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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.

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 246

In 1968, Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triplearched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer. TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; MUSIC: Musica Sacra, c. 1778.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE Concerto in A Minor, Adagio, BWV 593
Antonio Vivaldi/arr. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Beloved, we are God's children now;

When Christ is revealed, we will be like him.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The time has come to worship our God.

The time has come to lift our voices in praise and our hearts in thanksgiving.

We give thanks for the life-giving and nurturing love of God. We give thanks for God, who loves us unconditionally, who loves us beyond our imagining.

Let's give thanks to God, who calls us to be disciples.

(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 246

TRURO

Christ is Alive!

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 of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer, and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(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.")

*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.)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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.

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.

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.

About Psalm 4, Hymn 776

This paraphrase of Psalm 4 speaks to us across the ages with a problem we also know: lack of sleep caused by worry and fear. Yet there is hope, because God is gracious and calms our fearful hearts, giving us the peace that allows us to find rest even in the midst of trying times. TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009; MUSIC: Thomas Tallis, c. 1567, alt.

About Hymn 629

The sweetness celebrated in this anonymous 12th-century Latin poem is not cloying or sentimental; it is more like an antidote to bitterness and a source of hope and healing. The best-known 19thcentury translation is set here to a tune composed especially for these words. TEXT: Latin hymn, 12th cent.; trans. Edward Caswall, 1849; MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1866.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Luke 24:36-48

(New Testament, page 91 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 4, Hymn 776 (vss. 1-4 sung by all) TALLIS' ORDINAL

1 John 3:1-7

(New Testament, page 240 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Be the love..."

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

*HYMN 629

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ST. AGNES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (11:00 a.m.)

(See "Profession of Faith" on page 5.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30 a.m.)

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.

Baptismal Anthem

Anthem (8:30 a.m.) Children of the Heavenly Father Eric Nelson

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil thing he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall sever; unto them his grace he showeth. Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your Protector never slumbers; at the will of your Defender ev'ry foe then must surrender.

No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home. Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

See What Love (St. Paul) Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bewstow'd on us in His goodness, yea, in His goodness, that we should be called God's own children, God's own children.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Fairest Lord Jesus Richard Shephard

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation, Jesus, of God and Mary the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour, O though my soul's delight and crown.

To GIVE, please scan the QR code:



About the Anthem

Mendelssohn was one of the first of the great 19th-century Romantic composers. "See What Love" is from his oratorio, St. Paul, that he completed quickly following his father's death; conducting its first performance in Dusseldorf, Germany in 1836. This text is from 1 John 3:1 that focuses mostly on the concept of love. Because of God's love, God not only calls us God's children, God actually makes us God's children. This passage also explains how sin, including hate, is never the result of a proper relationship with God. Christians are supposed to do more than simply "feel" love; we are to act on it, as well.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Jesus makes the saddest heart to sing.
Fairer are the flowers, Fairer still the sons of men,
In all the freshness of youth arrayed:
Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting;
My Jesus, My Jesus, will never fade.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Doxology

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

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.

Lord God,
all that we have is from your creative hand.
All that we an give away
we do through Jesus' love.
All our renewal
comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom.
May we give abundantly of our lives
giving you the glory. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Prayed in unison)

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

SENDING

*HYMN 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Concerto in A Minor, Allegro, BWV 593 Antonio Vivaldi/arr. J.S. Bach 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 295

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians. TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

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^{*(}Those who are able may stand.)

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, hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

T.J. Piccolo

Associate Director of Youth

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Christian Kurtz 11:00 AM Caroline Bryant

Presenting Elder for Baptism

8:30 AM Jim Barr

Music

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

Dr. John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thisbe and Noah Scott by the Ballew Family.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis Ruth Hines, sister of Bob Hines, by her family.

BAPTISM

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

Elizabeth Boone, daughter of Billie and Boone Lancaster.

Mask Policy

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

Hearing Assistance

We offer personal FM Receivers with an ear-piece, located in the Narthex and in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser. Instructions can be found at each location.

