



# Reign of Christ Sunday

November 24, 2024

 **LIVING OUT THE WORD**  
LOVE • RECONCILE • SHINE • TRANSFORM



# GATHERING

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

## PRELUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias

### *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.

### *Reign of Christ*

At the conclusion of the Christian year, we celebrate the sovereignty of the God who is known to us in Jesus Christ. On this day, as on every day, we give honor and glory to the Lord of heaven and earth and watch and pray for the coming of God's realm of righteousness, justice, and peace. Above all earthly powers, the crucified and risen Lord alone claims our adoration and allegiance. We proclaim that Jesus Christ is first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega.

### *About Hymn 264*

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5-11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes. TEXT: Caroline Maria Noel, 1870; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925.

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

The Lord is robed in majesty.

**God has established the world;  
it shall not be moved.**

Even the floods lift up their voices in praise!

**More majestic than the thunder of the mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves of the sea  
is the Lord on high!**

*(Psalm 93:1, 3-4)*

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Almighty and ever-living God,  
it is your will**

**to restore all things in your dear Son.  
Bring together under his just and gentle rule  
all the peoples of the world,  
now divided and torn apart by sin;  
for he lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Cross and the Bible lead the procession,  
symbolic of the centrality in worship of Jesus Christ—  
the Living Word, and the Bible—the written Word.*

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 264

KING'S WESTON

At the Name of Jesus

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

*(Psalm 34:18)*

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, your kingdom is not of this world.  
We confess that we are too comfortable  
in the kingdoms of this world.  
Convenience, ease, and fear  
keep us from standing for your justice,  
your peace, and your people.  
Too often our lives do not reflect  
your rule in our hearts.  
Forgive us, Lord.  
Call to us again, renew our purpose,  
so that we may believe your truth  
and listen to your voice.  
Help us to claim your kingdom  
with our voices, our hearts, and our lives.**

*(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.")*

**\*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.**

*Call to and Prayer of  
Confession*

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising 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.

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship pad,  
which is located at the center aisle end of each pew.)*

### THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

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

#### **2 Samuel 23:1-7**

*(Old Testament, pages 299-300 in your pew Bible)*

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

**Psalm 93, Hymn 272** *(All sing) (8:30 a.m.)* BYRN CALFARIA

*(11:00 a.m.)* The Lord Shall Reign David Hurd

The Lord shall reign forever and ever.  
The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel,  
and girded himself with strength.  
He has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.  
The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

Ever since the world began,  
your throne has been established;  
you are from the everlasting.  
The waters have lifted up their voice,  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.  
The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
Mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.  
Your testimonies are very sure,  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,  
forever and for evermore.  
The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

#### **John 18:33-37**

*(New Testament, page 113 in your pew Bible)*

**SERMON** "Where do you belong?" Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*

#### *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.

#### *About Psalm 93, Hymn 272*

Like other psalms celebrating God's sovereignty, Psalm 93 has been applied in Christian practice to Christ's ascension and reign. That connection is reinforced by setting this paraphrase to a Welsh tune linked with a text on the Crucifixion (the tune name means "Mount Calvary").  
TEXT: John Keble, 1839; MUSIC: William Owen, 1852.



## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ Jesus,  
though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death -  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth, and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen. *(Philippians 2:5-11)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.) He is King of Kings Spiritual/HE IS KING

*Refrain*

*He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords,  
Jesus Christ, the first and last,  
no one works like him. O he is . . .*

He built his throne up in the air;  
no one works like him;  
and called his saints from everywhere;  
no one works like him. *Refrain*

He pitched his tents on Canaan ground;  
no one works like him;  
and broke oppressive kingdoms down;  
no one works like him. *Refrain*

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
no one works like him;  
and by his love sweet blessing gives;  
no one works like him. *Refrain*

### *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.

### *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 "He Is King of Kings"*

This African American spiritual is a classic example of how praise of God rises out of human experience. The repeated response "no one works like him" shows confidence that the sovereign, liberating Christ abounds with the very attribute the singers need in order to survive.

(11:00 a.m.)

