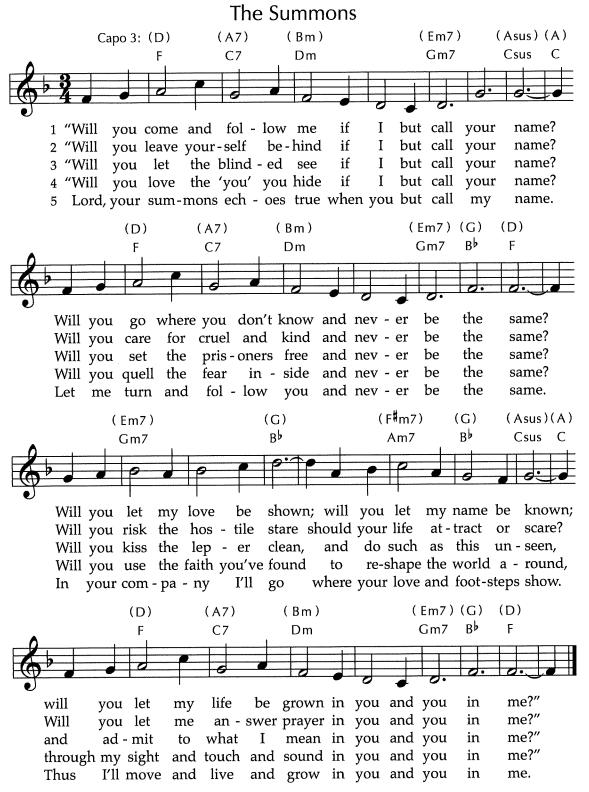
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