GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Fantasia Chromatica
Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Let us live a life worthy of the calling
to which we have been called.

Let us live with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain
the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

God, our loving Father,
we thank you for this beautiful day.
Help us and guide us so that
we may be able to do your holy will today.
Make us joyful for all the countless blessings
you have provided us,
especially the gift of people
who love and surround us.
We ask this through Christ Jesus,
our Lord and Savior. 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 81

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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 81
The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages. TEXT: John Newton, 1775; MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797.
CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ’s invitation. Let us seek God’s forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would want us to be.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

(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.”)
*ACT OF PRAISE* (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.

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.

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

(Old Testament, pages 62-63 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 78:23-29 JENNY VAN TSHEGG

(The Choir will sing the Refrain alone after each verse is sung by the congregation.)

Refrain

What we have heard, what we have known, let our tongues tell our sons and daughters the wonders of our living God, that they may join us in the chorus.

**TEXT and MUSIC: Greg Scheer, 2010.**
John 6:24-35  
(New Testament, page 98 in your pew Bible)

SERMON          “The Bread of Life”         Stephanie Boaz

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

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

(Apostles’ Creed)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING
Anthem       Ave Verum   W.A. Mozart
(Sung in Latin)

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria virgine:  
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:  
Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit et sanguine:  
Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who has truly suffered,  
was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,  
Whose side was pierced, whence flowed  
water and blood: Be for us a foretaste  
(of heaven) during our final examining.
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  

*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.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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)

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.

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

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

David Schelat

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heav’n above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 317 In Christ There Is No East or West MC KEE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555 J.S. Bach

*(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 for Congregational Care, 615.292.5526 or sboaz@nashvillewpc.org.

TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching
Rev. Stephanie Boaz
Parish Associate for Congregational Care

Liturgist
Ashley Higgins
Called Associate Pastor for Young Families

Lay Liturgists
8:30 AM  Suzie Lane
11:00 AM  Fran Linley

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 loving memory of Nancy and Dick Port and Barbara and Bill Wylly from the Wylly family.

LAY LITURGISTS NEEDED

If you are interested in participating in Sunday worship services as a Lay Liturgist, please call or email Terri Eckert at 615.292.5526 or teckert@nashvillewpc.org for more information.

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)
Jesus gave the people bread to eat when they needed it. Is food what they were looking for when they follow him across the sea?

Jesus says, "I am the Bread of Life." What does this metaphor mean to you?

At Westminster, we gather faithfully and often at the Lord's Table for Communion. We do it because Jesus has promised to meet us at this table. Each of us receives a piece of bread and a bit of juice. What else do we receive?

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**Please welcome Ashley Higgins**

Ashley is the new Associate Pastor for Young Families. In this role, she will provide leadership and support for the church's program and mission with the specific population of young families. This will include interaction with the Westminster School of Young Children. You will also see Ashley on Sunday mornings helping with worship and helping coordinate the Young Families Sunday School class.

Ashley grew up in Small Town, North Carolina, as a pastor's kid, and the only girl of four siblings.

She and Jake, her husband, met at The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where she studied Anthropology and he studied Business and Music.

Jake and Ashley have two girls, Molly, age 6 and Mia, age 8.5, soon to be first and third graders.

**Ashley will be preaching** at the Presbytery meeting on August 8th at Second Presbyterian Church. Worship begins at 9:10 AM. She will be examined at 11:00 AM. Registration will be available at the door for those who would like to support her.
Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

The Earth Care Task Force will continue our discussion “Faith and Climate Change: Our Ongoing Discussion”.

Curtis Baysinger will summarize what we have discussed in our previous four sessions and examine what other faith-based groups say concerning climate change.

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
Children's Sunday School will return on August 18. Childcare is available.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Westminster Book Group 2024-2025

Westminster Book Group is gearing up for the 2024-2025 season and all are welcome to participate! Books selected for group presentation may be from any literary genre and either fiction or non-fiction.

If you would like to be a presenter of a book for discussion this year, please contact Mary Hande (handema@comcast.net or 615-414-9958).