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Kevin Mayhew

*Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:  
lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, and took his seat above:  
lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys to death and hell are to our Jesus given:  
lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet:  
lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.  
*Rejoice, the Lord is King...*

*Doxology*

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

**\*DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*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 right to give you thanks and praise...  
over the pride and greed of nations.

Therefore we praise you,  
singing with the servants around heaven's throne  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
to the glory of your mighty name:



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...  
 dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, give us your Holy Spirit ...  
 and we feast with him in eternity.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all glory and honor, praise and adoration are yours,  
 now and forever.

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





This is he whom seers in old time  
chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word.  
Now he shines, the long-expected.  
Let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven, adore him.  
Angel hosts, his praises sing.  
Powers, dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent;  
every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
and unwearied praises be.  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore! Amen.

### SENDING

**\*HYMN 348**    Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending    HELMSLEY

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**    Allegro maestoso e vivace, Op. 65, No. 4  
Felix Mendelssohn

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

#### *About Hymn 348*

Despite unclear musical origins, the result here is a characteristic early Methodist hymn tune, notable for its breadth and range. It sets a text of similarly mixed sources, one that Charles Wesley regarded as related to "Thy kingdom come" in the Lord's Prayer. TEXT: stanzas 1, 3, Charles Wesley, 1758, alt.; stanza 2, John Cennick, 1752, alt.; MUSIC: Thomas Olivers, 1763; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

#### *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 Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org) or Stephanie Boaz, Parish Associate for Congregational Care, (sboaz@nashvillewpc.org) or 615.292.5526 in the church office.

## TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

### Worship Leaders

#### Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake  
*Pastor and Head of Staff*

#### Liturgist

Rev. Adam DeVries  
*Parish Associate for Youth Ministries*

#### Beadles / Acolytes

8:30 AM Logan Lakoff  
11:00 AM Meg Sieveking

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Kathryn Wyatt  
11:00 AM Bob Hines

#### Communion Preparation

Suzie and Richard Lane

#### Music

8:30 AM Laudate Youth Choir  
11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson  
*Director of Music Ministries*

Shelia Pugh, Guest Organist

### FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of our parents  
Joe and Cleo Gaines and  
Max and Mary Kyle Jarvis,  
and in honor of our children and grandchildren,  
Andy, Amanda, Patrick, Amelia, and James  
by Lochiel and Joe Gaines.*

*The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Corrine Walker Sterling  
by her family.*

### RED ROSE

The red rose in the Chancel is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of a daughter, **Oaklynn Rees** on November 18, 2024 to Baker and Kelli Messier. Grandparents Myrna and Marc Messier are so excited!

### POINSETTIAS

*Poinsettias will grace our Sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship services.* If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a friend or family member, please place your order online, complete a form available at the Information Desk or email Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org.

A donation of \$10 per name is requested. Some proceeds go towards the purchase of poinsettias for our members in assisted living. **The deadline for submitting names to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins is Sunday, December 8, 2024.**

### 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](http://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



**LIVING  
OUT THE  
WORD**

LOVE  
RECONCILE  
SHINE  
TRANSFORM

*"My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."*

*John 18:36*

Name experiences of belonging and not belonging.

When is "not belonging" a good thing?

Why aren't Jesus' followers fighting to keep Jesus from being handed over?



## **Thanksgiving Holiday**

The church campus will be closed November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will have both services on Sunday, December 1.



**Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers** Reserve your date now to provide arrangements in the Sanctuary or Parlor in 2025. Celebrate your friendships and honor your loved ones with arrangements provided by our talented Flower Guild members. Email or call Terri Eckert to select your special Sunday. Please note that reservations for flowers do not carry over from year-to-year. (teckert@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526)



## **Christmas Eve Services**

2:00 PM – The Family Christmas Eve Service with Children's Choirs  
5:00 & 8:00 PM – Candlelight Service and Communion  
10:30 PM – Candlelight Service and Communion



# GENEROSITY

As we reflect on all that we have, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for our abundant blessings. We are thankful for gifts of life, community, and faith that sustain us each day. Most of all, we are grateful for each one of you—our members—who are the hands and feet of Jesus in our world, reflecting love in every action and word.

