



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2024

GATHERING

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

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.

PRELUDE Ciacona in E Minor, BuxWV 160

Dietrich Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Trust in the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
Trust in the Lord,
who cares for those in need;
trust in the Lord,
who leads us to do the same.
Let us worship God,
who shows us the way.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

God of mercy,
in a hurting world,
your love shows us another way to live.
Help us to join in your work,
mending what is broken.
May our trust in you be our guide,
leading us to care for our neighbors nearby
and the ones we do not yet know. 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.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 611

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been buried with Christ in baptism,
in order that we might be raised to new life with him
through faith in the power of God.

Col. 2:12

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

About Hymn 611

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J.C.F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind. TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907; MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
we come knowing that we fall short
of your call to love one another.
We allow ourselves to be blinded
by wealth, self, and worries.
Help us to see your great generosity,
hear your word of mercy,
and feel your great love
for all who need your redemptive grace.
Strengthen us to reach out in service
to those who are in need.
May we continue to grow in grace
as we learn how to serve you
in the name of the great Servant, Jesus Christ.

(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.

About Psalm 125, Hymn 848

Psalm 125 is one of the songs that would have been sung by Jewish pilgrims going to Jerusalem. As the imagery of this paraphrase suggest, it was probably reserved for use during the final ascent to the city, closing with a prayer for peace wherever God's faithful people dwell. TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009; MUSIC: Orlando Gibbons, 1623.

About Hymn 79

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms. TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2001; MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 2000.

***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

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

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

(Old Testament, page 604 in your pew Bible.)

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

Psalm 125, Hymn 848 (All sing)

SONG 13

James 2:1-17

(New Testament, pages 228-229 in your pew Bible.)

SERMON

"Bumped Into First Class"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 79**

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

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

(See "Profession of Faith" below.)

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 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.**

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.

**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.)*

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep John Arnn

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
Keep thy lambs in safety keep;
Nothing can thy pow'r withstand,
None can pluck them from thy hand.

May they praise thee ev'ry day,
Gladly all thy will obey;
Like thy blessed ones above,
Happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd ever near
Teach thy lambs thy voice to hear;
Suffer not their steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou ledest may they go,
Walking in thy steps below.
Then, before thy Father's throne,
Savior, claim them for thine own.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (8:30 a.m.)

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

For Everyone Born

Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

*and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
dividing the power, a system that's fair, *Refrain*

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, *Refrain*

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, *Refrain*

*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!**

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 the Anthem

This anthem from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

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!

***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.

**Lord our God,
love began with you
and has filled our cup to overflowing.
In the abundance of your countless gifts,
give us your grace to fill others' lives with love,
that we may more nearly be worthy
of all you have given us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the 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 547** Go, My Children, with My Blessing
AR HYDY NOS

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Carillon de Longpont Louis Vierne

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

About Hymn 547

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service. TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983; MUSIC: Welsh melody.

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 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

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Nathan Ridley
11:00 AM Bill Christie

Presenting Elder for Baptism

11:00 AM Keith Maddin

Beadles / Acolytes

11:00 Avery Michael

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir
11:00 AM Kirsten Greer, cello; 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
my husband, James Foster Neal
by Dianne Neal.*

*The flowers in the Parlor
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
my husband, Ted McCarley
by his loving wife, Deborah McCarley.*

BAPTISM

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

Weldon Mitchell,
son of Lauren and Trevor Mitchell.

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 & 2s - Room 152

3s, 4s, 5s and Kindergarten - 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



*My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality.
James 2:1*

When have you received preferential treatment, and how did it make you feel?

When have you felt that you didn't belong?

When have you seen people show no partiality?



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 **Jim Barr** sharing an encounter that moved him to explore his faith.

Please think about how you share your faith with others.



Sunday Fun Bunch

Ever wonder who is behind all the audio/video needs we have on Sunday mornings? These four guys make Sundays available to those who are here on campus as well as those at home.

Pictured left to right:
Nathan Sanford, Joe DeBusk, Joel Rayburn, Alec Koukol.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

The following third grade children will receive their own Bible during the 8:30 AM. service.

James Scott Barnhart
Sarah Elizabeth Bernstein
James Field Boswell
Martha Ashley Boyer
Catherine Dana Bradley
Robert Davis Chaffin III
Davis Garrett Childers
Eleanor Jane Coleman
Abigail Elizabeth DeBusk
Luke Christian Dunkerley
Sloane Gwendolyn Fend
Amelia Fearn Frist
Mia Suzanne Higgins
Olivia Caroline Hunter
William Lawrence Lancaster
Leighton Caldwell Liles
Grace Perry Maggart
Caleb Matthew Morse

Elizabeth Frances Nowers
Grace Ann Ogden
Andrew Dortch Oldham
Georgia Blair Parsons
Gunnar Sinclair Peacock
Madeline James Robers
Jack Ryan Rohe
Carlisle Francis Smith
Sally Jo Spaulding
Willie Timothy Thomas V
Caroline Elinor Wedemeyer
Whitman Gragg Wyatt

Journey Through the Bible

At 9:45 AM, a special Sunday School class is held for the third graders called Journey Through the Bible. This class helps the children and their parents learn about the Bible they were given during Worship.