Starting in September
Jesus in the Gospels
Wednesdays • 9:30 AM

Study the name, the place, and the people, and encounter the Jesus who is both hard to ignore and hard to control—a commanding, morally compelling figure as portrayed in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. This is a 30-week study. The overarching aim is to deepen discipleship through better understanding of the biblical texts and their message. The study helps group members understand that Jesus is rooted in Judaism and the Scriptures of Judaism and that Christianity and the New Testament are rooted in the Scriptures of Judaism—our Old Testament. Daily reading and weekly preparation will be required for this class. If you would like to join this class, please contact Sharon Warfield, smwarfield@gmail.com.

Starting in September
Thursday Morning Theology Group
9:30 AM

This fall, we will be studying Soren Kierkegaard’s classic text, Works of Love. Soren Kierkegaard was a 19th-century theologian and philosopher and is considered the Father of Existentialism. Works of Love is one of Kierkegaard’s most widely read books and seeks to clarify what Scripture means by “love” as well as what Scripture calls us to do in regards to “love.” All are welcome to join us as we tackle this challenging but worthwhile text together! Questions, please reach out to Will at wwellman@nashvillewpc.org.
Tuesday - Friday
8:00 AM - Noon

Be our guest! Park in the north entrance parking lot by the blue outdoor umbrella. Enjoy specialized coffees, various teas, and cold drinks along with homemade yummies. We have new high chairs for our littlest guests!

Authors Roundtable
featuring Sandra Plant

Wednesday, August 21
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Westminster Café
Westminster Presbyterian Church | 3900 West End Ave.

Park near the North Entrance, behind the church.
Look for the blue umbrella.

Billy Humphrey will also read “What’s in a Name,” a short story that will appear in a new book currently in the works.

Sandra's book can be found on Amazon and Bookshop.org.

Registration to attend is required.
Register with the QR code, via westminsterjoy.org, or by calling the church office at 615-292-5526.
MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Environmental Footprint

Reduce Your Environmental Footprint
Members of the Earth Care Task Force have been approached about ways to reduce one’s greenhouse gas and environmental footprint. Scan the QR code to connect to our list of things you can do around your household. The last few are organizations you might consider joining if you want to connect with others in this effort.

Help A First Grader

First-Grade Tutors Needed
First-grade reading tutors are needed at our partner school, Cockrill Elementary, starting in September. Tutoring is once per week from 2:10-2:55 PM. Training is provided. Background check is required. Please contact Jennifer Anderson, andersonjl2001@yahoo.com, for more info.

H.E.R.O. Program

Last Sunday, we introduced Shelia Decker from the H. E. R. O. program. The Homeless Education Resource Office (H.E.R.O.) provides necessary resources, supports and referrals to help homeless children and youth succeed in school and have a positive school experience. Many have asked how you can help or donate. Please scan the QR code to connect to Unicycle, a partner program of H.E.R.O.
SUNDAY MORNINGS TEAM

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### THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

**Sunday, August 4**
- **8:30 AM** Worship
- **9:45 AM** Sunday School
- **11:00 AM** Worship
- **12:00 PM** Communion@Home Luncheon

**Monday, August 5**
- **10:00 AM** Tai Chi
- **11:45 AM** Centering Prayer
- **5:00 PM** Pickleball

**Tuesday, August 6**
- **7:30 AM** Bible Study
- **8:00 AM** Westminster Café
- **9:00 AM** Harvard Handbells

**Wednesday, August 7**
- **7:00 AM** Men's Bible Study
- **8:00 AM** Westminster Café
- **9:30 AM** Westminster Bells
  - Ladies Bridge
- **10:00 AM** Tai Chi
- **7:00 PM** Men's Basketball

**Thursday, August 8**
- **8:00 AM** Westminster Café
- **10:00 AM** Knitting & Crocheting
- **7:00 PM** Session

**Friday, August 9**
- **7:00 AM** Men's Bible Study
- **8:00 AM** Westminster Café
- **10:00 AM** Tai Chi
- **5:00 PM** Pickleball

**Saturday, August 10**
- **11:30 AM** AA

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

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Scan the QR code for more info and to register.

Contact T.J. Piccolo, tjpiccolo@nashvillewpc.org, or Hannah Norris, hnorris@nashvillewpc.org, if you have questions.

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81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
2. Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear.
3. See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,

God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.

On the rock of ages found-ed, what can shake thy sure repose?
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?

With salvation's walls surround-ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.
1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship. 
2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord, close binding human kind. 
3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whatever your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me. 
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christ-ly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.