As we approach the final month of our generosity campaign, we want to celebrate the profound outpouring of support we've seen thus far. Thanks to your incredible commitment, we have already received pledges totaling \$2,857,846 from 363 families.

This is a wonderful milestone, and we are slightly ahead of where we were at this time last year. Praise be to God! If you have not yet had the opportunity to submit your annual pledge, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you might contribute to help us reach our goal of \$3,600,000. Every gift matters.



We respectfully ask that you give what you can. If you are able, please consider stretching your gift as we work together toward this important goal that sustains our church.

As a faithful community, we are shaped in relationship to one another by the timeless message we have received: Love One Another. And as the prophet Isaiah promised, God is indeed doing a new thing in our midst [43:19] and God invites us to be spiritually attentive and open to recognizing it. We are empowered and called to be diligent witnesses to the light of Christ, proclaiming our bond to one another as a people of God.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your generosity makes all the difference.

In Christ's love,  
Generosity Committee





# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

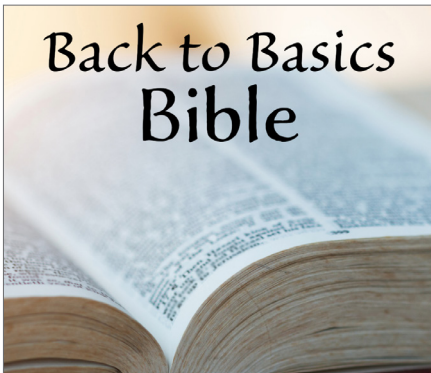
Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



## **Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall**

Jeannie Hunter, Regional Director of the Society of St. Andrew, will talk about biblical and contemporary gleaning; a process that cared for the widow, orphan, and alien 5000 years ago and today.

St. Andrew is a nonprofit working to feed people while reducing food waste. Society of St. Andrew's Tennessee Regional Office was established in 2010 to coordinate the state's gleaning network. Since that time, SoSA has rescued and shared an average of one million pounds of food per year. SoSA's Tennessee Gleaning Network coordinates volunteers across the state who rescue food at farms, farmers markets, and even processing facilities. Volunteers harvest food straight from farm fields when growers are done for the season, collect food that hasn't sold, or package and distribute unmarketable but good produce ("ugly" food).



## **Back to Basics: Bible • Goodpasture Hall**

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! If you have any questions, please contact Will, [wwellman@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:wwellman@nashvillewpc.org).



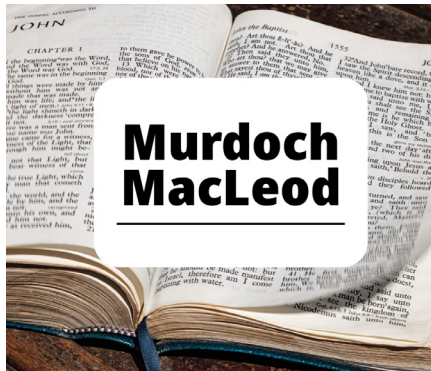
# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



**Faith & Fellowship • 214**

We will be exploring A.-J. Levine's new book *The Gospel of John*.



**Murdoch MacLeod • Library**

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.



**Young Families • Overlook Room**

Fellowship Sunday



**Sunday School • 9:45 AM**

Gather in the Koinonia Youth Café for donuts and fellowship before class.

**Sixth/Seventh Grades**  
Breakout Room 89

**Ninth - Twelfth Grades**  
Breakout Room 87

**Eighth Grade**  
Confirmation Class  
Café

**Youth Group • 6:00 PM**

Join us in the Youth Café for Friendsgiving and GROG. Please bring a food dish to share.