Large Print Hymns

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found in the Narthex at the Sanctuary entrance or in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service at a later time, go to www.nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the Worship Service Archive. Click on the service you would like to view.

Dial-a-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon will be available all week.

Childcare

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

Nursery - Room 146

Toddlers & 2s - Room 152

<u>3s, 4s, 5s and Kindergarten</u> - Room 151

Second Sunday Celebration

Need a little boost to stay awake for the 11:00 AM service? Grab a cappuccino, latte macchiato, or flat white plus a pastry in the Parlor from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.

Update Your Membership Contact Information

Visit the Membership table in the Parlor and talk with a member of the GET*connected* team to update your contact information.

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)



"They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence."

- Luke 24:42-43

When does your faith in Jesus become real?

What are ways that your faith might become real for others?

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM





Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Come and see why five members of Westminster's Living Waters team journeyed over 9,972+ miles in nine days, visiting four water installation sites in Peru-communities with whom Westminster has lasting relationships--and three additional communities in need of potable water.

Drinkable water is precious in Peru, both in the desert coastline region and in the jungle. Our Peruvian sisters and brothers experience the Word of God present in the pure water provided by Living Waters purification systems. Pastor Edson of Iglesia Peniel, in the impoverished Punchana distract, Iquitos, sees the water evangelizing people who thirst for God. Victims of the March '23 flashfloods that disabled Ica's water system, drank and knew the love of God in the life-saving waters provided by Casa Girasoles boys' home and the water filtration system provided by Westminster. Westminster's love impacts not only our church, but lives a continent away.

Presentation led by Beth and Jim Felch, Doug and Sylvia Leins and Carson Salyer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

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

How can we establish or maintain the priorities of putting God first during the stressors of exams, end of school year, and summer.

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

Faith & Fellowship ● 214

Join us for a discussion on the Letters of Paul.

For more info, please contact Donna Schwaber, dkschwaber@gmail.com.

The Rule of Benedict: Crafting Our Own Rule of Life • 208

For more info, please contact Will Wellman, wwellman@ nashvillewpc.org.

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt, pdewitt@comcast.net.

Young Families • Overlook Room

For more info, please contact Krissie Self, krissiebself@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry

Sunday School 7th - 12th grade 9:45 AM Koinonia Youth Café

6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group Koinonia Youth Café

6:15 PM High School Youth Group Taco Rio Del Sol with Sophie

Youth & Children Choirs

4:00 рм Music Camp Rehearsal

5:00 PMLaudatate Choir Rehearsal

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 in 183

5th and 6th in room 292

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School



Fifth and sixth grade parents and children will gather together during Sunday School with Sophie and T.J. to talk about next year.

Honoring Our Baptismal Vows: Teaching and Shepherding Next Year We are in need of teachers and shepherds for 2024 – 2025

The commitment is for one school year, August – May. We have teams for every class so there is room for adults to be flexible around travel and family.

Material, training, and support are all provided. We would love to have

you on one of our teams!! It is a great way to get to know and love our children, and get to know and love some other adults in our church.

Our children are wonderful theologians and have a great sense of humor! Come make your week brighter by nurturing the faith of another. Your faith will be strengthened as well.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Sophie Maness, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.



In Town Adventure

Rising fourth - sixth grades can join us for an in-town adventure and service June 24 - 27, 2024!

Kids may sign up for one



day, multiple days, or all four days, whatever fits your schedule. The cost for all four days is \$150. The cost per day is \$45.

We will have some outdoor adventures, do



some hiking, go to a water park, and do some service projects as well.

Please let Sophie Maness, smaness@nashvillewpc.org, know if you are interested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



April 23, 2024 WPC Book Group 9:30 AM ● Fellowship 10:00 AM ● Program Location: Room 10

Leader: Stephanie Boaz, Parish Associate

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.

A novel by Mark Haddon.

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow. This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years.

