



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024

*Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away, for
now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of
singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.*

- Song of Solomon

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Recit de Tierce en taille

Nicolas de Grigny

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.)

God teaches us the way of righteousness,
the way of love, the way of peace.

We glorify God,

gathering to hear God's word.

We glorify God,

enacting God's word in the world.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Righteous God,

you lead us by example

through your generous love and remind us

that there is always more to learn

about what it means to live

a life of righteousness.

Help us to keep our faith nimble,

growing with each new neighbor we meet

and each experience we live.

May we be doers of a word

that is deep and wide,

letting our lives reflect

the love we have received. 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 14

DIX

For the Beauty of the Earth

About Hymn 14

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere. TEXT: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864; MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838, *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.
**Because we have faith in God,
we dare to approach God in confidence.**

Let us confess our sins to God together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Redeeming God,
save us from our foolishness
and guide us to your wisdom.
Gather us in your righteousness and redemption.
Forgive us, for we are seeking
your light and your salvation.
Cleanse us of our brokenness, that we might
do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.**

(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

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, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

About Psalm 45, Hymn 333

Though it may have originated as a royal marriage ode, Psalm 45 has come to be understood in both Jewish and Christian traditions as having messianic overtones, and it is quoted that way in Hebrews 1:8-9. This 20th-century paraphrase skillfully maintains that double application. TEXT: Michael Morgan, 1995; MUSIC: Freylinghausen's *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704.

Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

*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.**

Mark 7:1-8

(New Testament, page 42 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9, Hymn 333 (All sing)

GOTT SEI DANK DURCH ALLE WELT

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

(Old Testament, page 623 in your pew Bible)

SERMON "Saturday Night and Sunday Morning"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We confess that Christians today
are called to discipleship.**

**Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God's undeserved gift to each of us.**

**It is also God's demand upon every one of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.**

**Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
we strive to become more faithful and effective
in our daily practice of the Christian life. Amen.**

(from A Declaration of Faith)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

Sound Over All Waters

Paul Halley

Sound over all waters, reach out from all lands
The chorus of voices, the claspings of hands;
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born;
With glad jubilations bring hope to the nations:

*The dark night is ending and dawn has begun.
Arise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun.
All speech flows to music, all hearts beat as one.
The dark night is ending, and dawn has begun.*

Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace,
East, west, north and south, let the long quarrels cease;
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,
Sing of glory to God, and of good will to man!
Joining in chorus, the heavens bend o'er us:
The dark night...

*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

*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.

Offering

The collection of tithes and offerings takes place as a response to the Word. These actions are signs of our gratitude for the grace of God proclaimed in the gospel.

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below.



About Sound Over All Waters

This work was created in 1982 for the occasion when Coretta Scott King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., gave the sermon during the Sunday morning worship service at The Cathedral of St. John The Divine, New York City, where Paul Halley was Director of Music.

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:

ALL:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.____
 God of pow - er and might.____ Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -
 ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!____
 Bles - sed is he who comes, he who comes in the name of the Lord.____
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!_____

(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 ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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 God,
 now and forever.

[organ] A - men, A - men, A - men.

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

Let Us Break Bread Together Jane Marshall

Let us break bread together on our knees...
When I fall on my knees with my face to the risin' sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the risin' sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy, if you please...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dialogue sur les grands Jeux Nicolas de Grigny

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

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.

About Hymn 692

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two. TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1994; MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Arthur Fedak, 2011.

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

TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith
Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM John Douglass
11:00 AM Rachel Kurilko Hosé

Music

Vinnecia Buchanan, soloist
Jeremy Holland, soloist
8:30 AM Chamber Choir
11:00 AM Westminster 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
Bailey family members
who are no longer with us
by the Bailey family.*

*The flowers in the Parlor
are given to the glory of God
and in memory of
the faith and spirit of
Bethany Philbin Workman
by her family.*

RED ROSE IN THE CHANCEL

The red rose in the Chancel is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter, **Caroline Hammock Weeden** on August 22, 2024 to Ann Parker Weeden and Douglas Weeden. Big sister Parker is thrilled! All are doing so well!

