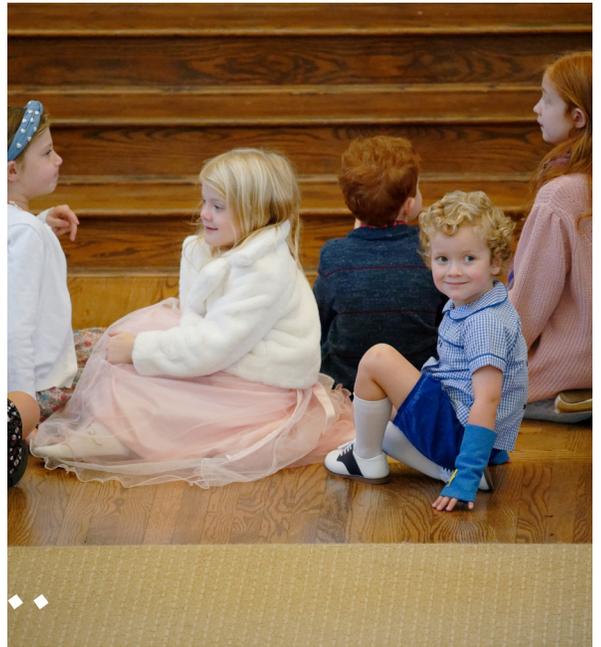


Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
January 28, 2024



What is this?  
*A new teaching..*



**LIVING OUT THE WORD**  
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# GATHERING

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

## 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 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, 1770, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787; MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979.

## PRELUDE

Sonata No. 3 in A Major, Opus 65, 1st movement

Felix Mendelssohn

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

With our whole hearts, we give God thanks.

**Great are the works of the Lord!**

We ascribe honor and majesty to God.

**God's righteousness endures forever.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**God of order and chaos,**

**we come to you with hearts and minds  
prepared to worship you in this place.**

**May your Spirit guide us**

**as we proclaim your greatness and love  
through song, prayer, and scripture. 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 263

CORONATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

**Because we have faith in him,**

**we dare to approach God with confidence.**

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Creator, we confess  
that we are broken, sinful creatures.  
You spoke to us through the prophets,  
yet we have not kept your commands.  
You give a new teaching through Jesus,  
yet we fail to obey your living Word.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Set us free from the grip of sin,  
cast out all that is evil within us,  
and bring us ever closer 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*

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. 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.

### About Psalm 111, Hymn 652

This paraphrase of Psalm 111 preserves the psalm's quality of a general list of God's praiseworthy characteristics rather than giving thanks for a particular act of deliverance. In the original text, these attributes are organized as an acrostic on the Hebrew alphabet. TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009; MUSIC: *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, 1783; harm. Edward Miller, 1790.

### About Hymn 718

Written by a 19-year old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune. TEXT: Charles William Everest, 1833; MUSIC: Attr. Freeman Lewis, 1814; harm. John Lee Hooker, 1984.

## \*ACT OF PRAISE

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker



**(The congregation sings with the choir.)**

**The Word of the Lord lasts forever.  
What is the Word that is living?  
It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead.**

## 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.**

#### **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

*(Old Testament, pages 174-175 in your pew Bible)*

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

#### **Psalm 111, Hymn 652 (all sing)**

ROCKINGHAM

#### **Mark 1:21-28**

*(New Testament, page 35 in your pew Bible)*

### SERMON

“More Than You Know”

Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*

#### **\*HYMN 718 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said**

BOURBON

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We confess that Christians today are called  
to discipleship.  
Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ  
is God's undeserved gift to each of us.  
It is also God's demand upon every one of us,  
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.  
Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,  
we strive to become more faithful and effective  
in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

*(From A Declaration of Faith)*

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

There is a Balm in Gilead Spiritual/arr. Lau

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.  
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say,  
"He died for all, He died for all."

There is a balm...

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) Ubi Caritas Maurice Duruflé

Where all charity and love are, God is always there.  
We are all gathered unto one by the Christ's love.  
Let us all rejoice and be glad in him: let us praise God!  
Let us revere and love the living God, Let us love each other  
from the depths of our heart. Amen.

### \*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!**

To GIVE, please  
scan the QR code  
below:



*Ubi caritas* is an ancient Gregorian Chant and text from about 796. French organist and composer, Maurice Duruflé, used this chant tune and text as the theme for his much-beloved gem of choral repertoire composed in 1960.



