



Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Linker & McFadden
(HAF TRONES LAMPA FAERDIG)

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*As the light is brought into the Sanctuary,
and the candles on the Advent wreath are lighted,
the congregation is invited to sing the following:*

HYMN 88

VENI EMMANUEL

About Advent

"Advent" means "coming" or "arrival." The season of Advent begins with an emphasis on final things (eschatology). We watch and pray with expectant hope for the establishment of God's justice and the return of the Prince of Peace. As the weeks of Advent progress, the focus shifts to thanks and praise for the birth of the one who has already come - Jesus Christ our Savior.

The primary symbolism of the Advent candles has to do with light growing in darkness - leading up to the coming of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Out of Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.

He shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

Holy is God's name!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us?

**Yet you have visited your people
and redeemed us in your Son.**

**As we prepare to celebrate his birth,
make our hearts leap for joy
at the sound of your word,
and move us by your Spirit
to bless your wonderful works.**

**We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. 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 97

ABERYSTWYTH

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prepare the way of the Lord!
Let us make our confession to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
we confess that we do not walk in your light.
We choose what is evil and refuse what is good.
We scorn our neighbors and laugh at others' troubles.
Forgive us; deliver us; let your face shine on us,
so that we may be ready to meet our Emmanuel,
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Silent confession)

About Hymn 97

This unusual dialogue hymn alternates between the voice of a traveler and that of a watchman, setting up an exchange that creates parallels between the coming of dawn and the birth of Christ. The tune is named for a Welsh town whose name means "mouth of the bending river." TEXT: John Bowring, 1825; MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876.

Prayer of Confession

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.

Kyrie

James MacMillan

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

Choir: Congregation:
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ,
have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

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

The Act of Praise brings together the choir and congregation to sing God's praise in response to the Assurance of Pardon as the last phrase.

*ACT OF PRAISE

WINCHESTER NEW

**All praise to You, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom one,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

There's a light in the distance, a star burning bright.
 A flame in the shadows that fills up the night.
 The glory of heaven will soon bring the day,
 for Jesus is coming, prepare ye the way.

There's a song in the distance, a carol so fair.
 There's the sound of rejoicing and love ev'rywhere.
 Soon angels will sing out with glorious praise,
 for Jesus is coming, prepare ye the way.

Now people look east for a beautiful sign.
 The morning is painting the sky.
 Rejoice with jubilant praise,
 for Jesus is coming, prepare ye the way.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Luke 3:7-18

(New Testament, page 60 in your pew Bible)

Choir: Lord Jesus, come soon!

***Congregation:* Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Canticle

Hymn 71 The First Song of Isaiah Jack Noble White

*(The Congregation is invited to sing the Refrain
 with the Choir. The verses will be sung by the choir alone.)*

Refrain

*Surely, it is God who saves me;
 I will trust in God and not be afraid.
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
 and God will be my Savior.*

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
 from the springs of salvation
 and on that day you shall say,
 "Give thanks to the Lord
 and call upon God's name." **Refrain**

LORD JESUS, COME SOON! "Lord Jesus, come soon!" which we sing responsively in our worship services during Advent, comes directly from 1 Corinthians 16:22. It is one of the oldest prayers of the Christian Church. It expresses the deepest longing of the Christian – that the Lord will come to us and to our world, bringing the fullness of the peace, joy and healing that God has promised.

About Hymn 71

This text is a slightly altered form of an adaption of Isaiah 12:2-6 that appears as a canticle for Morning Prayer in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church. The selection is identified there as The First Song of Isaiah, a title that influenced the tune name. TEXT: The Draft Proposed Book of Common Prayer, 1976, alt.; MUSIC: Jack Noble White, 1976.

Make God's deeds known among the people;
see that they remember that God's name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord,
for God has done great things
and this is known in all the world. **Refrain**

About Hymn 86

One of the great virtues of scriptural paraphrases is that they bring fresh understanding and appreciation to familiar passages. This adaption of a customary Advent text, Isaiah 9:2-7, provides an effective example of how revisited verses can take on new life when recast. TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2008; MUSIC: Sally Ann Morris, 2008.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion;
ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel. **Refrain**

Philippians 4:4-7

(New Testament, page 198 in your pew Bible)

SERMON "What, then, should we do?" Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 86** The People Who Walked in Darkness ISAIAH 9

(The Congregation is invited to sing the Refrain with the Choir. The verses will be sung by the Choir alone.)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Jesus, the long-expected Savior,
came into the world as a child,
descended from David,
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of Mary, a virgin.**

He lived as a Jew among Jews.

