



Trinity Sunday  
· May 26, 2024

## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

Symphonie V - Adagio Charles-Marie Widor

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
**the earth is full of the glory of God.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Spirit of the Living God,  
you tell us that we are your children,  
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.  
Let us not take our inheritance for granted  
or hold too tightly to our understanding  
of who we are.  
For you are wild like the wind,  
loving whom you choose with reckless generosity.  
You call us to abandon fear  
and to receive a new family  
made up of all people and all creation.  
Teach us to love as you love, wild and free,  
through Jesus Christ. 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 1

NICEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

#### *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.

#### *About Hymn 1*

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.  
TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827; MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**But if we confess our sins,  
God, who is faithful and just,  
will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:8-9)

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy triune God, we confess  
that we have not lived for your glory.  
You came to love and save the world,  
but we condemn others in your name.  
You send us out to tell good news,  
but we hide from our calling in fear.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Give us new life in your Spirit  
so that we may serve you faithfully  
and live as your beloved children;  
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.

### 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 29, Hymn 259

This rather telegraphic paraphrase of Psalm 29 effectively conveys the psalm's recurring contrast between the mighty voice of God heard in thunder and tempest and the awestruck response of creation. Above this tumult, God reigns in peace, and the people of God sing praise. TEXT: Michael Perry, 1973; MUSIC: Norman L. Warren, 1973.

### About Hymn 282

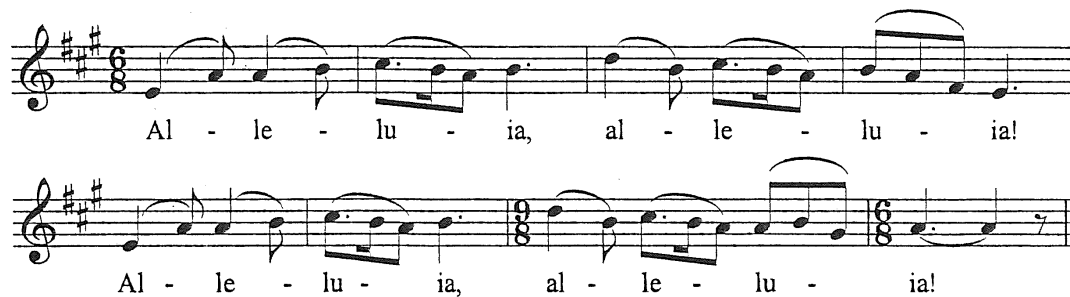
This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th-century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*. TEXT: Bianco da Siena, c. 1367; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

## \*ACT OF PRAISE

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker

*(The congregation sings the Refrain 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.**

#### John 3:1-17

*(New Testament, pages 93-94 in your pew Bible)*

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

#### Psalm 29, Hymn 259 *(all sing)*

GLORY

#### Isaiah 6:1-8

*(Old Testament, pages 635-636 in your pew Bible)*

### SERMON

"We need to talk."

Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*

### \*HYMN 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### The Apostles' Creed

*(Please see page 17 in the front of your hymnal  
for the text of the creed.)*

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

Anthem

Credo (Gospel Mass)

Robert Ray

I believe in God the Father Almighty.  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost.  
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffer'd under Pontius Pilate,  
crucified, died and was buried, He descended into hell.

On the third day He arose.  
He ascended to heaven, from death He was set free.  
Now He sits at the right hand and He's waitin' for you and me.  
He will judge all the world. He will judge you and me.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit and the Holy catholic church.  
I believe Lord in one baptism for  
the remission of sin and re-birth.

I believe in the resurrection and  
the communion of saints in this world.  
I believe when my life is over  
I'm going home just to live with my God.  
I believe in God and in the Holy Ghost.  
I believe in God.

### \*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!**

### *Affirmation of Faith*

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

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### *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!

**\*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.**

**Gracious God,**

**you supply us with blessings beyond our deserving.**

**We thank you for your creation**

**and every sign of your presence within it,**

**for your everlasting grace and forgiveness,**

**for the risen Lord, who has gone before us**

**and calls us to follow him.**

**We thank and praise you, O Lord our God. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 536** Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578

J.S. Bach

*\*(Those who are able may stand.)*

*About Hymn 536*

The second line of the first stanza shows that this hymn is meant for use in the context of the Lord's Supper, but the last stanza further clarifies its special purpose as a sending hymn celebrating the values guiding the work of the church in the world: service, courage, mercy. TEXT: Susan Palo Cherwien, 1997; MUSIC: Timothy J. Strand, 1997.