**Children & Youth Choirs**

4:00 PM Rehearsals

Gloria  
Alleluia  
Jubilate  
Tintinnabulation

5:00 PM Rehearsals

Laudate Choir  
Chiming Children



# 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**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in room 292**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapel first and then will be picked up in rooms.**

## QUESTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES:



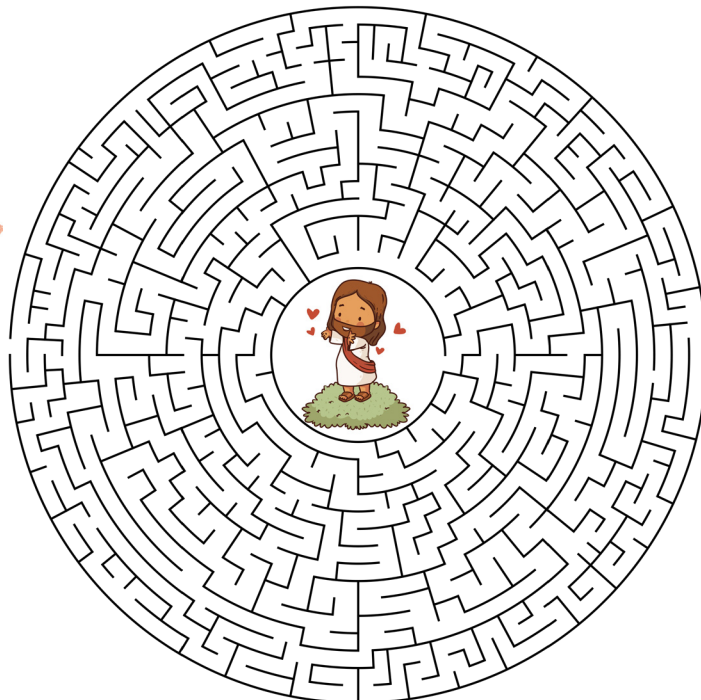
### LIVING OUT THE WORD

In this scripture Jesus says my kingdom is not of this world.

Draw a picture or describe what you think a king looks like?  
What do you imagine when you hear the word king?

In pictures or descriptions of Jesus what do you see or imagine?

How is Jesus different from "a king" like we imagine?



**HELP THE CHILDREN  
GET TO JESUS**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, December 8**  
**Service of Hope and Healing**  
**7:00 PM • Sanctuary**

As we enter the Advent/Christmas season, many feelings well up in us. Joyful Christmas carols seek to bring good cheer, yet for many experiences of grief and loss, anxiety and health concerns, depression and painful relationships are on our hearts.

Through scripture and prayers, candlelight and music, this service is for all people seeking hope and healing during this season. Join us as we claim the promises of God in Emmanuel, God-with-us, and pray for Christ's peace to make us whole.

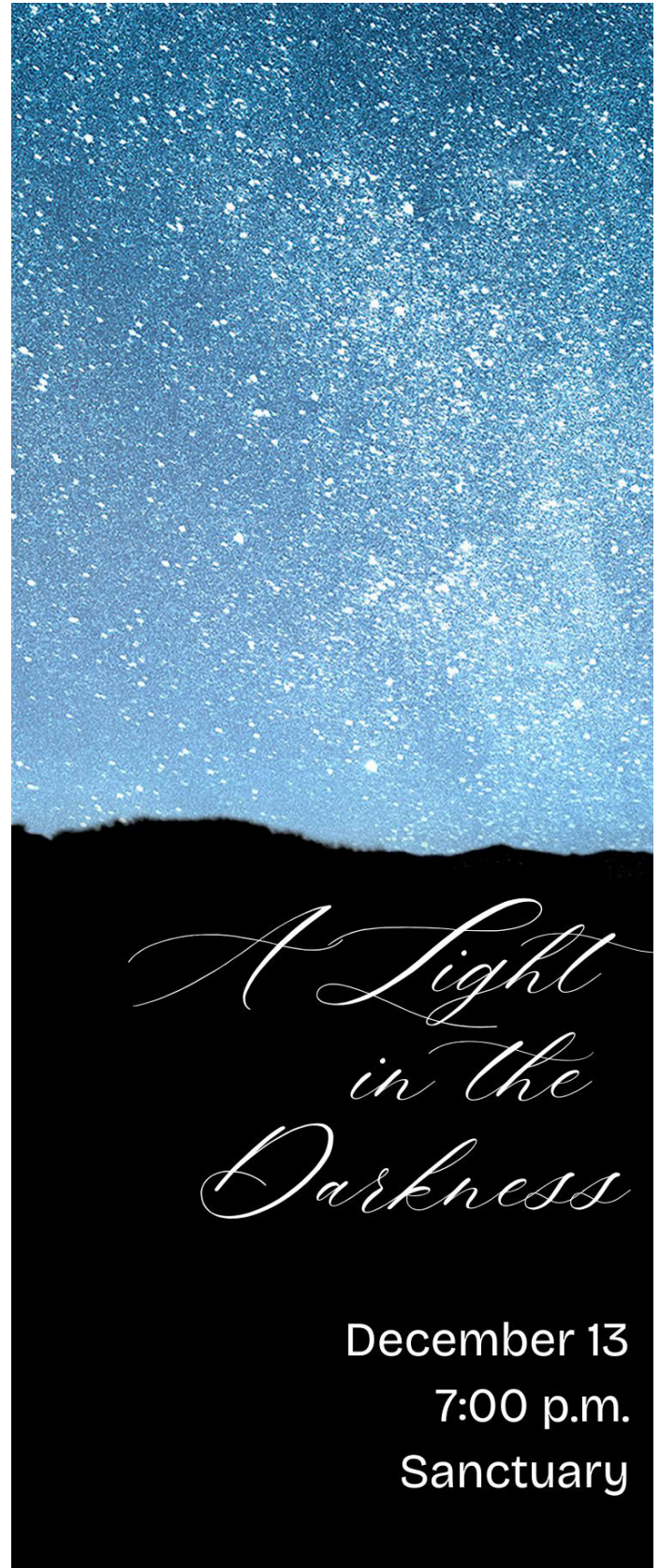
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## **A Light in the Darkness**