**He announced to his people
the coming of God's kingdom
of justice and peace on earth.**

**The coming of Jesus was itself
the coming of God's promised rule.**

**Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection,
he brings about the relationship
between God and humanity
that God always intended.**

(From A Declaration of Faith)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst/arr. G. Alan Smith

In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.
Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;
In the bleak midwinter a stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But only his mother, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.
What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: Give my heart.

Gustav Holst/arr. Phillip Keveren

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter long ago.
Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.
What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
What can I give Him? Give my heart. I will give my heart.

*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:



Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God's grace elicits our heartfelt gratitude. We respond to the good news of forgiveness with joyful acclamations of praise!

About Hymn 362

The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembroke village. TEXT: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700; MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Liwybrau Moliant*, 1872.

The *Postlude* is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

Service in the World

Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day; we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living. In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.

***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.

**You deliver us, O God,
from exile, separation, and despair
into communion with each other,
with you, and with your good news.
We thank you for all that draws us close,
astounding us with lives
transformed by gratitude. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Singing together, see the inside back cover
of your hymnal for text and music.)*

SENDING

***HYMN 362** Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers LLANGLOFFAN

***BENEDICTION**

Choir: Lord Jesus, come soon!
***Congregation:* Lord Jesus, come soon!**

POSTLUDE Noel Éttranger Louis-Claude Daquin

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

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler by email to hhudnutbeumler@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. Will Wellman
Parish Associate for Adult Education

Advent Wreath Lighters

8:30 AM The Shurden Family
11:00 AM The Barnett Family

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Virginia Reynolds
11:00 AM Rachel Hosé

Music

Tintinnabulation, Keith Cole, Conducting
8:30 AM Laudate Youth Choir
11:00 AM Gloria and Jubilate Children's Choirs,
Ally Hard Conducting
Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell
Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries



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. Some proceeds are used to purchase poinsettias for our members in assisted living homes. 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)

Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional. As of December 15, masks are no longer required in the balcony.

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



**LIVING
OUT THE
WORD**

LOVE
RECONCILE
SHINE
TRANSFORM

Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?'
Luke 3:9-10

When and where have you seen the bearing of “good fruit” for God’s glory?

How do you “make room” for God in your life and the world?

What do you need to do for God to bear fruit? What does God need to do for you to bear fruit?



God is at work doing a new thing

Together, as a family of faith, we’ve witnessed the Spirit move among us this year, showing us how God is “doing a new thing” as Isaiah promised. With 383 families pledging \$3,039,226, we are on the brink of achieving our goal—so close we can almost touch it.

But this isn’t just about numbers; it’s about bold generosity that fuels transformative ministry, life-changing worship, and the hands-on love of Christ in action that we witness here at Westminster. If you haven’t yet pledged, this is the time to join us. Let’s step into God’s vision together!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 15, 2024
Community Caroling & Dinner
5:00 PM • North Parking Lot

Caroling with the Westminster Community is back! Please join us on Sunday, December 15 at 5 p.m. at the North Entrance (facing the big playground) to carol in the Westminster neighborhood!

Members of our choir will keep us in tune and we'll bring Christmas cheer to our church neighbors. This event is for all ages and includes some fun Santa and glow-in-the-dark accessories to keep us in the spirit!

After caroling, join us in Fellowship Hall for dinner. During dinner, kids can participate in making holiday cards that we will bring to Alive Hospice and other groups around Nashville. Please feel free to bring and make cards in advance. We hope to see you there!

There will also be an UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST. Children will be the judges.

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



Scan the QR code to register.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

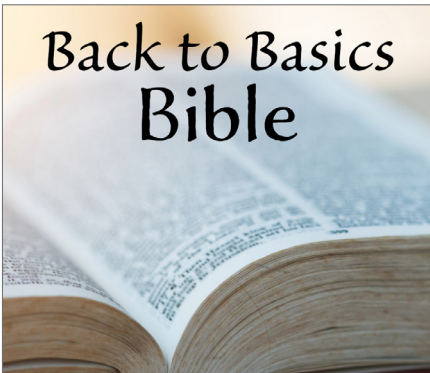


Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Jim Womack will discuss:
Pieter Bruegel: Searching for the Details. Reading from Psalm 8 and addressing the question: v 4 "what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them."

No prior knowledge is needed. There will be no test but, hopefully, we will do a lot of looking and have conversations about these works of art.

Pieter Bruegel, born in Antwerp, and painting at the same time as Michelangelo and Raphael, provides a bridge between Albrecht Durer and Peter Paul Rubens in the art of the North of the alps. In the midst of the civil wars of religion in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in the North.



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.