Baptisms

Baptism Sunday is the second and fifth Sundays of each month except during Lent.

If you would like more information about baptisms at Westminster, please contact Sophie Maness, 615.292.5526, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

If you would like to schedule a baptism, please contact Hannah Boles, 615.292.5526, hboles@nashvillewpc.org.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Join us for a conversation with YOLANDA PIERCE, PhD. She is a scholar, writer, womanist theologian, and accomplished administrator in higher education. She was appointed the Founding Director of the Center for African American Religious Life at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC). And she currently serves as Professor and Dean of the Vanderbilt Divinity School.



Conversations for a Polarized World

Starts September 8

9:45 AM • Room 10 (next to Goodpasture Hall)

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Will Wellman, wwellman@nashvillewpc.org.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Faith & Fellowship • 214

We will discuss this week's lectionary.

For more info, please contact Donna Schwaber, dkschwaber@gmail.com.



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

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 Wylly 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 God's Will" by Adam Hamilton. Please come join in the fellowship and discussion.



Second Sunday Celebration

Need a little boost to stay awake for the 11:00 AM service? Grab a cappuccino, latte macchiato or flat white plus a pastry in the Parlor from 9:30 - 11:00 AM.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Sunday School • 9:45 AM
Sixth - Twelfth Grades

Sixth - Seventh Grades
Sunday School

Eighth Grade
Confirmation

Ninth - Twelfth Grades
Sunday School

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Join Hannah and WPC youth leaders for an afternoon of lunch at Chipotle and fun at Putt Shack. Cost is \$30. Contact Hannah Norris (hnorris@nashvillewpc.org) with any questions.

Class of 2025 Parent
Dinner
6:00 PM
Goodpasture Hall

Middle School Youth
Group
6:00 PM
Koinonia Youth Café



Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM Rehearsals

Gloria
Alleluia
Jubilate
Tintinnabulation

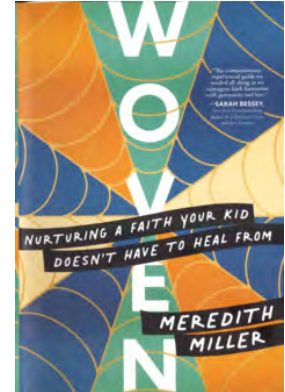
5:00 PM Rehearsals

Chiming Children
Laudate

Tintinnabulation

Come join a fun and mixed age group of ringers and play with us in the intergenerational Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir. We meet on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 PM. First rehearsal is September 8.

Call or email Keith Cole with questions:
615.513.2976
keithc@wittetravel.com.



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.

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:

Draw a picture of what it feels like to be left out.

Draw what it feels like to be included, to be in the middle of joy.

Can you think of time you included someone you did not know very well? What was that like?

f	q	b	c	n	j	s	b	l	f	q	b
a	l	a	y	g	o	i	d	o	r	d	p
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Word Search

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

brother

favorite

included

joy

people

faith

friends

James

love

sisters



ANNOUNCEMENTS



September 9
Westminster Golf Outing
1:00 PM • Hermitage Golf Course

Come join us for the Fourth Annual Westminster Golf Outing at Hermitage Golf Course. The 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, 615-477-9319, with any questions.

September 9
Women's Covenant Group
11:30 AM • BYO Lunch
12:00 PM • Program
Goodpasture Hall

Our guest be Mike Hassell, author of Deep Tradeoffs: Restoring Balance and Respect In A Polarized, Angry World. Mike will discuss his decades-long discovery of the powerful value conflicts embedded in our daily lives, often beneath our awareness.

September 10
Tuesday Lunch Bunch
11:30 AM
Westminster Café

Moms of young adults, bring your lunch and join us as we read, study, discuss and pray for our maturing beloved young adults.

For more info, please contact Fran Linley, fran.linley@gmail.com.

September 11
Wed Night Dinner
5:30 PM
Westminster Café

This week, we will serve Coco's Italian Food.

Please make your reservations by Monday at Noon by calling the office, 615.292.5526 or scanning the QR code below.



September 18
Westminster Academy
6:30 PM
Overlook Room

Join Sue Tully Trout as she discusses this interesting novel by James McBride, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Property Corner Update

There is a lot of work going on “behind the scenes” at Westminster in 2024. The Facilities team and the Property Committee have been working to identify and implement improvements that support and enhance our church building and grounds. Some of the accomplishments include:

- 1) The replacement of exterior single pane windows as part of a window upgrade project beginning in 2021, to date we have replaced 110 windows.
- 2) An upgrade to the church wired computer network allowing for improved internet service and expanded functions throughout the church.
- 3) Security enhancements to the Church such as, upgrades to church fire / burglar alarm systems, security film to interior and exterior doors, door locks on class- rooms and offices and keypads on main doors.
- 4) Replaced aging boiler ventilation piping and improved water filtration for chillers.
- 5) Updates to the Café and breakout rooms that enhance space usage.
- 6) Acquisition of a new performance stage for children and school programs.
- 7) Refinished the gymnasium floors, required due to high wear.
- 8) Landscaping for security and replacement of plants due to weather.



