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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 366

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song. TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747; MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

This Joyful Eastertide

Sondra Tucker

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Douglas Wagner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For the Lord is our God; we are the Lord's people, the flock that God shepherds.

(Psalm 95:6-7)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high.

Be glorified anew

in the love we have for one another as disciples and the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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 366

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CALL TO CONFESSION

In raising Jesus from the dead God shattered the power of sin and death.

All the prophets testify

that everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness of sin through his name.

(Acts 10:43)

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.

You love us with an everlasting love.
We profess our love for you,
and yet we fail to love one another.
You show compassion,
but we persist in judging others.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen 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.

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. 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.

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 Hymn 631

This text is based on the affirmative later parts of Psalm 22 (especially verses 3, 22-28) has an unusual structure, with alternating lines of stanza and refrain. It also has an uncommon history, as the first stanza was written in New Zealand and the remaining stanzas in Canada. TEXT: Stanza 1, Brent Sinclair Chambers, 1977; stanzas 2-3, Bert Polman, 1986; MUSIC: Brent Sinclair Chambers, 1977.

*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.

I John 4:18-21

(New Testament, see page 241 in your pew Bible.)

Psalm 22:25-31, Hymn 631, All sing

CELEBRATION

Acts 8:26-40

(New Testament, page 127 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"What's not to love?"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (See page 17 of your hymnal.)

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Presentation of Elders

Constitutional Questions

To the Elders-elect To the Congregation

The Laying On of Hands

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

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 God, we give you thanks for your steadfast faithfulness to us...

Gracious God, through the waters of baptism, you have claimed us as your own and called us to share in Christ's ministry.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may discern the gifts you have given, calling them forth from one another, and together use these gifts for the good of all.

In obedience to Christ, and in the unity of his Spirit, may we proclaim good news, make disciples, be light and leaven, share our bread, offer a cup of cold water, and wash one another's feet.

Make us strong in Christ to live as your people and show forth your saving love in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome

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

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

God So Loved the World Aaron David Miller

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that ev'ryone who believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life....

For God sent not his Son to the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved....

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that ev'ryone who believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Amen, amen, amen, amen, God so loved the world.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Let Us Love In Deed and Truth

Larry King

If anyone has the world's goods, and sees his neighbor in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

Let us not love in word or speech,
but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth:
we have confidence before our God,
and we receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments,
and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another.

God So Loved the World

This present-day setting of John 3:16 by Aaron David Miller has become a lovely addition to sacred choral repertoire since its first publication in 2008. The text is set to a flourishing two-part, mixed-voice arrangement, and a beautiful "Amen" closes the anthem with peacefulness and beauty. Miller is a highly-respected organist best known for his exceptional improvisational skills. His orchestral works have been performed by such ensembles as the Seattle Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Zurich Symphony, and St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. He is Director of Music and Organist for House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, MN.

*DOXOLOGY

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Doxology

Praver of

Thanksgiving

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

God's grace elicits our

heartfelt gratitude. We respond to the good

news of forgiveness with joyful accla-

mations of praise!

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!

*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.

God of heaven and earth, by your Spirit, may we hear your voice calling us to love one another as you have loved us. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please see page 34 of your hymnal for text to this prayer.)

SENDING

***HYMN 300** We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in C Major

Johann Ludwig Krebs

About Hymn 300

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day. TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

Ordination and Installation of Elders, Class of 2027

8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Elders to be ordained and installed: Elders to be ordained and installed:

Mollie Brookshire
Susan Isaacs
David Wyatt
Jamie Capps
Mark Hardison
Krissie Self

Elders to be installed: <u>Elders to be installed</u>:

Christie Elizabeth Ball

Bill Christie
Hugh Harvey
Bob Hines
Keith Maddin
Scott Portis

^{*(}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

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Tom Wylly 11:00 AM Spencer Klavan

Music

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

Dr. John Semingson Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

SANCTUARY AND PARLOR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Kelly Christie from her Lattes and Laughter girls.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles William Cherry, Sr. by his family.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eva Fornady Hodgson by the Hodgson and Anton families.