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 152

2s and 3s - 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



The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
Song of Solomon 2:13

What are the elements that go into falling in love?

When have you been able to catch a glimpse of God's richness and love for the whole world?

When is your faith a burden, and when is it a joy for both you and God?



Part of our vision is working on how we articulate the Good News. One way is by sharing our faith stories. Please scan the QR to view a video of **Jackie Shrago** sharing an encounter that moved her to explore her faith.

Please think about how you share your faith with others.



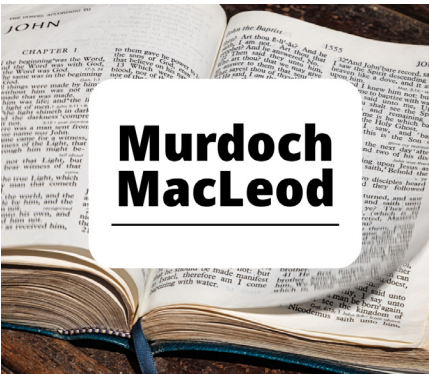
Take Me To Your Leader

Nominations for next year's Elder class and Legacy Fund Trustees (the Class of 2028) are requested from Westminster members. To nominate a church member, complete a suggestion form. Forms can be found in the Parlor by the wooden ballot box, or online at our nashvillewpc.church, click on forms tab. Nominations close on September 15, 2024.

For more information, please contact Jackie Shrago, JShrago@gmail.com or Terri Eckert, teckert@nashvillewpc.org.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

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



Young Families • Overlook Room

Join us for a fellowship Sunday and to go over our class calendar.

Next week...

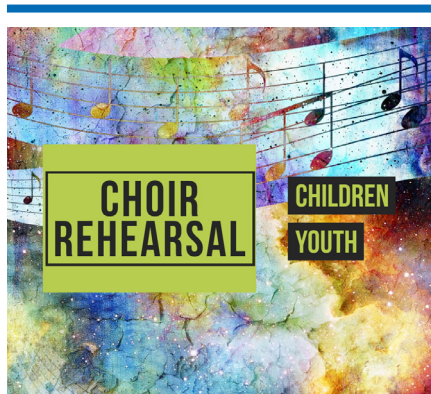
How do we reconcile belief in a loving and powerful God with the suffering in our present world? In this four week series led by Tom Wyly beginning Sept 8, we will discuss God's will in our lives with insights from "The Will of God" by Leslie Weatherhead and "Why? Making Sense of Gods Will" by Adam Hamilton. Please come join in the fellowship and discussion.

The remainder of the adult education classes are enjoying a fellowship Sunday. Please join us in the Parlor to meet and greet friends.



Sunday School • 9:45 AM Sixth - Twelfth Grades

Not meeting today. Join us for Sunday School and Youth Group next week.



Children & Youth Choirs

Not rehearsing today.
Please join us next
Sunday at 4:00/5:00 PM.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

8:30 & 11:00 AM • Worship Services

Children and Worship

Childcare is available for children who are infants through kindergarten during both services. While childcare is available, children are always welcome in worship. There are quiet toys and worship bags for children. They may be found in baskets in the Parlor and in the back of the Sanctuary. The bags have plain paper, crayons, a pencil and a children's bulletin.

9:45 AM • Sunday School

2s are in room 149

3s are in room 161

4s are in room 163

Godly Play/Kindergarten in 183

4th & 5th Grade in room 292

1st - 3rd Chapel first and then will be picked up in rooms.



LIVING OUT THE WORD

QUESTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES:

In the Mark story from the Bible, people are arguing over what rules help us follow God. What rules/guides do you think would help us follow God? Help us to be faithful?

When we sing Psalm 45, it is good to know it is a prayer written by a poet for a king on the king's wedding day. If you were writing a prayer for someone you loved on a special day, what would the prayer be?

Today we take communion and remember that Jesus is always with us and always loves us. Try some of the bread and juice. Communion is for everyone. If you were preparing a meal to help people remember Jesus, what would you serve?

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z	f	b	m	a	m	a	r	y	i	s	q

WORD SEARCH

See if you can find these words in the puzzle on the left.