**An Advent & Christmas Concert with Westminster Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Phillip Keveren, Pianist, and tenor soloist, Jordan Haas Dale Nickell, Associate Director of Music and Organist; Dr. John Semingson, Conductor**

**December 13**  
**7:00 PM • Sanctuary**

Plan now to join us for this concert featuring beautiful music of the season and bring a friend! We offer this concert to be a light in the darkness of December filled with hope and promise as we hear in word and music the promise that Christ's coming brings to all of creation. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please join us.







# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**December 4, 2024**  
**PJs and Breakfast for Dinner**  
**5:30 PM • Fellowship Hall**

Join us for Wednesday night dinner in December! Wear your pajamas (kids and grownups alike) and join us for breakfast (Troy's cooking!) and advent wreath making for our homes. We'll also read the Christmas Story! Hope to see you there.

Theme: Making advent wreaths to take home

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

Scan the QR code to register.



**December 11, 17**  
**Salvation Army Bell**  
**Ringers - Green Hills**  
**12:00 - 6:00 PM**

The Salvation Army will serve more than 25 million people across America. Scan the QR code to register for a two-hour shift at Green Hills Kroger.



**December 15**  
**Community Caroling &**  
**Dinner for Families**  
**5:00 PM**

Join us for some old fashioned caroling in the neighborhood.

More info to come.

**December 8, 15, 22**  
**Alternative Christmas**  
**Gift Market**  
**Parlor**

Give Christmas gifts to friends and family while also giving to those in need – visit us at the market in the Parlor.

**SAVE**  
**THE**  
**DATE**

**December 8**  
**Youth Bake Sale**  
**Parlor**

Parents, Students, Friends of the Youth Ministry: We need your best bake goods for our Bake Sale Fundraiser. You can drop off your items at the church on Saturday, December 7 between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM during our Bake Sale Prep Day.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Westminster Bells** will present their annual Christmas Variety Show as a part of the Music Box Series on Thursday, December 12 in Goodpasture Hall. We will gather at 11:00. The program will begin at 11:15. Following the program a Box Lunch will be served. Please call the church office to place your lunch order.

Returning once again to join the Bell Choir will be Susan and Neal Ramsay, Susan with her Hammered Dulcimer and Neal with several saxophones. They will play two selections, "Riu Riu Chiu" and "Linus and Lucy". Hearing Susan and Neal is always quite a treat. Neal is the arranger for their selections being as there are probably no other arrangements for this particular instrumentation!