The essential work of the committee is largely possible with funding coming from the WPC maintenance reserve account. We are grateful for the generous gifts given by people, over and above their annual pledged giving, that allow for improvements and maintenance of our beautiful building and grounds. If you are interested in more information or wish to support these projects, please contact Greg Cornish (gkcmhs@msn.com) or Jo Ann McFarlin (jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org) to learn more about projects and building needs for our church.



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.

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



September 24

Westminster Book Group

9:30 AM • Fellowship • 10:00 AM • Presentation

Goodpasture Hall • Led by Carole Bucy

During the twilight of a Sunday afternoon in March, New York book editor Phillip Carver receives an urgent phone call from each of his older, unmarried sisters. They plead with Phillip to help avert their widower father's impending remarriage to a younger woman. Hesitant to get embroiled in a family drama, he reluctantly agrees to go back south, only to discover the true motivation behind his sisters' concern. While there, Phillip is forced to confront his domineering siblings, a controlling patriarch, and a flood of memories from this troubled past.



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 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.



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

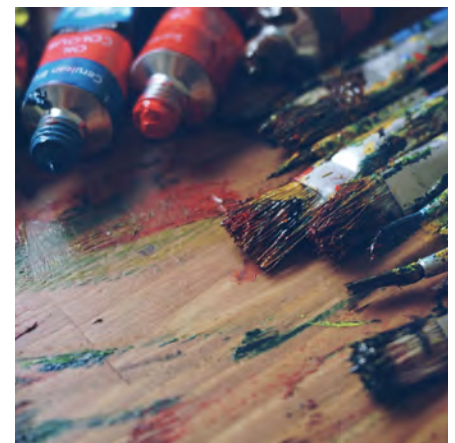
This is a tapestry project that begins with the creation of a tapestry structure. Community members will develop and write messages on strips of ribbon that convey their hopes and prayers for the community. Scan the QR code to register.



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 coffees, 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!

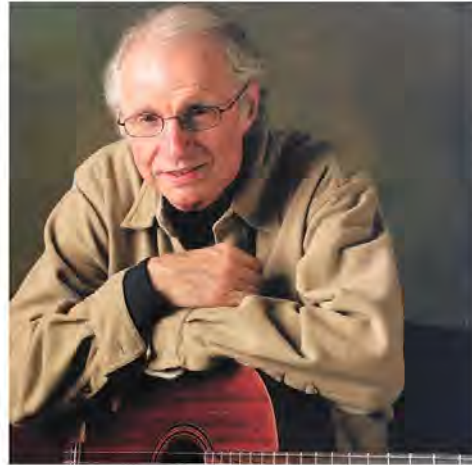
Featuring Songwriters:



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



Preston Taylor Ministries

Lunch Buddies Needed Eat lunch with a child (K-8th) in their school cafeteria once a week for thirty minutes. You can go any day that suits your schedule, and it can even change from week to week. Mentors are trained and matched by PTM's staff who will help support these "joy-filled friendships."

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

Bible Study Mentor

PTM needs male mentors for the Breakfast and Bible Study Program which meets on Thursday mornings during the school year from 6:45-7:45 AM.

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



Habitat Build

September 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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THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 8

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Woven Book Study
- Children's Choir Rehearsals
- Tintinn Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Chiming Children
- Laudate Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Class of 2025 Parent Dinner

Monday, September 9

- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 11:30 AM Women's Covenant Group
- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 1:00 PM Golf Outing
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, September 10

- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 11:30 AM Tuesday Lunch Bunch
- 7:00 PM Songwriters in the Round

Wednesday, September 11

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

Thursday, September 12

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
- Thurs Morning Theological Group
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
- 11:15 AM Music Box

Friday, September 13

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

Saturday, September 14

- 11:30 AM AA



September 12

Music Box Series

11:00 AM • Fellowship

11:15 PM • Program

12:00 PM • Lunch

Please join us as Westminster Presbyterian's Organist & Associate Director of Music Ministries, Dale Nickell, presents an interactive organ lecture in the Sanctuary on Thursday, September 12, for the Music Box Series. In addition to hearing music played on the Chancel Pipe Organ, attendees will build the Orgel-Kit, a miniature pipe organ provided by the Nashville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, as they learn more about the instrument's inner-workings and mechanisms.

Everyone welcome.

Please make lunch reservations with Sherri Givens, sgivens@nashvillewpc.org. Cost of lunch is \$10.



September 8, 2024

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

September 8, 2024

Trust in God

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(Psalm 125)



1 Trust in God and you will be shel-tered for e - ter - ni - ty;
2 Lift your eyes to see the hills, through the a - ges stand-ing still,
3 In the prom-ised, ho - ly land may the wick-ed nev - er stand;



like a moun-tain, strong and sure, by God's grace you will en - dure.
wrapped a-round the cit - y walls: so our God sur-rounds us all.
but where good and kind - ness reign, may the peace of God re - main.



September 8, 2024

79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

September 8, 2024

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