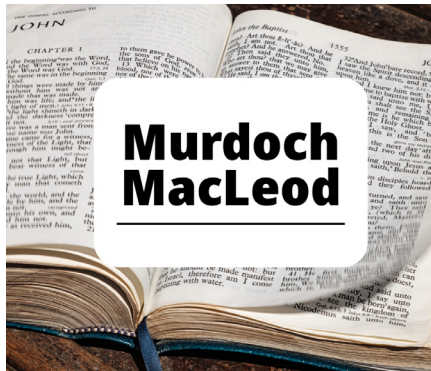
TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



Faith & Fellowship • 214

What is in Your Manger?
We will be examining the Nativity Story and our hopes for the Starry Night.



Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.



Young Families • Overlook Room

Young Families Survey results and follow-up.



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

Youth Council
10:45 AM
Koinonia Youth Café

Youth Group • 6:00 PM

Youth Group Christmas Party

Wear your ugly Christmas sweater!
Please bring a gift for the gift exchange.
We will have games, cocoa and share about Christmas.

Special Youth Study Time with Snacks

The Café will be open for high school youth on December 16 & 17 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM to study for exams.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM Rehearsals

Gloria
Alleluia
Jubilate

5:00 PM Rehearsals

Laudate Choir
Chiming Children



Winter New Member & Inquirer Class To Begin January 12

The winter New Member and Inquirer Class will begin Sunday, January 12, and runs through February 16, with the opportunity to join on March 2 for those who feel called into membership. The class runs during the Sunday School hour, 9:45 – 10:45 AM.

To sign up for the class please contact Sherri Givens, sgivens@nashvillewpc.org. For questions or more information please contact co-chairs Kathleen Simcoe (kathleenmsimcoe@gmail.com) and Ken Larish (klarish@mainlandcompanies.com), or pastoral staff Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).



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.

QUESTIONS FOR CHILDREN and THEIR FAMILIES:



In this scripture Jesus is talking about bearing good fruit, being our best selves.

When is it easy for you to be kind and loving?

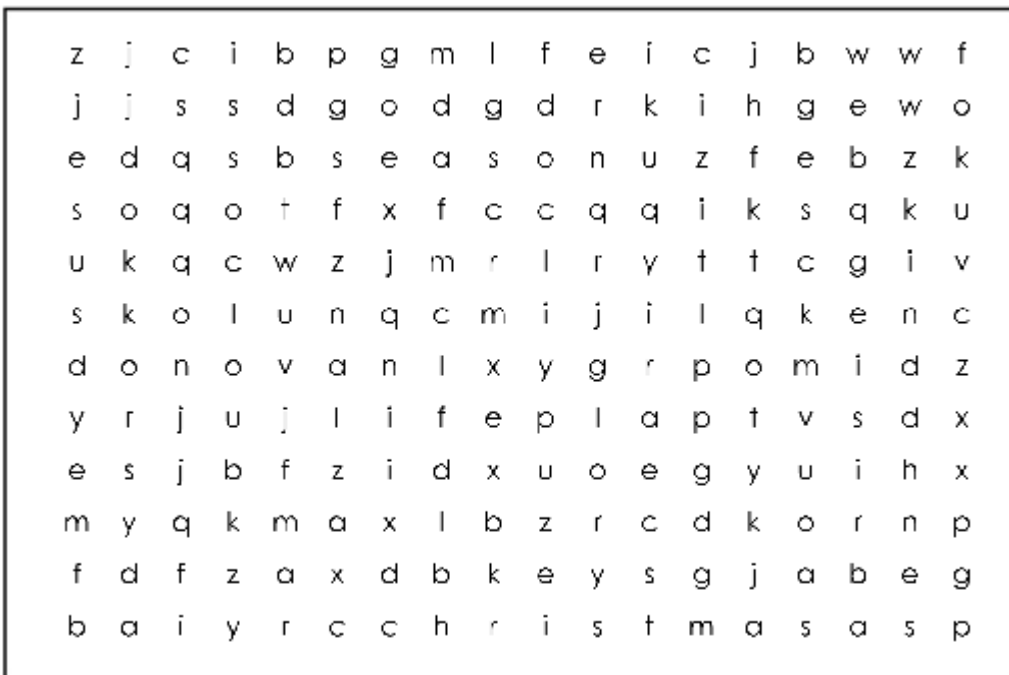
Maybe when you have rested well, had a good breakfast....

What do you think?

When is it hard for you to be kind and loving?

Draw a picture of someone who helps you to be your best self.

