

The bottom line is this. We don't keep tradition because it's tradition, or because it's old, or because it's comfortable, or because we like it.

We keep tradition because it's worth doing. Because it anchors us. Because it's bigger than us. Because it reminds us that we're not alone. Because it keeps us honest. Because it helps us avoid thinking that this worship thing is all about us. Because it accepts us as we are, but expects our participation in worship and beyond. Because it lets us engage our minds with our spirit.

Because it builds up the church.

So no more tradition for tradition's sake, but for the sake of our identity and mission.

It's time to be the church on Sunday, so that we can be the church every other day.

- Anonymous (from the files of Guy D. Griffith)

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Toccata in G Major

William Hieronymous Pachelbel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life:

of whom shall I be afraid?

Hear, O, Lord, when I cry aloud,

be gracious to me and answer me!

(Psalm 27:1-2, 7)

Worship on the Lord's Day

About the Prelude

musical offering to help move the hearts

struggles of life to the worship of God.

and minds of the gathering community

from the daily

The Prelude is a

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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. 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 307

CWM RHONDDA

About Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children.

(1 John 3:2)

With the confidence of Children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.

Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

(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.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widelyknown and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Vallev in Glamorganshire. TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907.

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.

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

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.

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.

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

(Old Testament, pages 860-861 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 62:5-12, Hymn 790

MY SOUL THIRSTS

(Verse 1 sung by choir alone; verses 2 and 3 sung by all.)

Mark 1:14-20

(New Testament, page 35 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Gone Fishin"

Guy D. Griffith

"Come with me, I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you.
I'll show you how to catch men and women
instead of perch and bass." (Mark 1:17, The Message)

(A moment for meditation)

About Hymn 418

This 19th-century gospel hymn has of-

ten been used as a hymn of invitation at

ily based on Jesus'

"The Prodigal Son."

return home. TEXT

and MUSIC: Will L. Thompson, 1880.

Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to

evangelistic services. Its imagery is primar-

parable in Luke 15:11 -32, commonly called

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle,
the people of God have often misused God's promises
as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.
But in Christ the new world has already broken in
and the old can no longer be tolerated.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church and our individual lives.

Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.

Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord. (From A Declaration of Faith)

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem Dear Lord, Creator, Good and Kind C.H.H. Parry

Dear Lord, Creator, good and kind, forgive our foolish ways; Reclothe us in our rightful mind; In purer lives, Thy service find, In deeper rev'rence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, Beside the Syrian sea, The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word, Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, Till all our strivings cease:

Take from our souls the strain and stress,

And let our ordered lives confess The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe thro' the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;

Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;

Speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire,

O still small voice of calm!

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 721

This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fisherman who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others. TEXT and MUSIC: Cesáro Gabaráin, 1979.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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*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!

*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

(Singing together, see inside back cover of your hymnal for words and music.)

SENDING

*HYMN 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (Based on *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*) Robert A. Hobby

^{*(}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. Guy D. Griffith

Associate Pastor for Adult Education and
Spiritual Nurture

Liturgist

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Spencer Klavan 11:00 AM Bill Christie

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir 11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson

Director of Music Ministries

Shelia Pugh Guest Organist



Duccio di Buoninsegna The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew, 1308-1311

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in memory of
Dr. Marshall Crenshaw,
loving husband and father
by Jane, Anna Lee, Carolyn, Mattie,
Lucy, and John Franklin.

Reserve Your 2024 Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers Today!

If you would like to provide flowers for the Chancel urns in the Sanctuary or the refectory table in the Parlor during 2024, please email *Terri Eckert* at teckert@nashvillewpc.org to select your Sunday.

<u>Please note that reservations for flowers do</u> <u>not carry over from year-to-year.</u>

Arranged by members of Westminster's talented Flower Guild, this is a wonderful way to celebrate or honor your loved ones.

Here we find Jesus calling his first disciples. He approaches two fishermen at work on the Sea of Galilee: Simon, called Peter, and his brother Andrew. Their net is full when Jesus says to them: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:18).

This panel is one of the highlights of Duccio's accomplishments and likely one of the last created, displaying all the lessons learned over the years of painting the *Maestà*. The figures are sensitively human, their gestures expressive, their draperies lyrical yet describing the bodies beneath. Duccio's setting is evocative of nature, yet reminds us, with the gilded sky, that capturing the physical world is not this painter's top priority.



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



"Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." (Mark 1:17, The Message)

Have you had seasons of eager discipleship when you dropped your nets and followed? What about times when you fell asleep when Jesus needed you most?

Could it be that Simon, Andrew, James and John were happy to leave their work and follow Jesus? Are there days you wish Jesus would say: "Leave everything and follow me?"

If you aren't called to drop everything and follow Jesus, what smaller things might you be called to drop or stop in order to follow Jesus more closely or better?



Women's Retreat

Special Guest Speaker Kate Bowler

Author of Have A Beautiful, Terrible Day!



February 9 & 10

Registration Now Open Visit nashvillewpc.church

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.

GENEROSITY



We wish to extend heartfelt appreciation for the remarkable response to our generosity campaign. Witnessing so many increased pledges in answer to the call,

fills our hearts with deep gratitude and humility. Your commitment allows us to continue being the hands and feet of Jesus, sharing the transformative good news of the gospel.

Together, we are making a meaningful impact and helping Westminster remain a beacon of hope and light for years to come. It is here, at church where many of us, old and young, continue to learn more about Jesus, about His grace, about His giving, about His love. As we have grown spiritually in our hearts, we have cultivated those teachings by the acre within our community in our world.