The Bell Choir will play three selections. "Advent Carol", arranged by Hal Hopson, former Minister of Music here at Westminster. Back by popular demand, "T'was the Night Before Christmas" with our very own Audrey Campbell narrator. We commissioned John Arnn to write this piece several years ago. We will end the program with "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer".

Members of the Bell Choir are, Barbara Sullivan, Jane Kirchner, Audrey Campbell, Debbie Fritz, Janet Salyer, Meg Zimmerman, Leslie Higgins, Kelly Christie, Jill Sink, Shirlee Davidson, Frank Kirchner and Cecile Settle. The Choir is directed by Sally Mae Arnn.

*You're invited to the*  
**Christmas Music Box**

December 12  
11:00 a.m. • Fellowship  
11:15 a.m. • Program

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The Westminster Bells will present their annual Christmas Variety Show as a part of the Music Box Series.

RSVP for lunch to Sherri, [sgivens@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:sgivens@nashvillewpc.org).  
Cost \$10.00



The Downtown Presbyterian Church

**The 100<sup>th</sup> Waffle Shop**  
**December 5, 2024**  
**11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

All proceeds go to benefit the church's homeless ministries.

This year marks the centennial celebration of The Downtown Presbyterian Church's Waffle Shop. What started in 1924 as a fundraiser for The Downtown Presbyterian Church, quickly evolved into a holiday tradition. In its early days, downtown was the center of Nashville's retail and Waffle Shop marked the beginning of the Christmas shopping season. In recent years, as Nashville's need for homeless outreach has increased, the church has expanded its mission. Funds raised from Waffle Shop are now used to provide a free breakfast and essential items to anyone in need each Saturday morning.

Waffle Shop tickets can be purchased on the website at [dpchurch.com](http://dpchurch.com). The \$15 ticket includes:

- A waffle breakfast which includes waffles, grits, a choice of Hattie B's Hot Chicken or Puckett's country bacon, or turkey hash made from the original Waffle Shop recipe, and a choice of Frothy Monkey Coffee or spiced tea
- A free guided tour of the church's beautiful historic Egyptian Revival sanctuary
- An organ recital and an opportunity to participate in singing Christmas carols
- The opportunity to shop at the church's gift shop which includes homemade baked goods, vintage antiques, and other holiday merchandise







# 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.



## Tuesdays Pottery

January 7-February 25  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
\$50 per person  
Limit: 8 participants

From hand-building to glazing, create your own pottery items with the help of our fabulous pottery team. Items are microwavable, oven-safe, and dishwasher-safe.

All skill levels are welcome. Scan the QR code to register.



## Tuesdays Songwriting Class

Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4  
10:00 a.m.-Noon  
No fee

The Craft of a Nashville Songwriter:  
This is a four-week introduction led by Steve Leslie. Scan QR code to register.



## Wednesdays February 5, 12, 19, 26 4:00-5:30 p.m. Limit 24 children

Each group will attend two weeks of pottery and two weeks of recreation in the gym! Classes are for K through 4<sup>th</sup> graders, church members and community friends. Grandparents, bring your grandchildren. Scan QR code to register.





# CAFÉ ACTIVITIES



**Tuesday - Friday**  
**8:00 AM - Noon**

Be our guest! Enjoy specialized coffees, various teas, and cold drinks along with homemade yummys. High chairs available for our little guests. ***The Café will be closed November 26 - 29.***

## **Refugees The Road to Citizenship**

**December 6**



**Friday**  
**10:00 AM to Noon**

Come join Chris Lovingood, Executive Director of Nations Ministry, as he shares the knowledge and experiences he's gained over many years serving as Executive Director of Nations Ministry. Scan QR code to register.



## **A Special Evening of Music & Art**

**December 10**



**Tuesday**  
**6:00 - 8:30 PM**

Join us for an art show featuring paintings from Joy in Learning classes and songwriters singing their own Christmas songs and lead us in Christmas Carols. Cost: \$10

Scan QR code to register.



