## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 23, 2024



## GATHERING

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

## PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata No. 1 Felix Mendelssohn

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

In the midst of life's storms, God is there. What have we to fear? In the darkness and terror, God is with us. Of whom shall we be afraid? Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved. Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

We sing praises to you, O God,
for you have been gracious to us amid the storms of life.
We do battle with many enemies within and among us,
but you give us confidence and courage to face them.
Out of the whirlwind, you answer when we call.
We have gathered to listen for the voice we sometimes cannot hear in the daily clamor of our lives.
Help us to discard the excess baggage and unnecessary armor that keeps us from the fullness of life you intend for us. 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 689

WEISSE FLAGGEN

When the Morning Stars Together

#### 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 689

Opening with imagery from Job 38.7, this text celebrates the role of music in worship from earliest times to the present. It is set to a German tune that may have originated as a folk melody. The tune name, German for "white flags," comes from one of the early texts set to it. TEXT: Albert F. Bayly, 1966; MUSIC: German melody.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION	Call to and Prayer of Confession
<ul> <li>All of us have faltered before the stresses and strains that seem ready to destroy us.</li> <li>Life's storms overwhelm us, and fear takes a deadly toll.</li> <li>Sometimes we are snared in the work of our own hands.</li> <li>We forget the greatest source of help and hope.</li> <li>In these moments together, we lay aside our doubts and fear of judgment to open our lives to God.</li> </ul>	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.
Let us confess our sin before God and one another.	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
<ul> <li>God of love and power,</li> <li>we listen to the stories of miracles <ul> <li>and doubt that these things can happen today.</li> </ul> </li> <li>We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery,</li> <li>distrust, and anger, <ul> <li>and wonder how we can still those waves.</li> </ul> </li> <li>We feel the pressures of power and fear <ul> <li>flooding into our lives,</li> <li>threatening to drown us,</li> <li>and wonder where you are.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Forgive us for the littleness of our faith.</li> <li>Forgive us for our doubts.</li> <li>Help us to place our trust in you, Lord Jesus.</li> <li>Help us to fix our eyes on you <ul> <li>and on the ministries to which you have called us.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
(Silent confession)	
Kyrie Hal H. Hopson	About the Kyrie
<i>(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)</i> Lord, have mercy. <b>Lord, have mercy.</b> Christ, have mercy. <b>Christ, have mercy.</b> Lord, have mercy. <b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	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 107, Hymn 653

The singing of psalm paraphrases is the most long-standing musical practice in Reformed tradition, dating from John Calvin's own congregation in Geneva in the 16th century. This recent paraphrase of Psalm 107 illustrates the interpretative flexibility that is a hallmark of the form. TEXT: Ruth Duck, 2007; MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred *Music, Part Second*, 1813; harm. Richard Proulx, 1975.

## 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

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.

Job 38:1-11 (Old Testament, page 484 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 107:1-3,23-32, Hymn 653

MORNING SONG

(verses 1, 5 & 6 - all sing)

# Mark 4:35-41<br/>(New Testament, page 39 in your pew Bible)SERMON"Still in the Storm"Stephanie Boaz<br/>(A moment for meditation)

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We declare that Jesus is Lord.
His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.
His lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.
Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now, Jesus is Lord. Amen.

(from A Declaration of Faith)

Gerald Near

## 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.) Now the Silence

Now the silence Now the peace Now the empty hands uplifted Now the kneeling Now the plea Now the Father's arms in welcome Now the hearing Now the power Now the vessel brimmed for pouring Now the Body Now the Blood Now the joyful celebration Now the wedding Now the songs Now the heart forgiven leaping Now the Spirit's visitation Now the Son's epiphany Now the Father's blessing Now Now

Then the glory Then the rest Then the sabbath peace unbroken Then the garden Then the throne Then the crystal river flowing Then the splendor Then the life Then the new creation singing Then the marriage Then the love Then the feast of joy unending Then the knowing Then the light Then the ultimate adventure Then the Spirit's harvest gathered Then the Lamb in majesty Then the Father's Amen Then Then

#### About Hymn 463

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shapenote music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5. TEXT: "K" in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns, 1787; MUSIC: American folk melody: Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832.

