



Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025

When you **PASS**
Through the waters,
I **WILL** be *with*
YOU.

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.

Today's prelude is an organ setting of Hymn 757, "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples."

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.

PRELUDE

Kingsfold

Dale Nickell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

This is the day the Lord hath made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

(Psalm 118:24)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**By water and word
you lovingly invite us
into life-giving mission.**

**May your Spirit,
moving like a stream of water
flowing from its source,
work in us this day to realize your vision
of a world made new in Christ,
in whose name we pray. 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 149

ROCKPORT

All Hail to God's Anointed

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.
**Because we have faith in him,
we dare to approach God with confidence.**

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of freedom,
Jesus came to bring good news,
to mend and to heal,
to release and to redeem,
and to proclaim your reign.
We confess that we have ignored his message.
We remain captive to sin,
bruised and broken by our transgressions.
We are convinced that the news is always bad,
and that we are forever stuck where we are, as we are.
Help us to hear the truth of the gospel.
Inspire us with your liberating word.
Let your Spirit cleanse us and change us,
so that we may receive all that you have declared
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(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.")*

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** 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.
For 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.**

**Turning 100 Years
Old!**

Herschel Stewart's
birthday is January
15th, and he will be
100 years old.

Please join us in
showering him with
cards.

870 Oak Meadow Dr
Apt #1320
Franklin, TN 37064

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.**

Isaiah 43:1-7

(Old Testament, page 672 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 29, Hymn 259 (All sing)

GLORY

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

(New Testament, page 60 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

“You are precious in my sight.”

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 293**

Loving Spirit
omit verse 4

OMNI DIE (Corner)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30 AM)**

(See “Profession of Faith” next page.)



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

Tate Jacob

Evelynn May

children of Laura and Casey Sherwin

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obeying 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.**

**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 AM)

John Ylvisaker

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

I was there to hear your borning cry. I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child with faith to suit you well,
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on,
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

*I Was There to Hear Your
Borning Cry*

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (8:30 AM only)

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

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:



(8:30 AM)

Anthem

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Lynn Trapp

When Jesus came to Jordan To be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon, But as his Father's Son.

Refrain

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
This is God's Chosen One.

He came to share repentance With all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence With which good news begins.

Refrain

He came to share temptation, Our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation To die upon the cross.
To die upon the cross.

Refrain

So when the Dove descended On him, the Holy One,
The hidden years had ended, The age of grace begun.

Refrain

(11:00 AM)

Anthem

David Ashley White

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.
Alleluia!

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Doxology

**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!**

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

***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.

**O God, at his baptism,
you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son,
and through him you opened to us
a way to become your children by grace.
May these gifts we return to you
be a sign of our dedication
to live as your faithful daughters and sons,
born in the waters of baptism
by the power of the Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 HYD Y NOS

***BENEDICTION**

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

Today's postlude is a setting of Hymn 804, "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

POSTLUDE

Marion

G. Winston Cassler

*(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 at 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. Stephanie Boaz
Parish Associate for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Nathan Ridley
11:00 AM Rudy Kalis

Presenting Elder for Baptisms

11:00 AM Kathleen Simcoe

Music

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

Dr. John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell
Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a daughter, **Noelle Rose**, on December 15, 2024, to Katie and Tyler Campbell. Kim and Jeff Leeper are proud grandparents.

Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional. The balcony remains masks required.

Hearing Assistance

We offer personal FM Receivers with an ear-piece, located in the Narthex and in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser. Instructions can be found at each location.

Large Print Hymns

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found in the Narthex at the Sanctuary entrance or in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service at a later time, go to www.nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the Worship Service Archive. Click on the service you would like to view.

Dial-a-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 am each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon will be available all week.

Childcare

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:15 am to 12:00 pm.

Nursery - Room 146

Toddlers - Room 152

2s and 3s - Room 151

Copyright Information

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Our Mission

Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



**LIVING
OUT THE
WORD**

LOVE
RECONCILE
SHINE
TRANSFORM

"Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you..."

Isaiah 43:4

What are some things that you hold precious?

What are some things that God holds as precious?

What are five things you can do this week that will give glory to God?



"See, I am about to do a new thing."

We are delighted to share the news that, thanks to your incredible generosity, we have met our 2024 Giving Budget and ended the year with a surplus. This is a profound reflection of the trust you place in our shared mission. Your response is inspiring and we are so grateful for your faith and commitment to this journey.

As we've reflected on the 2025 Generosity campaign, we've returned to the words from Isaiah: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" [43:19] Your contributions are a vital part of the new thing God is bringing to life here at Westminster in and through our community. We are confident that, together, we are laying the groundwork for something even greater—a light that will shine brightly in a world that is deeply in need of hope and love. To date, we have received \$3,208,785 from 415 families.

Thank you for being a living witness to God's love through your generosity. We are blessed by your faith and partnership, and we eagerly look forward to all that God will continue to do through our community of faith in the days ahead. With heartfelt appreciation and blessings.