- Goodreads

Our Westminster Book Group, with a history dating back to the 1970's, needs new leadership for the September 2024 through May 2025 season. Speakers choose their own book to share and the schedule easily falls in place. Please consider volunteering!

Contact Carolyn Harris at 615-720-6486 for more information.

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:

Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair mkoban@prodigy.net

Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer suzannegm58@gmail.com

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

March 2024	
Month	Year to Date
Income: \$344,223 Expense: <u>\$371,041</u>	\$1,358,796 \$ 888,770
Net Income (loss): \$(26,817)	\$ 470,026

JOY IN LEARNING



Nations Ministry is looking for folks to help with their high schoolers in a variety of opportunities.

Are you free for a day or two? Dates: June 10 - July 12

Location: Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 5112 Raywood Lane

Would you be willing to lead or help in a small group or meet one-on-one with a student in a topic below? We will work with you on scheduling!

Nations Ministry Center helps refugees in Nashville and Middle Tennessee become generationally self-sufficient through youth programs, immigration services, and life skills and literacy programs as well as programs for the Elders.

To learn more about Nations Ministry, please scan the QR code below.



Gardening Basics: Preparing the Soil

Gardening Basics: What and How to Plant

Communication in the Workplace

Public Speaking & Presenting

Mental Health & Self-care

Conflict Resolution

Professionalism (discussing things like dress code, timeliness, conduct, etc.)

We also would like to recruit people to work with students one-on-one to create a resume and practice interview skills.

Another one-on-one opportunity would be "life coach" mentoring. Where a community volunteer

meets with a high school student to answer questions and give advice.

If interested, please scan the QR code below.



E CAFÉ ACTIVITIES



Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon

Be our guest! Park in the north entrance parking lot by the blue outdoor umbrella. Enjoy specialized coffee, various teas, and cold drinks along with homemade yummies. We have new high chairs for our littlest guests!

Volunteer

Tuesday - Friday



April 23, 24

Interested in helping in the Cafe this summer? We are offering training days on 4/23 and 4/24 either at 7:30-10:00 AM (opening) or 10:00 AM -12:30 PM (closing). We would love to have you join this fun ministry!

If interested or for more info, please scan the QR code below.



Thursdays



10:00 AM - Noon Songwriters Song Circle

If you are a songwriter or just want to listen, you are welcome!

Making Cards

April 26, May 3



9:00 - 11:00 AM Come and Go Schedule

Make someone's day a little brighter by creating a handmade Mother's Day card for a mom at the Martha O'Bryan Center!

We will have supplies for the cards.

Please let us know if you can join us. Scan QR code.





MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Plant A Tree

The Earth Care Task Force will sponsor a tree pick-up at Westminster in partnership with Green Interchange.

Scan the QR code by April 14 to purchase a tree for a nominal donation of \$1.99 and pick them up in the morning on Saturday, April 20.







Learn How to Help

April 24 • 10:30-11:30 AM **Learn More about Crowded Table**

Join us in the Café as we learn more about Crowded Table. Crowded Table partners local churches with foster families and



caseworkers. Scan the QR code to let us know you are coming.

Save the Date

May 4 **FaithWorks**

Please join us for our annual day of service where we go out as a whole church into the community to serve. All ages and stages are welcome.

Registration will be available online and in the Parlor by April 21.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 14

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

4:00 рм Music Camp Rehearsal

5:00 PM Laudate Rehearsal

6:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, April 15

10:00 ам Таі Chi

11:45 ам Centering Prayer

5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 AM Daybreak Believers

7:30 AM Bible Study

Westminster Café

9:00 AM Harvard Handbells

Wednesday, April 17

7:00 ам Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:30 AM Westminster Bells

10:00 ам Таі Chi

7:00 PM Men's Basketball

7:00 PM Westminster Choir

Thursday, April 18

7:30 AM Westminster Café

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

Friday, April 19

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

7:30 AM Westminster Café

10:00 ам Таі Chi

5:00 рм Pickleball

Saturday, April 20

11:30 AM AA

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

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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Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 629