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea; Day by day his voice is sounding, Saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store, From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, Lord, Days of toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call, Give our hearts to your obedience, Serve and love you best of all.

## \*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!

## **\*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.

Thank you, God, for meeting us in our need.
We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten.
We are grateful for the trust you place in us.
We give that others might respond to the good news of your love.
We are hearing the word Jesus spoke in the midst of a storm: Peace! Be still!"
With fresh calm and confidence, we give ourselves that others might live.
Thank you, God, for your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

## 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!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (Singing together)

(See the inside back cover of your hymnal for words and music to this prayer.)

## SENDING

DUKE STREET

\*HYMN 846

Fight the Good Fight

## **\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Allegro vivace assai from Sonata No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

\*(Those who are able may stand.)

#### About Hymn 846

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2). TEXT: John Samuel Bewley Monsell, 1863; MUSIC: Attr. John

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

## 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 T.J. Piccolo

Associate Director of Youth

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM John Douglass 11:00 AM Hamilton Proctor

#### Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir 11:00 AM Summer 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 years as members of the Westminster family and for the joy of flowers by Wilford and Cathey Fuqua.

#### **RED ROSE**

The red rose in the Chancel is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of a son, *Liam David Price*, on June 17, 2024 to Brittany and Brian Price. All are doing well and are very happy!

#### **PARLOR FLOWERS - RESERVE YOUR DATE NOW!**

Pick a date - any date!

Multiple Sundays are available to reserve Parlor flowers for only \$75.

Celebrate a friendship! Remember a dearly departed friend or family member! Spread the love with Parlor flowers designed and arranged by our gifted Flower Guild members.

Email or call Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 to reserve your date TODAY!

#### 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

Preschool - 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)







He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" Mark 4:40-41

What storms have you faced in your life? ... are you facing in your life?

Jesus asks the disciples, "Why are you afraid?" Maybe the answer seems obvious wind, waves, water. However, Jesus is not looking for an answer. So, why is this question important for the disciples? For you?



## **Welcome Hannah Norris**

*I* am thrilled to announce that we have a new person joining our youth staff! It has been a full year of being short staffed in our youth program. We so appreciate all the work our volunteers and T.J. have done so well.

Hannah Norris, who lives here in Nashville and is a lifelong Presbyterian with youth experience, will come on board to be our Interim Senior High Youth and College staff person. T.J. will work with middle school (6th – 8th grades) and Anna Ketron, our receptionist, will continue to support them

from an administrative perspective.

She starts July 1 and will go with our youth to Montreat. Our focus is to have a great time at Montreat and start the year strong! Please join me in welcoming Hannah and her family to Westminster. Peace,

Sophie

Hannah was born and raised in Nicholasville, Kentucky, as a lifelong Presbyterian. She received her BA in English Literature and Religion from Maryville College and her MA in Mission and Discipleship from Dubuque Theological Seminary. Hannah has served Presbyterian Churches in Youth Ministry for the past 18+ years in Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Hannah loves to find ways to help youth connect more deeply to the church and their faith: whether that be through mission trips and service projects, small groups, climbing Lookout at Montreat, or providing opportunities for youth to lead their peers. Hannah is married to Rebecca; they have three teenage sons and two large rescue dogs, Mickey and Nala. In her spare time, Hannah enjoys traveling, perfecting new ice cream recipes on her Ninja creami, and spending time with her family.



## Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



### **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

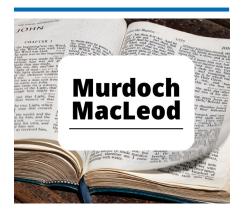
of King David. Additionally, we'll explore what I & II Samuel have to teach us about the continuing presence and love of God amidst the brokenness and hurt of humanity.



# Faith & Fellowship • 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 MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

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. This is for rising 6th through graduated 12th grade.

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





Tuesday, July 9 Songwriters in the Round 6:30 рм - Café opens 7:00-8:30 рм - Show Westminster Café

This event will feature guitarists W.T. Davidson, Jim Moran and Debra Griner, and Ed Branding on the piano.