Esther	James
Eve	John
Mary	Jude
Miriam	Luke
Ruth	Mark
Sarah	Matthew



ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Wednesday Night Dinners
Starts September 4
5:30 PM • Westminster Café**

Deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, September 3 @Noon.

Wednesday Night Dinner is back in a limited format this fall! Join us in the **CAFÉ** (**location change**) for dinner, to catch up with friends, make new ones, and go home to a clean kitchen.

Did you know you can even register and grab a plate to go?

Our biggest ask this year is that you register by the deadline each week. We plan to have enough food every week but would hate to run out. Food cannot be guaranteed otherwise!

Dinner will be from 5:30-6:30 PM all four Wednesdays in September to coincide with Joy in Learning programming, and the first Wednesday of the month in October, November, December.

Menu:

September 4 (Tazikis); September 11 (Coco's)

September 18 (Moe's); September 25 (Martin's BBQ)

Costs this year will be: \$10 per individual; \$40 family max

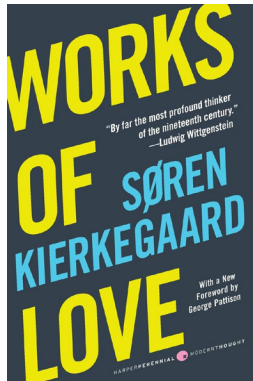
A look behind the scenes at pricing: Like everywhere, prices have gone up in the catering industry and we will likely spend an average of \$15 per person on Wednesdays this fall. This is also why registering is so important. Thanks for understanding!

Additionally, we are considering the potential of more consistent Wednesday night dinners in the spring but will need a team of folks to help pull this off. If you are interested in being a part of this conversation, please let Ashley Higgins know (ahiggins@nashvillewpc.org). Scan QR code to register for September 4.





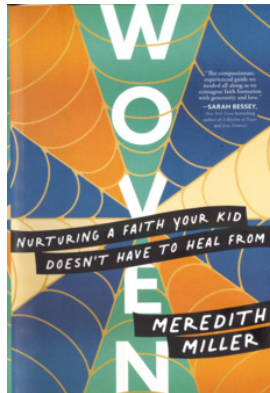
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**Starts September 5
Thursday Morning
Theology Group
9:30 AM**

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.



**Starts September 8
Woven Book Study
4:00 PM
Magnolia Room**

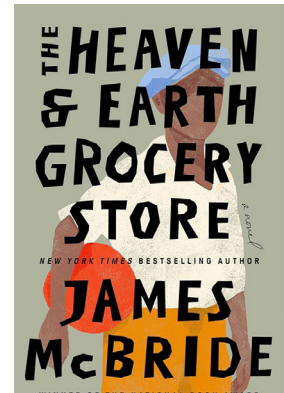
Join Sophie for a conversation around the book *Woven* by Meredith Miller.

"Much like a spider's web, in which anchor strands and internal thread combine to form a unique web, *Woven* can help children anchor to who God is and have faith practices that are rich and textured."

Based on great research and real-life experience, the author brings practical, delightful ways to nurture your child's and your family's faith at home.

All are welcome. We will meet while children sing during choir rehearsal.

Contact Sophie, smaness@nashvillewpc.org, for info.



**Starts September 18
Westminster Academy
6:30 PM
Overlook Room**

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows.

Join Sue Tully Trout as she discusses this interesting novel by James McBride.



SEPTEMBER CLASSES



Begins September 15
Fall New Member & Inquirer Class
9:45 AM • Goodpasture Hall
Led by: New Member Committee,
church leaders and staff

This class series is for people exploring Westminster, those feeling ready to join, and recent new members. It offers a small group experience, covers a wide range of topics, and includes a special class dinner.

The ethos and vision of Westminster, who we are as Presbyterians in our worship and beliefs, a church tour, other ways to become involved will be covered.

To sign up for this class, please contact:
Sherri Givens, sgivens@nashvillewpc.org.