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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)*

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## 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 John Douglass  
11:00 AM Lindsay Hamilton

#### Music

8:30 AM Laudate Youth Choir  
11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson  
*Director of Music Ministries*

Shelia Pugh  
*Guest Organist*

### Sanctuary Flowers

*The flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of  
Barbara and Joe Haynes  
and Faith Young  
by their families.*

### 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](mailto: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

## 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](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

## Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service at a later time, go to [nashvillewpc.church](http://nashvillewpc.church) and scroll down to the *Worship Service Archive*. Click on the service you would like to watch.

## 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.

## 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



## Mask Policy

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



## Hearing Assistance

We offer personal FM Receivers with an ear-piece, located in the Narthex and the Welsh dresser in the Parlor. There are directions at each location.



## Large Print Hymns

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found on the Welsh dresser in the Parlor and by the window in the Narthex.



# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



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WORD**

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TRANSFORM

They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching--with authority!"

How has God surprised you?

How does Jesus show his "authority" in your life?

How do you share with others about who Jesus is?

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

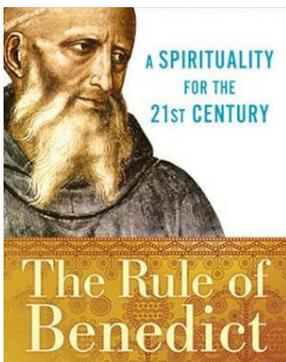
**Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM**



Enabling Opportunities for Higher Education

### **Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall**

Our series, God-Sized Dreams continues. Join Raquel Oluyemo, Executive Director of Equal Chance for Education and Vanessa Delgado, a graduate of ECE and current Program Director, as they explain what ECE is, where it is going, and how Westminster is involved.



### **The Rule of Benedict: Crafting Our Own Rule of Life Room 208**

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.



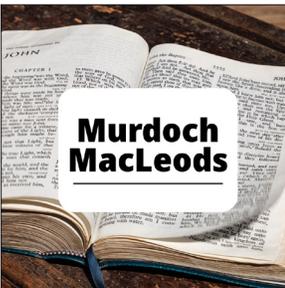
# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



## **Faith & Fellowship • 214**

Join us for an eight-week exploration of the Seven Letters 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.

For more info, please contact Donna Schwaber, [dkschwaber@gmail.com](mailto:dkschwaber@gmail.com).



## **Murdoch MacLeods • Library**

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt, [pdewitt@comcast.net](mailto:pdewitt@comcast.net).



## **Coffee & 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](mailto:fran.linley@gmail.com).



## **Young Families • Overlook Room**

Where we feel God's presence, God in Nature.

Led by Devin Childers.

For more info, please contact Krissie Self, [krissiebsself@gmail.com](mailto:krissiebsself@gmail.com).



## **Sundays, January 28 – 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](mailto:sgivens@nashvillewpc.org).



# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



## Youth Ministry

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

6:00 PM • Youth Group



## Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

2s are in room 149 | 3s are in room 161 | 4s are in room 163

Godly Play/Kindergarten 183

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> are in room 292

1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Chapel first and then will be picked up in rooms.



## Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM Children's Choirs

5:00 PM Laudate Choir



# GENEROSITY



We are pleased to announce the incredible success of our recent campaign, and it is all thanks to the remarkable generosity of you - our congregation. Together, we have not only met,

but surpassed our goal, reaching a total of \$3,534,041 from 476 households. The enthusiasm and commitment of our current elders, with 100% participation, has been truly inspiring. What's even more heartening is the increase in pledges compared to last year, with 20 first-time pledges and almost 80% of our members increasing the amount of their pledge from 2023. This outpouring of support demonstrates the strength and unity within our community. In moments like

these, words fall short in expressing our deep gratitude. As God calls and accepts us into His service, we are strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit. The light that shines from our collective efforts becomes a beacon, illuminating not only our church community but also reaching our neighbors and the wider world. 'For God said, Let Light Shine out of darkness,' and indeed, your contributions have made that light shine brilliantly. Thanks be to God.