Tickets are \$20 each. Coffee, tea, and pastries are available from 6:30-7:00 PM.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Oasis Center. Oasis Center is a nationally recognized organization on a mission to help young people in Middle Tennessee move into a happy, healthy, and productive adulthood. June 23 - August 18, 2024 Summer Choir Rehearse 9:45 AM Sing for the 11:00 AM Service

Come sing with us! If you are a rising ninth grader or older, we would love for you to try the Summer Choir. We rehearse each Sunday in the Chancel and sing for the service at 11:00 AM. You do not have to be with us each Sunday. Sing when you are in town. If you have wanted to give the choir a try, now is your chance. We'll be glad to see (and hear) you!

For more info, please contact John Semingson, johns@ nashvillewpc.org.or Dale Nickell, dnickell@nashvillewpc.org



Scan the QR code to register.

Tuesday - Friday Westminster Café 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Take a break from the heat and enjoy the air conditioned CAFE! We are open Tues-Fri this summer with only the week of July 4th off, so come on down!

## Thursdays • 9:30 ам Summer Book Study Goodpasture Hall

Join 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. July 14 Rise Against Hunger 3:00 рм Koinonia Youth Café

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

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, 1	June 23
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	Sunday School
11:00 am	•
Monday, .	
	Centering Prayer
	Pickleball
Tuesday,	
	Bible Study
	Westminster Café
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Thursday	
	Westminster Café
	Summer Book Study
	Knitting & Crocheting
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7:00 am	
	Westminster Café
	Pickleball
Saturday,	
11:30 ам	AA

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

The church office has transitioned into summer hours.

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

## 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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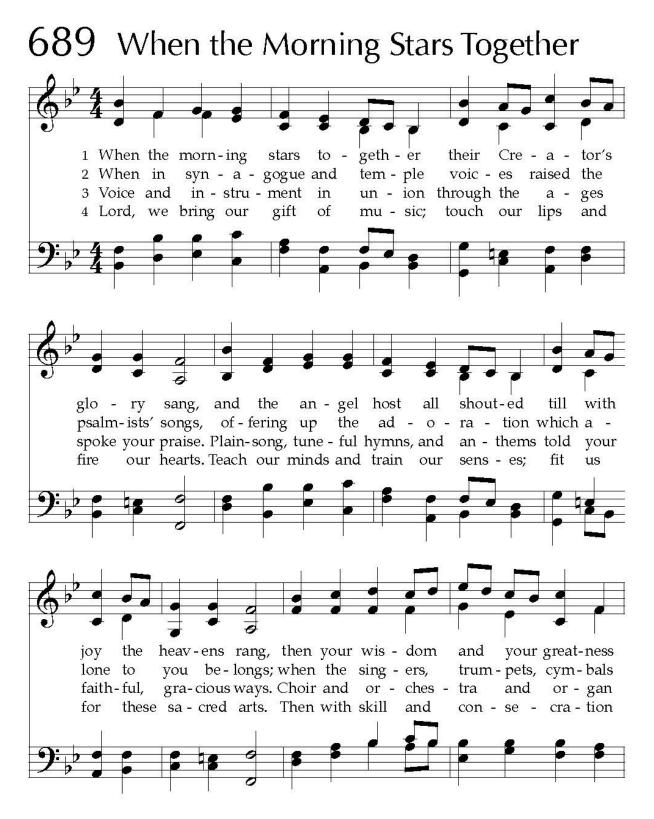
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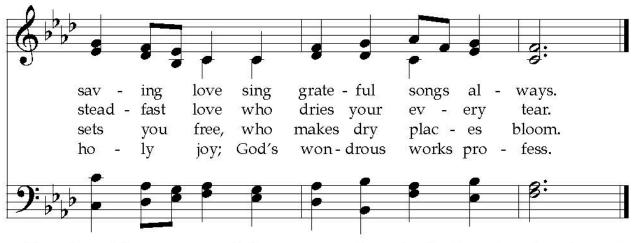
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- 5 If you have felt your courage fail before a violent sea and cried to God, who stilled the storm, and made the wild wind flee, then in the congregation praise the One who heard your plea.
- 6 So praise the One whose love is great, whose kindness is well-known.
  Consider well the healing hand and help you have been shown, and tell the world what God has done.
  Praise God and God alone!

June 23, 2024