LIVING OUT THE WORD



WORD SEARCH

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

Christmas
fruit
glory
God
Jesus
kind
life
loving
scripture
season

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Prayer Requests

In the pew racks are prayer request cards which can be filled out and placed in the offering plate. It is our privilege to "Live Out the Word" by praying by name for those who need our care. The Congregational Care Prayer Team and the pastors will be pleased to add their voices to yours in prayer. All requests are held in the confidence of the pastors and the Prayer Team. Believing in the power of prayer, we affirm our calling: "...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

Support for Grief and the Holidays

This thoughtful guide with helpful support for those who are grieving during the holidays is available on the Parlor and Narthex tables. Scan the QR code to access this list.

Please also know that the pastoral staff and Bereavement Care Team are here for you as any needs arise.



Mondays Centering Prayer 11:45 AM • Chapel

Are you searching for stillness? Looking for a way to calm your anxious mind? Craving the felt presence of God? Then Centering Prayer may be for you. Westminster holds a Centering Prayer gathering every Monday from 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM in the Chapel. The time begins with an opening prayer followed by 20 minutes of silence. It is open to all and no experience is necessary! Participants find it to be a refreshing start to the week and with practice, it can create deep peace. In the words of theologian Cynthia Bourgeault, "Centering Prayer trains practitioners to recenter themselves in God, become more aware of God's presence, let go of anxiety when it arises, and respond to life's struggles with composure."

For more information, email elizabethtrabue@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

THE MANY MINISTRIES OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

Do you have a need?

Or,

Do you want to help with care ministry?

We are the body of Christ, a congregation that shares one another's burdens and rejoices in each other's joys. Whether you are in your later years and would welcome visits, are in the hospital, are recovering and would welcome help with rides to PT or medical equipment or meals, are in need of meals while you experience the demands and joys of a new baby, or have a request for prayer, whatever your need might be, we are here to help and support one another. If you are feeling called to join one of our fourteen care ministry teams, we would love to have you! In our 2,200-member congregation the needs are many and growing all the time, and our care responses seek to be broad and deep.

In our Congregational Care brochure, all fourteen care ministries are outlined. This brochure is available on the Parlor and Narthex tables, as well as on the website. In it the following care ministry teams are described:

- Worship Flower Delivery Ministry
- Communion@Home Ministry
- Pastor's Aides Ministry
- Independent Living Ministry
- Special Meals Ministry
- Hospital Care Ministry
- Medical Equipment Lending Closet Ministry
- Special Care Ministry
- Caring Connections Rehab Ministry
- Prayer Blankets Ministry
- Memory Loss Outreach
- Bereavement Ministry
- Prayer Ministry
- Families with Young Children Ministry
- Adjunct Meals Team for New Baby Families & Other Young Families in Times of Need

If you have a need, are anticipating a need, or want to serve on a care ministry team, please contact:

Emily Coleman – Chair, Congregational Care Steering Committee, emilyandersonart32@gmail.com; 615-579-0870.

Pastoral staff for Congregational Care: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org; 615-481-0666 or Stephanie Boaz, sboaz@nashvillewpc.org; 614-578-8130.



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.



Wednesdays

January 15, 22, 29, &

February 5

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Instructor: Missy Perry

\$40 for supplies (you get to keep)!

Imagine ...

A painting hobby with only water for clean up.

Scan the QR code to register.



Thursdays

January 9, 16, 23, &

February 6, 13, 20

9:30-11:30 a.m.

\$50 for all supplies

Instructors: Jillian Morse and Vivian Bauman

This class is mainly for beginners, but all levels are welcome! If you are an experienced oil painter, please email beth@westminsterjoy.org. We have a place for you!





CAFÉ ACTIVITIES



Tuesday - Friday
8:00 AM - Noon

Come Out of the Cold! Enjoy hot specialized coffee, teas and hot chocolate with a yummy homemade goodie!

Bring a friend or a laptop and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere by yourself or with a friend. Open to all.

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.



Songwriting Class

Starts January 14



Tuesdays
10:00 AM - Noon
No fee

The Craft of a Nashville Songwriter:

This is a four-week introduction led by Steve Leslie. Scan QR code to register.



Weaving

Ongoing



Thursdays
10:00 AM - Noon
No fee

Community Tapestry Project

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 QR code to register.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 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 or from the comfort of your own home.

The Alternative Christmas Gift Market offers a different way to give gifts to friends and family

while also giving to those in need. Nineteen non-profit agencies and WPC missions have provided “shopping lists” that offer gifts to enhance the quality and faith-based nature of gift-giving this holiday season. You can “purchase” gifts from the participating groups in honor of family members and friends. Scan to connect to order form.



