

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
June 30, 2024



"The God who is love, and who loves every one of God's creatures with a love that is infinite, is bound to experience sorrow and loss at the death of every one of the beings God has created. That is why in our pain our hope is directed towards that divine future in which God will have all God's creatures beside God to all eternity. That is to say, our hope is for the day when all things will be restored and gathered in a new, eternal order."

Jürgen Moltmann (*The Trinity and the Kingdom*, pp. 39-40)

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Triptych for Organ

Craig Phillips

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
the mercies of God never come to an end.
They are new every morning:
great is God's faithfulness.

(Lam. 3:22-23)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God,
light of the minds that know you,
life of the souls that love you,
strength of the thoughts that seek you:
Help us to know you
that we may truly love you,
so to love you
that we may fully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. 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.)

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.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

About Hymn 620

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.
TEXT: Henry Francis Lyle, 1834; MUSIC: John Goss, 1869.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has been made known to us
in deeds of power, signs, and wonders,
and will not abandon us
if we confess the truth about our lives.
In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleans us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

About the Kyrie

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

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**

GLORIA PATRI

(Singing together Hymn 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

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.**

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

(New Testament, page 183 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 130, All sing

In Deep Despair I Cry to You **MORNING SONG**

In deep despair I cry to you -
Lord, hear my voice, my prayer.
If you should mark iniquities,
who would stand guiltless there?
But, Lord, with you forgiveness dwells
and love beyond compare.

The soundless whisper of your voice,
your hovering presence near,
for these my longing spirit waits
as for the morning clear,
as those who watch throughout the night
till morning shall appear.

Because your love is steadfast, Lord,
on you our hope relies;
you will redeem your Israel from all iniquities
and turn to songs of thanks and praise
our sorrow and our sighs.

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

(Old Testament, pages 275-276 in your pew Bible)

SERMON “The Lost Language of Lament” Guy D. Griffith

“And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and
Jonathan his son...[singing] ‘How the mighty are fallen!’”
(2 Samuel 1:17, 19b)

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 797** We Cannot Measure How You Heal
YE BANKS AND BRAES

About Hymn 797

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The people of God have often misused God’s promises
as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.
But in Christ the new world has already broken in
and the old one can no longer be tolerated.**

**We know we cannot bring in God’s kingdom.
But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over
evil that are possible now
in the world, the church, and our individual lives.
It gives us courage and energy
to contend against all opposition,
however invincible it may seem,
for the new world and the new humanity
that are surely coming. Amen.**

(from A Declaration of Faith)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

This 20th-century text from the Iona Community grapples with the realities of illness and pain, not only as they afflict the body but even more as they lay waste to mind and soul. The traditional folk melody helps to convey the sort of communal experience assumed in the last stanza. TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1989; MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1989.

To GIVE, please scan
the QR code below:



THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee Simon Lole

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast.
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show.
The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be.
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Out of the Depths

Based on a theme by Michel-Richard de Lalande (1657-1726)/arr. Nelson

Out of the depths I cry to thee.
O Lord, hear my voice!
If thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities,
O Lord, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness with thee,
that thou might be feared.
My soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
Out of the depths I cry to thee.
O Lord, hear my voice!

Doxology

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

*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.

Gracious Father,
giver of all good things:
For our home on earth
And for your unfailing mercy,
we give you thanks.

Christ, our redeemer:
For your sacrifice on the cross
and rising from death that we might live,
we give you thanks and praise.

Holy Spirit, giver of life:
For your abiding presence in our lives
And for comforting and guiding us,
we give you thanks, praise, and glory.

O triune God:
To you be glory and praise
Now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Singing together)*

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

SENDING

*HYMN 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age WAREHAM

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude in C Major, BWV 545 J. S. Bach

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

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 320

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task. TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1969; MUSIC: William Knapp, 1738.

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. Dr. Guy D. Griffith
Associate Pastor of Adult Education

Liturgist

Rev. Stephanie Boaz
Parish Associate

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Clisby Hall
11:00 AM Nathan Ridley

Music

8:30 AM Eva Tatum, soloist
11:00 AM Summer Choir

Jeff Slaughter
Conductor

Shelia Pugh
Guest Organist

FLOWER DEDICATION

*The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Charles S. Higgins, Sr.
on what would have been his 104th birthday
by Leslie and Chuck Higgins and Melinda and Ron Coles.*

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)



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



**LIVING
OUT THE
WORD**

LOVE
RECONCILE
SHINE
TRANSFORM

- 1). What was your first encounter with death? How did you handle it?
 - 2). What motivated David to so publicly and permanently record his lament for Saul and Jonathan?
 - 3). If you have experienced a death close to home recently, how might you creatively remember the one lost? What do you wish you would have said before their death?
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church has called for a Congregational meeting to convene on Sunday, July 14, 2024 in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 AM worship service for the purpose of (1) hearing and acting on a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Young Families; (2) electing a new Associate Pastor Nominating Committee; and (3) to act on any other matters arising out of the former.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Led by Owen Simcoe

Organized Religion in National Parks - a look at the history and controversy of religious symbols and practice on America's most revered public lands.

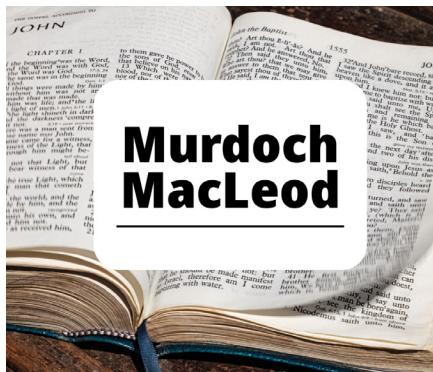
Owen Simcoe has been a National Park Service ranger for fifteen years. He and his wife Kathleen have been members since 2015. They have two children, Miller and Ellen.



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



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Tuesday, July 9
Songwriters in the Round
6:30 PM - Café opens
7:00-8:30 PM - 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.



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!

Wednesdays
Summer Bells
9:30 AM

For more info, please contact Sally Mae Arnn.

Thursdays • 9:30 AM
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.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, June 30

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

Monday, July 1

11:45 AM Centering Prayer
5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, July 2

7:30 AM Bible Study

Wednesday, July 3

7:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, July 4

-church campus closed -

Friday, July 5

-church campus closed -

Saturday, July 6

11:30 AM 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.



July 14

Rise Against Hunger

3:00 PM • Packing Meals
5:00 PM • Dinner

Join us for our annual packing of 10,000 meals - all ages are welcome. Then, join us for dinner with our fan-favorite food trucks, Buns on the Run and Blue Monkey Shaved Ice.

Click the button below to register for dinner and to participate in the meal packing.

Scan the QR code to register.



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620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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797 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

1 We can - not mea - sure how you heal or
2 The pain that will not go a - way, the
3 So some have come who need your help and

an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet
guilt that clings from things long past, the
some have come to make a - mends, as

we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where
fear of what the fu - ture holds, are
hands which shaped and saved the world are

faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your
pres - ent as if meant to last. But
pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord,

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hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur -
pres - ent too is love which tends the
let your Spir - it meet us here to

vive to hold and heal and warn, to
hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the
mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to

car - ry all through death to life and
pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the
dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain, and

cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

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320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.