Thank you to the Class of 2024 for your service on the Session!

James Boswell
Kim Crafton
Luke Gebhard
Ron Harris
Moe Hill
Deb Hudson

Janet Kuhn
Leighton Liles
Fran Linley
Denise Linn
Harriet Sewell
David Thombs

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

3s, 4s, 5s and Kindergarten -Room 151

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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)







"The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also." I John 4:21

Of all the things you need to do, where do you place God's commandment on the list?	
The hardest people to love in my life are	
How do you know God loves you?	

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

The Global Work of Christ: Surprising New Mission Opportunities

In his wildest dreams, Mark would have never have imagined The Outreach Foundation would be invited to work in central Asia, the Arab Peninsula and China. God has recently opened a door, and we would invite you to join us in this new work.

During Sunday school hour, Mark will update you on areas where you have expressed an interest in the past. In addition, he will



provide updates on Ukraine, Cuba, Turkey and Mexico as he has recently returned from these countries.



Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

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

Final Sunday School for youth and us. This is our final meeting in the parlor for this school year.

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.

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

The Resurrection means everything: Reflections from Lent through Easter after a tragedy.
Led by Chad Folk.

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

The Rule of Robotics

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

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

Youth Ministry

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

FINAL Youth Group 7th - 12th grade 6:00 - 7:00 PM Koinonia Youth Café

Join us for the endof-the-year party. Complete with fun inflatables and good food and a yummy ice cream truck.

Youth & Children Choirs

4:00 PM
Music Camp Rehearsal
TinTinnabulation

5:00 PM Laudatate 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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our volunteer teachers, shepherds and class coordinators in Childrens and Adult Ministry.

We so appreciate you taking seriously nurturing the faith of another. Each of you has helped your class or group grow closer to each other and to God.

Thank you for sharing your energy, faith, imagination, love, and humor with us all! If you see these folks, please thank them!

Children's Ministry

Leslie Grote Raquel Oluyemo Kit MacLeod Camille Chaffin Susan Isaacs Myra Leathers Liz Story Katie Ann McCanless Pam Koban Frank Wade Barbie Draughn Dorothy Kaminski Claiborne Ralph Lisa Woolev Beth O'Shea Kimberly Dillard Deb McCarley Claire and Andy Kramer Thomas and Betsy Bernstein

Amanda Fend Emily Maggart Crissy Cassetty Walker Choppin Lee Ballew Arren Beach Mark Hardison Baxter Lee Brent Pennington David Simcox Jarron Springer Ellie Keiper Courtney Robers Shelby Bailey Catie Lee Kathleen Simcoe Beville Dunkerley Jennifer Caver Jennie Rebecca Springer Holly Conner

Adult Education

Melinda Coles
Susan Weathersby
Stephanie Boaz
Steven Reed
Michael Renwick
Fran Linley
Eli Richardson
Paul DeWitt
Will Wellman
Bill Christie
Kelly Christie

Class Coordinators: Krissie Self Leigh Adams Kelly Smith Sharon Warfield Susan Isaacs

The men and women who have helped support the Youth Ministry this year will be highlighted in next week's bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



In Town Adventure

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

Kids may sign ויי 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.

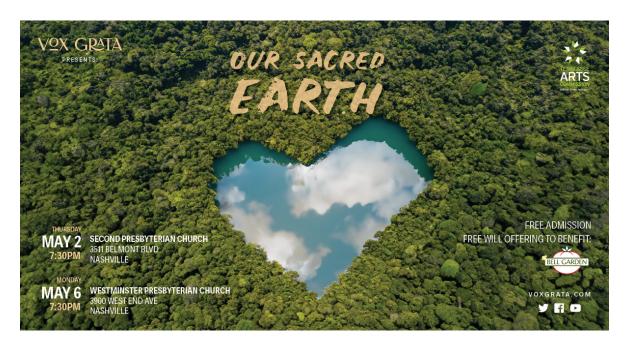


Coming to Westminster Music Box in May Westminster Bells Spring Program "Songs We Love to Sing and Ring"

Thursday May 9, 2024 – Goodpasture Hall Gather at 11:00 AM – Program followed by Box Lunch

The Westminster Bell Choir will perform three pieces familiar to all that we "Love to Ring" and will be joined by Director of Music Ministries, John Semingson, and Flutist, Jane Kirchner, for a group sing along of "Songs We Love to Sing." Everyone will be involved.