*About the Postlude*

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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## 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](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org) or 615.292.5526.

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## Today @ Westminster

### Worship Leaders

#### Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake  
*Pastor and Head of Staff*

#### Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith  
*Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture*

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM John Douglass  
11:00 AM Bill Christie

#### Music

Vineecia Buchanan, soloist  
Marcus Finnie, percussion  
Frank Fish, bass

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

Dr. John Semingson  
*Director of Music Ministries*

Dale Nickell  
*Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries*

### FLOWER DEDICATION

*The flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the glory of God  
and in gratitude for our many blessings  
by Beth and Jim Felch.*

*The flowers in the Parlor  
are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
William Melville Doak  
by his family.*

### ABOUT TRINITY SUNDAY

*Trinity Sunday* celebrates the nature and mission of the triune God—an identity and purpose we share as those who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is a fitting summation of the first half of the Christian year, as we have remembered the saving promise of God through history (in Advent and Christmas), proclaimed the mystery of faith in the crucified and risen Lord (in Lent and Easter), and witnessed the transforming work of the Spirit in the world (at Pentecost). We may also say that every Sunday is Trinity Sunday, as on the first day of the week the Lord God began creation, Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the church.

### 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](http://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 - Room 151

### Copyright Information

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### Our Mission

*Ordinary people testifying to the  
extraordinary light  
found in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

*(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)*



# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



LOVE  
RECONCILE  
SHINE  
TRANSFORM

*"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple."  
Isaiah 6:1*

Compare and contrast Isaiah 6: 1-8 with John 3:1-17. How are the meetings with God in these two stories similar and different?

What ingredients would you need to claim that an experience was of God?

How does God show authority in your life?

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

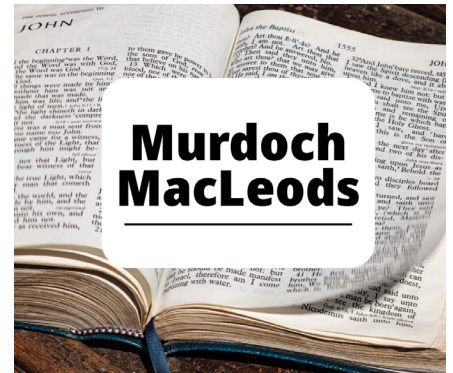
Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



**Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall**  
Led by Guy Griffith



**Faith & Fellowship • 214**  
**Examining Spiritual Gifts**  
An examination of three key texts (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 1 Peter 4:10-11) will help us see God's design regarding His gifts.



**Murdoch MacLeods • Library**  
We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.  
For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt, pdewitt@comcast.net.





# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Youth Ministry

Youth Sunday School is taking a break for the Memorial Day holiday.

In June, we'll start meeting at Panera Bread for Sunday School.

Yum yum!

## Children's Ministry

**Children's Sunday School is taking a break for the Memorial Day holiday.**

Childcare is available.

Summer Sunday School begins June 2.

Rising 1st - 5th in movies and conversation.

Pre-school - 2, 3, 4, and 5s together in one class.

June 9 - Music Camp Performance in Fellowship Hall.

June 16, 23 and 30 - Summer Sunday School.



**Would you like to spend some quality time with our children? Now is your chance to meet some new friends.**

We are looking for some folks to help us lead our Summer Sunday School classes. Everything you need will be in the room.

For more info, please email Sophie Maness, [smaness@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:smaness@nashvillewpc.org).



To register to be a summer leader, please scan the QR code.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**June 6 • 9:30 AM**  
**Summer Book Study**  
**Goodpasture Hall**

During past summer months Guy has facilitated a book study in the slot of the Thursday Women's Bible Study. This summer we will continue the practice, but Guy will be joined by Parish Associates Stephanie Boaz and Will Wellman in leading our study of *Jesus and the Powers: Christian Political Witness in an Age of Totalitarian Terror and Dysfunctional Democracies* by N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird.