For questions, please contact Co-chairs:
Ken Larish
klarish@mainlandcompanies.com

Kathleen Simcoe
kathleenmsimcoe@gmail.com

Conversations for a Polarized World
Starts September 8

9:45 AM

Led by Will Wellman

As we head toward another presidential election, many Americans are beyond fatigued with partisan politics and the division it's causing. This class will be a space for hard conversations, but ones grounded in our shared faith. Join us as we seek to model love for each other while discussing topics such as homelessness, immigration, faith and politics alongside various Scripture passages. We'll explore what it means for us to "love God" and "love your neighbor as yourself" in the 21st century.

Looking Ahead...

Back to Basics: Bible

October 13 through December 15

Westminster is launching a new series of Sunday School classes to help us get back to the basics! This fall, we'll start with an introduction to the Bible. We'll explore what exactly the Bible is including its structure and history as well as spend time learning about and interpreting various texts together. Attendees will become familiar with the Bible and its contents and develop the skills and understanding so they can comfortably read and interpret Scripture. This class is great for anyone who is new to the faith all the way to seasoned Bible readers who would like a refresher—all are welcome! And keep an eye out in the spring for Back to Basics classes on Christian Belief and Christian Living. If you have any questions, please contact Will, wwellman@nashvillewpc.org.



JOY IN LEARNING

Joy in Learning creatively shares God's gifts of play through the arts and other activities. As we gather in community, we promote connection, understanding and caring relationships. This is a welcoming environment for all ages as well as those from diverse cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds.



Thursdays
Aug. 29-Oct. 3
10:00 AM to Noon
Community Tapestry Project
No fee

This is a tapestry project that begins with the creation of a tapestry structure. Community members will develop and write messages on strips of ribbon that convey their hopes and prayers for the community. Scan the QR code to register.



M-W-F • 10:00 AM
Tai-Chi

Experience the benefits of Taijiquan play as you learn warm-up exercises, fundamental movements and the 37-posture Yang-style "form".

To learn more and to register, please scan the QR code or visit westminsterjoy.org.



Starting in September
Oil Painting

Three Classes Offered

Advanced

- Tuesdays with René Poe

Intermediate

- Wednesdays with René Poe

Beginner

-Thursdays with Jillian Morse and Vivian Bauman

Please register by scanning the QR code below.





CAFÉ ACTIVITIES



Tuesday - Friday
8:00 AM - Noon

Be our guest! Park in the north entrance parking lot by the blue outdoor umbrella. Enjoy specialized coffee, various teas, and cold drinks along with homemade yummys. High chairs available for our little guests.

Stuffing Envelopes

September 18, 19



Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00 - 10:30 AM

Would you be willing to help with Westminster Home Connection mailings? If you can help, please let Beth Drake, beth@westminsterjoy.org, know you can!

Songwriter's Circle

Thursdays



10:00 AM - Noon
Songwriters Song Circle

If you are a songwriter or just want to listen, you are welcome!

If you would like to join this group on Thursdays, please scan the QR code below.



Chess

Fridays



Fridays
10:00 AM - Noon

Whether you are a beginner or someone who loves to practice your chess-playing skills, this is the place for you!

Please scan the QR code to register to play.





CAFÉ ACTIVITIES

September Songwriter Serenade!



Songwriters in the Round

Celebrating Westminster's
30 Habitat for Humanity
builds over 26 years!

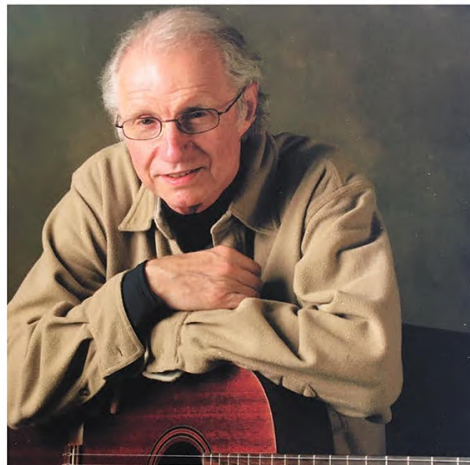
Featuring Songwriters:



Debra Griner



Lance Cowan



and special guest, Rory Bourke



Mark Dunlap



Brian Claflin

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Westminster Café

6:00-7:00 p.m. | Café open and Habitat Homes &
Volunteer Display

7:00-8:30 p.m. | Songwriters' Show

Tickets are available at westminsterjoy.org, scan the
QR code, the church office, or in the parlor on Sundays in August.