## **Writing Our Faith Stories**

**Starts January 8**



**Wednesdays**  
**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

One of the most helpful ways to increase our awareness of God's presence with us is to write about our spiritual journeys and to share insights gained from that practice with our companions along the way. Led by Janet Salyer. Scan QR code to register.







# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

## Environmental Footprint

### Want to Know What you Can Do to Reduce Your Environmental Footprint?

Members of the Earth Care Task Force have been approached several times about ways to reduce one's greenhouse gas and environmental footprint. Scan the QR code to reach our list of things you can do around your household. Contact Curtis Baysinger, [cbaysinger2@gmail.com](mailto:cbaysinger2@gmail.com), for more info.



## Climate News

There are so many good climate and environmental newsletters, it's difficult to choose just one. Anna Robertson's *The Cool Down* (TCD) is full of well-researched articles on how climate change is affecting our lives and what people are doing about it. Scan the QR code to learn more.



## Helping Students

### Third - Fifth Grade Math Tutors Needed at Cockrill Elementary School

Math tutors are needed to help 3rd-5th graders starting in January. Training is provided. A background check is required. Please contact Jennifer Anderson, [andersonjl2001@yahoo.com](mailto:andersonjl2001@yahoo.com), for details.



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# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

## Sunday, November 24

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
Tintinnabulation Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Laudate Choir Rehearsal  
Chiming Children
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

## Monday, November 25

- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 9:30 AM Westminster Bells
- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

## Tuesday, November 26

- 7:00 AM Daybreak Believers
- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:00 AM Harvard Bells
- 11:30 AM Tuesday Lunch Bunch

## Wednesday, November 27

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 6:00 PM RITI
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball  
WPC Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, November 28

- church campus closed -

## Friday, November 29

- church campus closed -

## Saturday, November 30

- 9:30 AM Faith & Food
- 11:30 AM AA

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



Communion kits are available for seniors living in a residency or independently.

Please contact Sylvia Leins, [srleins@yahoo.com](mailto:srleins@yahoo.com) to receive one or add someone you know to the list for the next Communion Sunday.

On the front cover:

The Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola at Campus Martius is a Latin Catholic titular church, of deaconry rank, dedicated to Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, located in Rome, Italy.

Photo by Donovan Drake.





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## At the Name of Jesus

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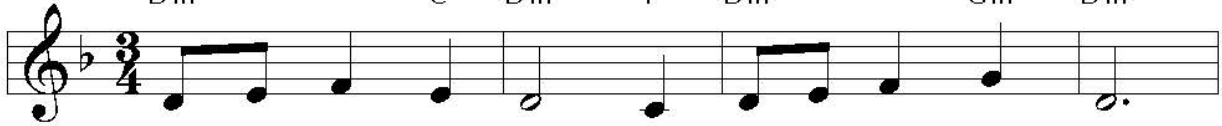
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1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
 2 Hum-bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
 3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
 4 Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

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ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

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'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
 faith-ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,  
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

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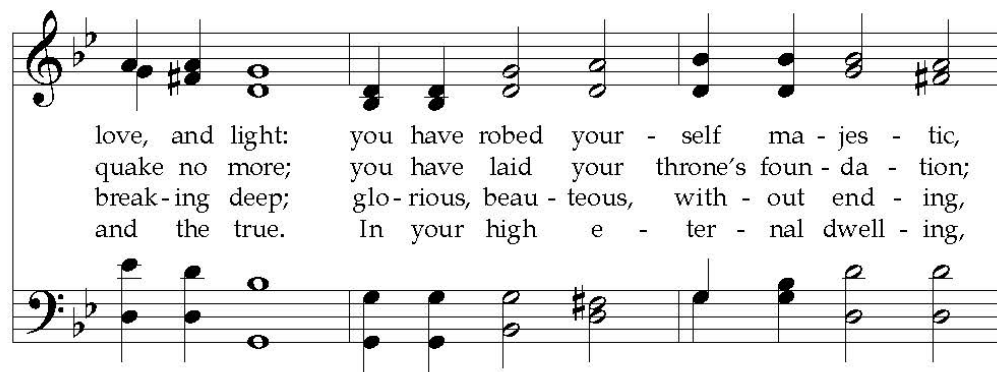
who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