The Holy Spirit's influence is palpable, inspiring us to embody the gifts of generosity and support. Together, we are walking this path, guided by the divine force of Jesus Christ that unites us all.

Generosity Committee:

Tom Wylly, Co-Chair Bob Hines Co-Chair

Matt Ashwood Elta Breen Kelly Christie John Halsell Jay Hardcastle Janet Kuhn

Ralph Wheeler

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

Financials

Each month, the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses.

If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact:

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Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer suzannegm58@gmail.com

Jo Ann McFarlin, Administrator jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 x231.

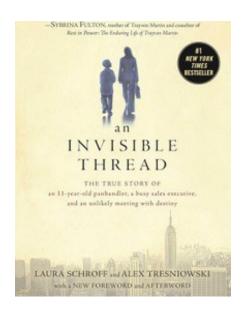
December 2023

Month Year to Date Income: \$682,099 \$3,742,180 Expense: \$596,831 \$3,610,810

Net Income (loss):

\$ 85,268 \$ 131,370

GETCONNECTED



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.

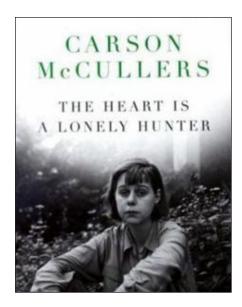


January 24 Wednesday Night Dinner

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.





January 24 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.

LIVING OUT THE WORD



Books to Read

Our faith calls us to be caretakers of our planet, but what that means, what scripture says, and how we might put our faith into action is not often clear. The Earth Care Taks Force has 2 books to suggest, aiding those who wish to learn more. The first is *Inhabiting Eden* by Dr. Patricia Tull, Professor Emeritus at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

The second is Saving Us by Katharine Hayhoe, Professor of Climate Science at Texas Tech University and a devout Christian.

The Earth Care Task Force meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM by Zoom. Contact Curtis Baysinger, cbaysinger2@gmail.com, if you want to jump on board with us.



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.

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 QR code to register.





February 8 **WPC Blood Drive** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Goodpasture Hall**

Emergency Blood Shortage

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. Your blood donation is needed now to help alleviate the shortage and ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not delayed.

Scan the QR code to register for a time slot or contact Kris Pardue, kpardue@nashvillewpc.org.







Tuesday - Friday 7:30 AM - Noon

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



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

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.





Coming to Westminster in February

The **Music Box Series** begins this February and continues through May, 2024. Programs are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month. We will gather at 11:00 AM with the program beginning at 11:15 AM. The luncheon and fellowship will follow at 12:00. Location for each program will be announced but will either be in Goodpasture Hall, Westminster Café, or the Sanctuary. Programs are open to all.

First Program: February 8 Westminster Cafe

The performing ensemble is the Songwriters Song Circle.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday,	January 21
8:30 ам	Worship
9:45 ам	Sunday School
11:00 ам	Worship
12:00 рм	Young Adult's Luncheon
4:00 рм	Children's Choir Rehearsals
5:00 рм	Journey with Jesus
	Laudate Choir Rehearsal
6:00 рм	Middle School Youth Group
6:15 рм	High School Youth Group
	January 22
11:45 ам	Centering Prayer
	January 23
7:00 AM	Daybreak Believers
7:30 ам	Bible Study
	Westminster Café
9:00 AM	Harvard Handbells
9:30 ам	Book Group
	lay, January 24
7:00 ам	Men's Bible Study
7:30 ам	Westminster Café
9:30 ам	Westminster Bells
10:00 ам	Tai Chi
4:30 рм	The Sound of Grace
5:45 рм	Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 рм	Room In The Inn
6:30 рм	Westminster Academy
7:00 PM	Men's Basketball
7:00 рм	Westminster Choir
	y, January 25
7:30 ам	Westminster Café
9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
10:00 ам	Knitting & Crocheting
	Men's Coffee
	anuary 26
7:30 ам	Westminster Café
7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
10:00 AM	Tai Chi
5:00 рм	Pickleball

Saturday, January 27

11:30 AM AA

Contacts:

If you have questions about a certain event listed on our calendar, please contact a member of our program staff.

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In Silence My Soul Thirsts 790



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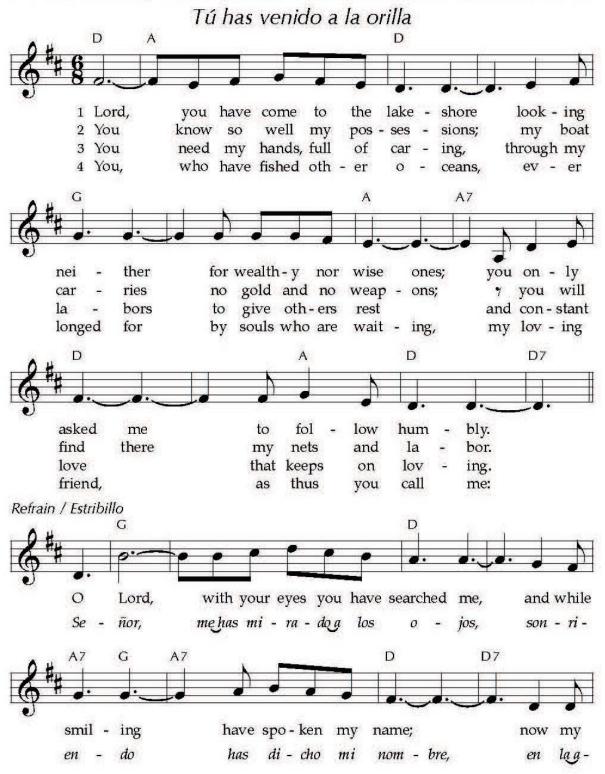
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