Tickets are limited.



Westminster Presbyterian Church | 3900 West End Ave.
Park near the North Entrance and enter near the outdoor blue umbrella.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Nations Ministry

Nations Ministry welcomes refugees and immigrants to Middle Tennessee, and helps refugee families become generationally successful through youth development and literacy. They currently need after-school tutors at three different sites.

Contact Janet Kuhn with questions: janetkuhn@mac.com.

Volunteers Needed

For 40 years, Better Decisions has equipped incarcerated and otherwise vulnerable women with decision-making strategies and skills through structured curriculum and one-to-one mentoring. They currently need mentors for the Thistle Farms program.

Please email Ashby Rushing at director@betterdecisions.org for details.



Habitat Build

September 7, 8, 14, 15
October 5, 6, 19, 26

We need EIGHT more folks each day in September. No experience necessary.

Join us in the ministry of affordable housing.

Scan the QR code to register.



SUNDAY MORNINGS TEAM



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Sophie Maness
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THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 1

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 12:15 PM Communion@Home Lunch

Monday, September 2

-campus closed-

Tuesday, September 3

- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 11:30 AM Tuesday Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, September 4

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Ladies Bridge
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball
WPC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 5

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
Thurs Morning Theological Group
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

Friday, September 6

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, September 7

- 11:30 AM AA



Come join us on Monday, September 9, for the Fourth Annual Westminster Golf Outing at Hermitage Golf Course. Cost is \$125 per player with registration beginning at 11:30 AM with lunch followed by a shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Practice balls will be available.

Friends of Westminster are welcome to play.

All proceeds and donations will benefit Westminster Home Connection.

Please contact Mark Lawrence with any questions at 615-477-9319 or marklawrence58@gmail.com. Scan the QR code to register.



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



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For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

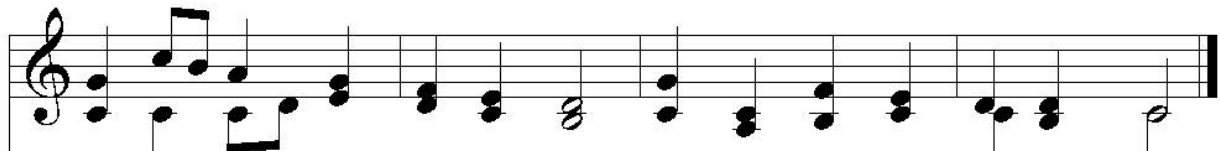
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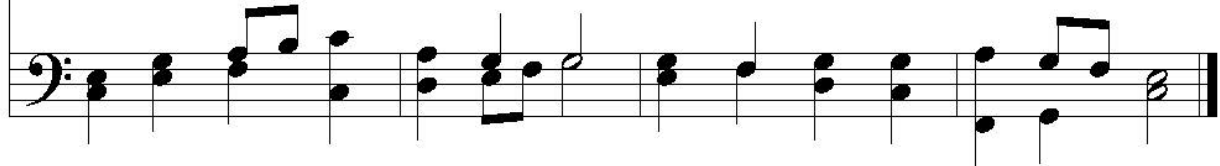
(Psalm 45)



1 How our hearts with joy a - bound, with your beau-ty all a - round;
2 Fair - er still than hu - man frame, ev - er to our eyes the same,
3 Yours the scep - ter, yours the throne; you to us are God a - lone.



words are fee - ble to ex - press your great love and righ - teous-ness.
stead - fast love shines from your face; from your lips flow words of grace.
Vast the mer - cies to us given: wealth of earth, and joy of heaven.



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Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B^b F B^b C7

Refrain



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm



liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B^b Gm7 F B^b F



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart. *Fine*

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B^b F B^b



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B^b C7



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

to Refrain

