

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. In this contemplative piece, Messiaen represents the drops of Christ's blood with a staccato theme in the pedals, played with a distinct timbre that is the result of the specified combination of stops at various pitches.

About Hymn 409

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, TX, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi association. TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979; MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Le Banquet Céleste (The Heavenly Banquet)
Olivier Messiaen

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them." (*John 6:56*)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 a.m.)

Morokeni (Welcome Song)

arr. Bernard Kruger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The God who answers in a day of trouble is among us, and behold, it is very good!

The God who lights a candle during the night is here, and, behold, it is very good!

Hearts, rejoice! For peace has triumphed over trouble, and morning has broken eternal night!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world.

Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity through his life, death, and resurrection - the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. 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 409

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God Is Here!

CALL TO CONFESSION

We hold the treasures of heaven in clay jars.

The gifts of God are defaced by our poor choices, by our self-serving desires, by our willful disobedience.

We become enslaved to habits that destroy.

We become addicted to activities

that waste our time and energies.

We need to seek forgiveness and a better way.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
help us know ourselves as we are,
and set before us a vision of what life could be
if we followed your law.
We admit our short-sighted views.

We act in ways that meet our immediate interests without considering the long-term results.

We ignore your Word as if it were unimportant.

We flee from your presence in doubt and rebellion.

O God, we cannot escape you here.

We want the life you offer in Jesus Christ.

Forgive and help us, we pray. 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.

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

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and vowing forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

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.

Prayer for Illumination

This prayer calls on the

Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming,

illumination of the Spirit

and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the

is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

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.

*ACT OF PRAISE (8:30 a.m.)

(Hymn 513) FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Refrain.

 $(11:00 \ a.m.)$

Shout Joyfully

Earline Rentz

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.

Isaiah 60:1-3

(Old Testament, page 690 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Allen Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me,
You know ev'rything I do.
When I rise up and lie down,
you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue,
you know what I will say,
your presence follows me day by day.

Where can I flee from your spirit?
Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.

Lord, you have searched me ...
Search me, O God, and know me,
try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

(New Testament, pages 180-181 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Ordinary Vessels, Extraordinary Purpose" Stephanie Boaz

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

(See page 17 of your hymnal for the words to this creed.)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Here I am, Lord Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Daniel Schutte

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below.

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I Who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain

 $(11:00 \ a.m.)$

My God is a Rock

arr. Ruth Morris Grav

*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!

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Doxology

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



*INVITATION

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy... and even your own Son.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty... to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.



Gracious God... in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayed in unison, see page 35 of your hymnal for words to this prayer.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(The people will move to Communion stations as directed by the ushers. The celebrant will give each worshiper the bread. The worshiper dips the bread in the cup and partakes. An appropriate response is "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Please return to the pews, using the side aisles.)

Music during Communion

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

In Remembrance

Buryl Red

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time
when God's own will is done.
In remembrance of me, heal the sick.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbors in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted, Drink, and remember, too, that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.

In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above,

but in your heart, in your heart.

Look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

(11:00 a.m.)

God is Here Today

Tom Trenney

Communion

The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices "open Communion" without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Westminster celebrates the "Eucharist," meaning "thanksgiving," on the first Sunday of each month and on the first Sunday of each liturgical season.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

About Hymn 377

The author/composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17, Psalm 139:13; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23. TEXT and MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966.

*HYMN 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fantaisie et Fugue, Op. 18, No. 6 Alexandre Boëly

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

^{*(}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 Stephanie Boaz, Parish Associate, 615.292.5526 or sboaz@nashvillewpc.org.

TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Stephanie Boaz Parish Associate

Liturgist

Rev. Will Wellman Parish Associate

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Steve Sullivan 11:00 AM Lindsay Hamilton

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir 11:00 AM Shallowford Presbyterian Church 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 in loving memory of Janet, Robert, and Ada Felch by Beth and Jim Felch.

RED ROSE

The red rose in the Chancel is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of daughter, Beverly Jane on Friday, May 24, 2024 to Houston and Hays Estes. Alden and Hatten are proud big brothers!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS - RESERVE YOUR DATE NOW!

Several dates remain open to reserve flowers for the Sanctuary or Parlor. June 23, June 30, July 7, August 18, October 27, November 10, and November 24 are yours for the asking! The Parlor is available on many more dates. Call or email Terri Eckert at 615.292.5526 or teckert@nashvillewpc.org to reserve a date. Let's keep our fabulous Flower Guild members busy!

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 - 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)





- 2 Corinthians 4:6a says: It is God who said, "Let Light shine out of Darkness." What does this mean to you?
- 2 Corinthians 4:6b says, "[God] has shone in our hearts to give the knowledge of the glory of God in Jesus Christ."

Who did God use to shine this knowledge into your life?

2 Corinthins 12:9 says: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."



11:00 AM Service

The Youth Chapel Choir from Shallowford Presbyterian Church-Atlanta (www.shallowford.org) will be singing this morning.