Missions that will be represented in the Parlor today:

Better Decisions

Cockrill Elementary

James Lawson High School

Living Waters for the World

Monroe Harding

Nations Ministry

Preston Taylor Ministries

Rooftop

Strick's Gift

Westminster Home Connection

More of our missions are listed in the ACGM brochure located in the Parlor.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Ring the Bell

December 17
Salvation Army Bell Ringers
Green Hills Kroger
12:00 - 6:00 PM

The Salvation Army will serve more than 25 million people across America. Thanks to all the folks who volunteered last week. Visit our team this week and help those who are in need this season.



Make A Difference

For almost 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. Learn more about this mission at the Alternative Christmas Gift Market.



Helping Students

Strick's Gift is dedicated to helping newborns in need. We deliver new and gently-loved clothing and necessities to newborns in need at Nashville hospitals. This gift provides a little head start—and a lot of hope—to take home with their own bundle of joy. Learn more about this mission at the Alternative Christmas Gift Market.



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THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, December 15

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
Alternative Christmas Gift Market
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Laudate Choir Rehearsal
Chiming Children
Caroling in the Neighborhood
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, December 16

- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, December 17

- 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, December 18

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Westminster Bells
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 6:00 PM RITI
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball
WPC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 19

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

Friday, December 20

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café

Saturday, December 20

- 11:30 AM AA

Looking ahead...

December 24

Christmas Eve Services

2:00 PM – The Family Christmas Eve Service with the Children's Choirs

5:00 PM – Candlelight Service and Communion with the Westminster Choir

8:00 PM – Candlelight Service and Communion with the Westminster Choir

10:30 PM – Candlelight Service and Communion with the Laudate Youth Choir & Alumni (9:15 PM rehearsal)

December 29

11:00 AM • Sanctuary


Sunday Morning Service

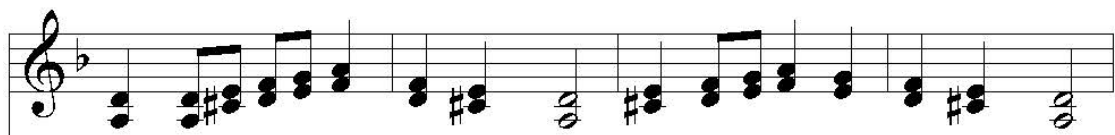
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Watchman, Tell Us of the Night 97

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 1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star as-cends.
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.


 Trav-eler, what a won-drous sight: see that glo-ry-beam-ing star.
 Trav-eler, bless-ed-ness and light, peace and truth its course por-tends.
 Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight; doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.


 Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or hope fore-tell?
 Watch-man, will its beams a-lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch-man, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui-et home.


 Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.
 Trav-eler, a-ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Trav-eler, we re-joice to-day, for Em-man-u-el has come!

86 The People Who Walked in Darkness

Capo 3: (Em) (C/E) (Em) (C/E) (Em)

Gm Eb/G Gm Eb/G Gm

1 The peo - ple who walked in dark - ness a - wak - en to
 2 For God has en - larged the na - tion, and pros - pered the
 3 The yoke of de - spair and bond - age, the chains of the
 4 For us now a child is giv - en, for all the de -
 5 How vast is our God's do - min - ion! How far truth and

(D) (G) (B) (Em) (C/E)
 F B^b D Gm Eb/G

see a great light. The peo - ple who dwelt in the
 fruit of its land. God's peo - ple are blest with the
 slave mas - ter's rod are shat - tered and scat - tered like
 spised and for - lorn. The rule of com - pas - sion shall
 mer - cy ex - tend. The zeal of the Lord will ac -

(Em) (Bm) (Cmaj7) (Am7) (Bsus) (B)
 Gm Dm Ebmaj7 Cm7 Dsus D

land of the shad - ow rise to a star shin - ing bright.
 har - vest of vic - tory, gift from a boun - ti - ful hand.
 dust in a wind - storm, loosed by the jus - tice of God.
 rest on his shoul - der. God's own Mes - si - ah is born!
 com - pish its pur - pose: jus - tice shall reign with - out end.

Refrain (E) (Am7) (D) (G) (C) (F#dim7) (B) (Em)
 G Cm7 F B^b Eb Adim7 D Gm

His name is Won - der - ful, Coun - sel - or, Al - might - y God,

(Cmaj7) (G) (Am7) (D) 1(G)
 Ebmaj7 B^b Cm7 F B^b

Fa - ther for - ev - er, Prince of Peace.

2 (G) (B7sus) (B) Final (G) (C/G) (G)
 B^b D7sus D B^b Eb/B^b B^b

Peace. (to stanzas) Peace.

362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen - ish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.
a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!