Plus, our very own handbell choir member, Audrey Campbell will recite one of her wonderful original poems appropriate for the occasion. Please join us. It will be FUN! Please call the church office by Monday, May 6 to make reservations for the Box Lunch or email Sherri Givens, sgivens@nashvillewpc.org.



Vox Grata
Women's Choir presents
"Our Sacred Earth"

Thursday, May 2, 7:30 PM at Second Presbyterian Church

Monday, May 6, 7:30 рм at Westminster Presbyterian Church

This program will include works that celebrate our beautiful earth. The concert will conclude with a Call to Action. Both concerts are free and open to the public.

A free-will offering will benefit Bell Garden, a hybrid school and community garden in Bellevue. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Bell Garden offers garden-based service, education, volunteerism and food distribution to those in need.

Both concerts will be live streamed. For more information or for live stream links, please visit www.voxgrata.com.

JOY IN LEARNING

June 10 - July 12
Nations Ministry is searching for folks interested in gardening, resume writing, public speaking, financial literacy and other opportunities! Small group or one-on-one setting. To learn more and to register, please scan the QR code or visit westminsterjoy.org.





June 9
Ice Cream Social

Homemade Ice Cream Social for All Ages!

More info to come!



Gearing Up for Fall

We Want to Know Your Interests! Do you have a special skill you would like to share with others? Or is there something you would like to learn? We might be able to open up an opportunity for you!

Please scan the QR code to indicate your interest.





Telling Your Story

The latest booklet from the Telling Your Story class and the April Joy in Learning newsletter are now available around the church!

To subscribe to the online newsletter, go to westminsterjoy.org.

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!

Westminster Café

Tuesday - Friday



Working from home? Need a change of pace? Check out the Cafe!

- Great Space to work
- Good coffee, goodies
- Multiple outlets
- Free Wifi
- Three breakout rooms for privacy (for zoom or conference calls)
- Open to the community
- Under 12 small group meetings

The Café is open from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Songwriters' Circle

Thursdays



10:00 AM - Noon Songwriters Song Circle

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

Chess Anyone?

Fridays



We would love to start chess games on Fridays from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM.

Let us know if you are interested in this idea!

Please contact Beth Drake, beth@westminsterjoy.org.



Community Event

May 4 **FaithWorks REGISTER TODAY**

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.



Please scan the QR code to register. Visit the Parlor table to check out the opportunities.





May 4 Matthew 25

Every day, Matthew 25 helps empower homeless veterans and men to achieve stability, obtain employment and secure permanent, sustainable housing.

Each spring, we offer an easy way to advocate for our ministry and support our men. Join us for our third annual Walk in the Woods on May 4! This fun and casual event allows you to personally connect with our staff and men, while also introducing you to like-minded supporters of our cause.



366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



APRIL 28, 2024



We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



- 1 We are one in the Spir-it; we are one in the Lord;
- 2 We will walk with each oth-er; we will walk hand in hand;
- 3 We will work with each oth-er; we will work side by side;
- 4 All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



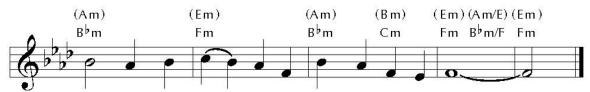
in the Spir - it; we one we are one the Lord, are we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand, we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side, to Christ Je - sus, God's and all praise on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored: and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land: and we'll guard hu-man dig - ni - ty and save hu-man pride: and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.