

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 14, 2024

*King Herod heard of it,
for Jesus' name had become known.*

On the cover:
Arch of Constantine
from the Roman
Coliseum. Photo by
Donovan Drake

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 35

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune. TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; MUSIC: Straslund *Ernewerten Gesanbuch*, 1665.

GATHERING

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

***PRELUDE** Recit de tierce Nicolas de Grigny

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Let me hear what the Lord will speak.
**For God will speak peace to the people,
to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.**
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet.
Righteousness and peace will embrace each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
**Surely salvation is at hand
for those who fear the Lord!**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**O God, light of the hearts that see you,
life of the souls that love you,
strength of the thoughts that seek you:
to turn from you is to fall,
to turn to you is to rise,
to abide in you is to stand fast forever.**
**Although we are unworthy to approach you,
or to ask anything at all of you,
grant us your grace and blessing
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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 35** LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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 sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O generous Lord,
we have been selfish.
We demand things that we do not
need, want, or deserve.
Forgive our greed, our presumption, and our pride
that cause us to treat your creation as our possession.
Call us to a repentance that leads to holy change,
that we may claim our inheritance in Christ
and invite others to join us on the journey.**

(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. 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.

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.

***ACT OF PRAISE** Glory to God in the Highest

John Weaver

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

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

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.

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Amos 7:7-15

(Old Testament, pages 855-856 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Lord, let us see your kind - ness;_____

Lord, let us see your kind-ness._____

Let us hear what our God proclaims:
Peace to the people of God,
salvation is near to the ones who fear God. **Refrain**

Kindness and truth, justice and peace;
truth shall spring up as the water from the earth;
justice shall rain from the heavens. **Refrain**

The Lord will come, and you shall know God's love;
justice shall walk in God's pathways,
salvation the gift that God brings. **Refrain**

Mark 6:14-29

(New Testament, pages 40-41 in your pew Bible.)

SERMON "Meanwhile, in other news..." Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 734** Hope of the World **DONNE SECOURS**

About Hymn 734

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(8:30 a.m.)*

(See "Profession of Faith" on page 6.)

This winning entry by a groundbreaking woman theologian was selected from over 500 others in a search for a hymn to be used at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, IL in October 1954. The theme of the assembly was "Jesus Christ, Hope of the World." TEXT: Georgia Harkness, 1954; MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(11:00 a.m.)*

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus,
and confident of his promises,
we baptize those whom God has called.

**In baptism God claims us and seals us
to show that we belong to God.**

**God frees us from sin and death,
uniting us with Jesus Christ in his
death and resurrection.**

**By water and the Holy Spirit,
we are made members of the Church,
the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry
of love, peace, and justice.**

**Let us remember with joy our own baptism,
as we celebrate this sacrament.**

Questions to the Parents, Congregation and Children of

The Baptismal Rite

The Apostles' Creed: The oldest surviving baptismal liturgy, dating from around the year 200 C.E., describes the candidate for baptism standing in water and affirming the faith by responding to three questions. Each question corresponds to one person of the Trinity. The Paschal Candle is symbolic of Christ's death and resurrection. The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, is our Paschal sacrifice. The Paschal Candle also symbolizes the light of the risen Christ, shining in the world. The use of this symbol dates from the early days of the Church. New Christians were given a lighted candle, symbolic of their having died and been raised to new life in Christ through baptism.

the Church

***Profession of Faith**

Through baptism we enter the covenant...
With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

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 and gracious God...lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the body of Christ.

Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others. Amen.

Baptismal Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Children of the Heavenly Father Eric Nelson
Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil thing he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
Praise the Lord in joyful numbers,
your Protector never slumbers;
at the will of your Defender
ev'ry foe then must surrender.

No more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.
Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

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 Like a Mighty Stream Moses Hogan

Lift ev'ry voice and let us sing!
In ev'ry song let freedom ring!
From ev'ry soul comes a noble dream
Let justice roll like a mighty stream...

Oh, ev'ry trial we'll overcome,
when ev'ry child beneath the sun,
and ev'ry soul shall live as one.
The noble dream has just begun!

Like a mighty stream, let justice roll...

To GIVE, please scan
the QR code below:



***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

About Hymn 649

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835. TEXT: stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsoisie; MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

The dialogue in this piece occurs between the soprano and bass registers of the Great keyboard, with a solo passage played by each, accompanied by the softer keyboards. But, there is also a trio in the latter half of the piece, as short phrases are played on the Great keyboard, echoed by the Positif keyboard, then echoed again on the Swell keyboard.

**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 God,
we give ourselves to you;
and with the church through all ages
we thank you for your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Prayed in unison*)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING

***HYMN 649** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*
AMAZING GRACE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (*11:00 a.m.*)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Dialogue Nicolas de Grigny

**(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 Rev. Stephanie Boaz, Parish Associate at 615.292.5526 or sboaz@nashvillewpc.org.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

Sophie Maness
Executive Director of Family Ministries

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Fran Linley
11:00 AM Rudy Kalis

Presenting Elder for Baptism

11:00 AM Emily Coleman

Music

Eva Tatum, Cantor
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 appreciation of
the exceptional music ministry at Westminster
by Bill and Kelly Christie.*

*The flowers in the Parlor
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Ernest Lester Johnson, Jr.
by his family.*

BAPTISM

*The sacrament of baptism will be administered today
at the 11:00 AM worship service to*

Brennan Edward,
son of Jamie and Kent Capps.

RED ROSE

The red rose in the Chancel is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter, **Emma Elizabeth** on July 9, 2024 to Sara and Andy Frederick. Big sister Lilla is so excited!

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

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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

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

Mark 6:14

What are the worries of political leaders?

What are some worries for those who spread the Gospel?

When does your faith make you powerful?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

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.



TODAY

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.

Scan the QR code to register.





SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Led by Rev. Dr. Charles Wesley

Hearing, Trusting, and Obeying the One Word of God: Learning from the Barmen Declaration Today

"The Theological Declaration of Barmen was unanimously adopted by the First Confessional Synod of the German Evangelical Church, held in Barmen, May 29-31, 1934, in order to withstand the errors of the "German Christians" and the Reich Church government. It was the theological basis of the "Confessing Church," which resisted Hitler's growing control

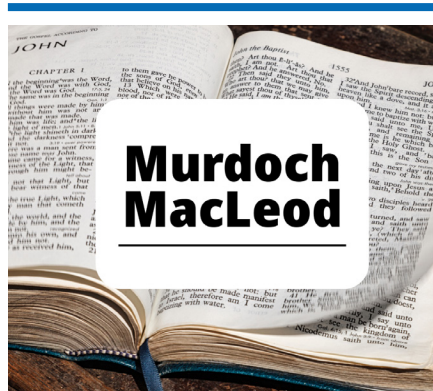
over German churches. It has become a marker of faithful Church witness since that time and is part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Confessions. What does it have to say to us today?"



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

Financials

Each month, the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses.

If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact:

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June 2024

	Month	Year to Date
Income:	\$226,930	\$2,136,185
Expense:	\$276,085	\$1,700,686
Net Income (loss):	\$(49,155)	\$ 435,499



July 14 - 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. 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:
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Dale Nickell,
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Tuesday - Friday
Westminster Café
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Take a break from the heat and enjoy the air conditioned CAFE!

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.