For additional info or questions, please contact Guy, [ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org), Stephanie Boaz, [sboaz@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:sboaz@nashvillewpc.org), or Will Wellman, [wwellman@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:wwellman@nashvillewpc.org).

**May 28**  
**Westminster Book Group**  
**9:30 AM • Fellowship**  
**10:00 AM • Program**  
**Goodpasture Hall**

Leader: Will Wellman,  
Parish Associate

*Laurus* by Eugene Vodolazkin

Love, faith, and a quest for atonement are the driving themes of an epic, prizewinning Russian novel that, while set in the medieval era, takes a contemporary look at the meaning of time.

**June 2**  
**Holland and Belgium**  
**Trip Meeting**  
**12:15 PM**  
**Overlook Room**

Learn more about this fabulous trip.

**June 9**  
**Music Camp Presents:**  
***Moses and the Freedom***  
***Fanatics***  
**9:45 AM Fellowship Hall**

The performance is the culmination of the kids' participation in Music Camp. All are invited to attend this performance.

**July 14**  
**Rise Against Hunger**  
**3:00 PM**  
**Koinonia Youth Café**

Mark your calendars for our annual event where we pack 10,000 meals.



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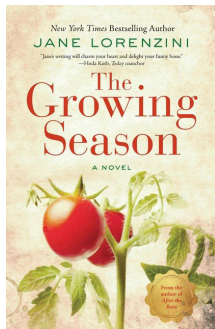


**June 9**  
**Homemade Ice Cream Social**  
**2:00 - 4:00 PM**  
**Westminster Café**

All ages welcome. Learn how to support Preston Taylor Ministries this summer with a lemonAID stand.



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**June 14**  
**Authors Roundtable**  
**10:00 AM - Noon**  
**Westminster Café**

*New York Times* Best-Selling Author Jane Lorenzini will discuss *The Growing Season*. We will also introduce Sam

Owen, author of *Old Times Not Forgotten: As Told by a Son of the South*.



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**Fridays**  
**Chess**  
**10:00 AM to Noon**  
**Westminster Café**

Beginners and advanced players are welcome.



Please scan the QR code to register.

**June 4, 11, 18, 25**  
**Songwriting Class**  
**10:00 AM to Noon**  
**Westminster Café**  
**No fee**

*The Craft of a Nashville Songwriter*



Please scan the QR code to register.

**June 18, 20, 25**  
**Sewing Pillowcases with PTM**  
**9:30 - 11:30 AM**  
**Westminster's Sewing Room**

We're recruiting "sewing buddies" to work one-on-one with PTM girls to create pillowcases. For more details contact: Janet Kuhn, [janetkuhn@mac.com](mailto:janetkuhn@mac.com) or Marilyn Cornish, [gkcmhs@msn.com](mailto:gkcmhs@msn.com).

Joy in Learning  
Westminster Café

For more information on these events and much more, please visit [westminsterjoy.org](http://westminsterjoy.org) or call the office, 615-292-5526. To subscribe to the Joy in Learning newsletter, please email Beth Drake, [beth@westminsterjoy.org](mailto:beth@westminsterjoy.org).

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

## Sunday, May 26

8:30 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship

## Monday, May 27

- Church Campus Closed -

## Tuesday, May 28

7:30 AM Bible Study  
8:00 AM Westminster Café  
9:30 AM Westminster Book Group

## Wednesday, May 29

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
8:00 AM Westminster Café  
7:00 PM Men's Basketball  
7:00 PM Westminster Choir

## Thursday, May 30

8:00 AM Westminster Café  
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study  
10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

## Friday, May 31

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
8:00 AM Westminster Café  
5:00 PM Pickleball

## Saturday, June 1

11:30 AM AA

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

Starting May 31, the church office will begin summer hours.

On Fridays, the office will be open from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM.



**June 2**

**All-Church Picnic**

**12:15 PM**

**North Parking Lot**

- Great Food
- Lots of Games
- Meet and Greet Friends

***Everyone is welcome to attend!***

Our menu is from Martin's Barbeque. There will be pulled pork, chicken fingers, broccoli salad, mac and cheese, baked beans and slaw, with chocolate chip cookies for dessert.

The cost is \$9 per adult, \$5 for children ages 3 – 12, under 3 eat free, a family max of \$25.

Indoor and outdoor seating will be available.



Please scan the QR code to make your reservations.



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