### Generosity Committee:

- Tom Wylly, Co-Chair
- Bob Hines Co-Chair
- Matt Ashwood      Elta Breen
- Kelly Christie      John Halsell
- Jay Hardcastle      Janet Kuhn
- Ralph Wheeler



## A Conversation with Kate

February 10  
9:30 a.m.

### Special Guest Speaker Kate Bowler

Author of *Have A Beautiful, Terrible Day!*

Everyone is welcome to attend this conversation. Cost \$30.

## Women's Retreat 2024

February 9 & 10

Registration Deadline January 29



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.

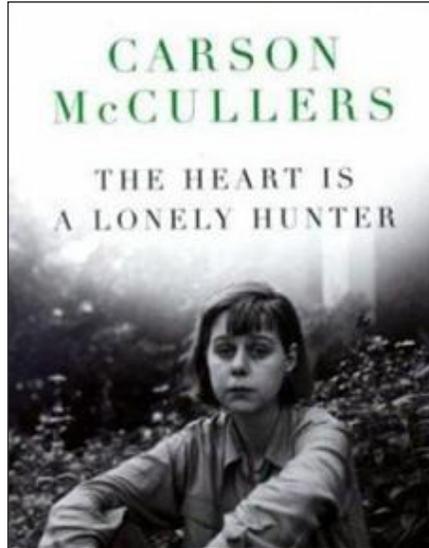


# GETCONNECTED



**January 31**  
**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 31**  
**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.



**Tuesday - Friday**  
**7:30 AM - Noon**

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

Matthew 18:19-20



# 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 Task Force has two 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kpardue@nashvillewpc.org).



# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

## Sunday, January 28

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsals
- 5:00 PM Journey with Jesus  
Laudate Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

## Monday, January 29

- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

## Tuesday, January 30

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

## Wednesday, January 31

- 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, February 1

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

## Friday, February 2

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 AM Westminster Café
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

## Saturday, February 3

- 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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For more information on the events listed here, please contact the church office, 615.292.5526.

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# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Descant*

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng 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 - sored 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 throng 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!

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# A Grateful Heart

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(Psalm 111)

1 A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of  
2 Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the  
3 With sav - ing love you set us free, and still you

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I  
poor with gen - tle hands. Your word is true, your  
dwell in mys - ter - y with wis - dom none can

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.

lift my voice: in you, O God, I will re - jice.  
works are just; in you, O God, the faith - ful trust.  
com - pre - hend. Your praise, O God, will nev - er end.

The third system concludes the piece with a final cadence in the treble staff and a sustained bass line in the bass staff.

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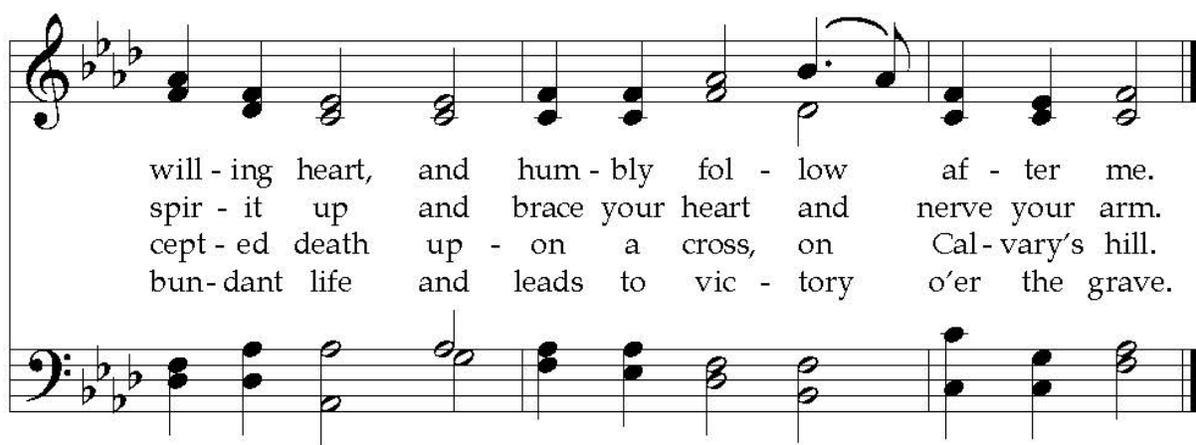
# Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718



1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if  
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill  
3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and  
4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and



you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your  
let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -  
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -



will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.





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