The choir features 32 sixth through twelfthgrade voices. They will be singing concerts in Kentucky, Indiana, and Georgia. They hope you will enjoy their music for worship and feel inspired to think about the many ways our relationships help us grow closer to God.



All-Church Picnic 12:15 PM North Parking Lot

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

Everyone is welcome to attend!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



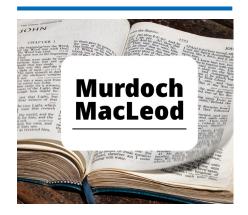
June 2, 16 & 23
Covenant Class ● Fellowship Hall
Led by Will Wellman
The Rise and Reign of David: I & II Samuel in Three Acts

This summer the Old Testament lectionary will include readings from the books of I & II Samuel. This class will offer an introduction to these books and cover the beginnings of the kingdom of Israel alongside the stories of the prophet Samuel, King Saul, and King David. We'll walk through the books in

three acts roughly corresponding to the rise, reign, and fall of King David. Additionally, we'll explore what I & II Samuel have to teach us about the continuing presence and love of God amidst the brokenness and hurt of humanity.



Faith & Fellowship ●
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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.



LibraryWe will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

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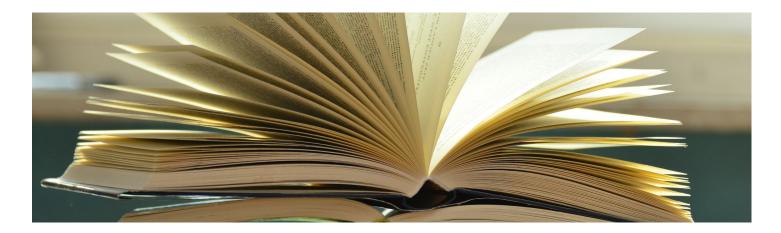
For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt, pdewitt@comcast.net.



Youth • 10:00 AM
Panera Bread
96 White Bridge Rd
Pick up at 10:40 AM
If your youth needs a ride
to and/or from Panera,
please contact T.J.

Children's Ministry 195 • Rising 1st - 5th in movies and conversation 151 • Pre-school - 2, 3, 4, and 5s together in one class

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, Stephanie Boaz, sboaz@nashvillewpc.org, or Will Wellman, wwellman@nashvillewpc.org.

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 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.



Please scan the QR code to indicate your interest.



July 26-Aug. 16
Christmas Pottery
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
\$40.00 for all days
Limit: 6 participants

You've heard of Christmas in July? Well, come get ready to

create some unique, hand-crafted gifts that are microwavable, oven-proof, and dishwasher-safe and beat the rush of the holiday season. These items also make fabulous housewarming, shower and graduation gifts!

Scan the QR code to register.



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 or Marilyn Cornish, gkcmhs@msn.com.

Joy in Learning Westminster Café For more information on these events and much more, please visit westminsterjoy.org or call the office, 615-292-5526. To subscribe to the Joy in Learning newsletter, please email Beth Drake, beth@westminsterjoy.org.

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Informational Meeting 12:30-ish Overlook Room

Information Meeting for Upcoming Study Trip to Holland/Belgium on Sunday, June 2nd For those who would be interested in learning about the upcoming study trip Holland and Belgium in the Spring: Reformation in the Lowlands that Guy Griffith is planning for April 22 – May 2, 2025, there is an informational meeting after the late service on Sunday, June 2nd in the Overlook Room. A church-wide picnic is planned after worship and anyone who plans to attend the information meeting can grab lunch and come to the Overlook Room. If you have questions, please reach out to Guy (ggriffith@nashvillewpc. org) or Keith Cole (keithc@wittetravel.com).

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, June 2

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

12:15 PM All-Church Picnic

12:30 рм Holland Info Trip

Monday, J<u>une 3</u>

8:00 AM Music Camp

Tuesday, June 4

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

8:00 AM Music Camp

Wednesday, June 5

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

8:00 AM Music Camp

9:00 AM Ladies Bridge

7:00 PM Men's Basketball

7:00 PM Westminster Choir

Thursday, June 6

8:00 AM Westminster Café

8:00 AM Music Camp

9:30 AM Summer Book Study

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

Friday, June 7

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

8:00 AM Music Camp

5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, June 8

9:30 AM Music Camp

11:30 AM AA

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



All-Church
Homemade Ice Cream Social
Sunday, June 9
2:00-4:00 PM (Come anytime!)
Westminster Café

All ages are welcome!

Come learn how to make your own Lemon(aid) stand at home for Preston Taylor Ministries!

Learn and play with Living Waters for the World hands-on water purification board!

Games and crafts.

No fee to attend, but please register to make sure we have enough ice cream! Hosted by Joy in Learning and the Congregational Care's Rise and Shine Team.

Scan the QR Code to register.







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June 2, 2024