# 272 God, You Rule with Royal Bearing

(Psalm 93)



1 God, you rule with roy - al bear - ing, clothed in glo - ry,  
 2 In its ev - er - last - ing sta - tion earth is fixed to  
 3 With all tones of wa - ter blend - ing, glo - rious is the  
 4 God, the words your lips are tell - ing are the per - fect



love, and light: you have robed your - self ma - jes - tic,  
 quake no more; you have laid your throne's foun - da - tion;  
 break - ing deep; glo - rious, beau - teous, with - out end - ing,  
 and the true. In your high e - ter - nal dwell - ing,

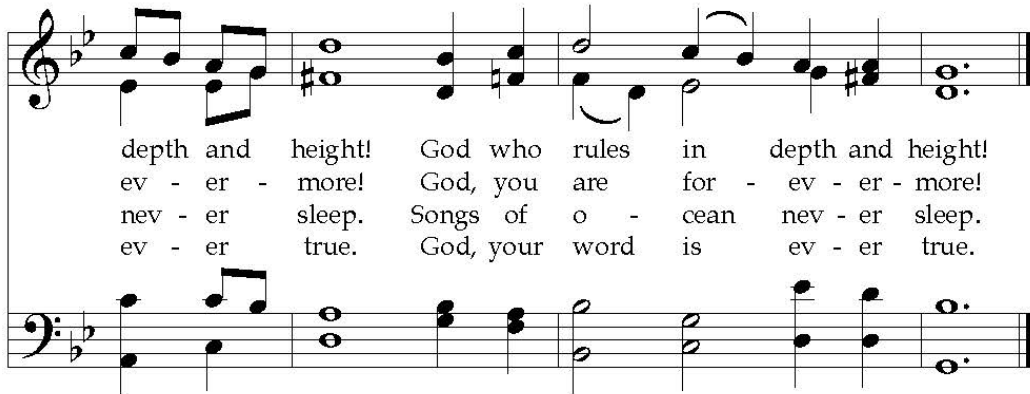


robed your - self with power and might. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 you your - self are ev - er - more. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 God, who reigns on heaven's high steep. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 ho - li - ness shall live with you. Hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God who rules in  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God, you are for -  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Songs of o - cean  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God, your word is





depth and height! God who rules in depth and height!  
ev - er - more! God, you are for - ev - er - more!  
nev - er sleep. Songs of o - cean nev - er sleep.  
ev - er true. God, your word is ev - er true.

# 348 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

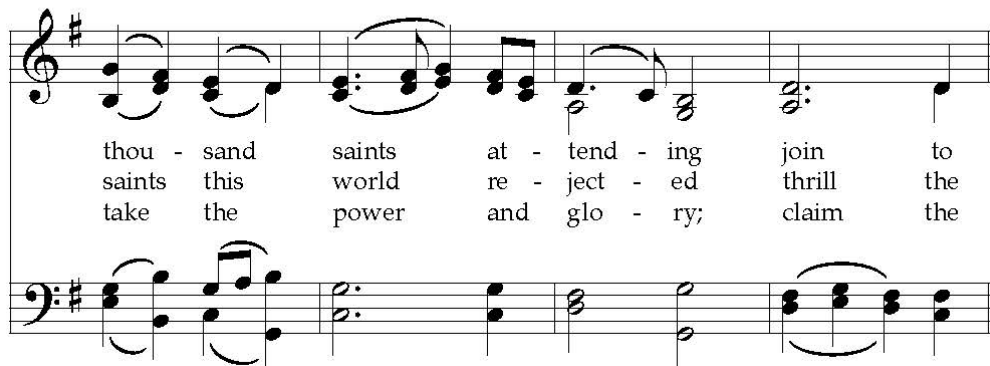
**Hymn #2 Final Hymn**



1 Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,  
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand,  
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near; all the  
high on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,



thou - sand saints at - tend - ing join to  
saints this world re - ject - ed thrill the  
take the power and glo - ry; claim the

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sing the glad re - frain: Al - le -  
trum - pet sound to hear: Al - le -  
king - dom as thine own. Come, Lord

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
Je - sus. Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!