The Generosity Committee



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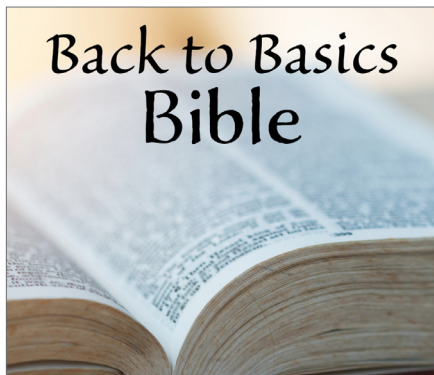
Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall



Hebrew Words We All Need to Know: Deepening Your Relationship with the Old Testament. Did you know that the Hebrew word for "mercy" is also the word for "womb"? How about that the word "repentance" has less to do with feeling guilty than with "changing course"? The Hebrew and Aramaic languages spoken by Jesus and his contemporaries were steeped in a rich tradition dating back millennia. That tradition is filled with concepts that can radically deepen your understanding of key Christian principles. And you don't have to become proficient in Biblical Hebrew to profit from this blessing of the church. In these classes, Dr. Spencer Klavan will present a few key Hebrew

words and concepts that can draw you closer into relationship with God's word in its historical context and today.



Starts January 12

**Back to Basics: Christian Belief
Goodpasture Hall**

Westminster is continuing our new series of Sunday School classes to help us get back to the basics! This spring, we'll continue with an introduction to Christian Beliefs. We'll explore how Christians understand their faith, the doctrines of the church, and our own Reformed tradition. Attendees will become familiar with the beliefs of the church, why they

matter now, and how they shape and form our lives as contemporary Christians. This class is great for anyone who is new to the faith all the way to seasoned theologians who would like a refresher—all are welcome! Email Will Wellman with any questions, wwellman@nashvillewpc.org.



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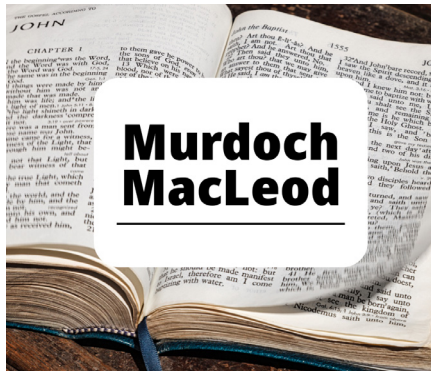
Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



Faith & Fellowship • 214

Fellowship Sunday. Please join Covenant Class.

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

This class will be joining the Back to Basics class starting on January 12 in **Goodpasture Hall.**



Winter New Member & Inquirer Class To Begin January 12

Please join us in the Overlook Room.

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).



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Youth

Sunday School • 9:45 AM

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

Youth Group will begin January 26.



Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM Rehearsals

5:00 PM Rehearsals

Gloria
Alleluia
Jubilate
Tintinnabulation

Laudate Choir
Chiming Children



TODAY!!! Join us in Goodpasture Hall after the 11:00 AM service for a light lunch (provided by the church), conversation and to get to know one another. Goodpasture is just down the stairs from the Mayfair entrance.



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:



LIVING OUT THE WORD

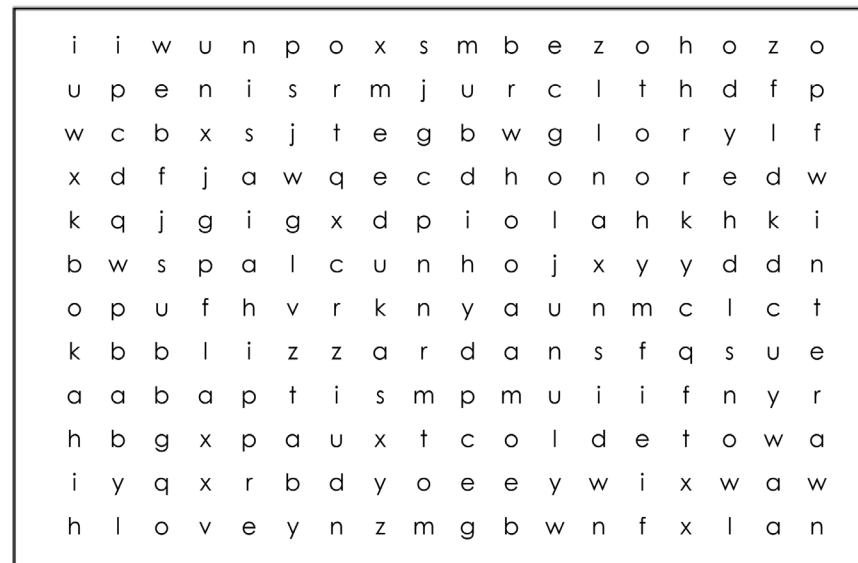
In these scripture passages, Jesus is getting baptized and God wants Jesus to know, and everyone else how much God loves Jesus.

How much do you think God loves you?

How much do your parents/family love you?

How do other people show you they love you?

Draw a picture of you showing someone else you love them.



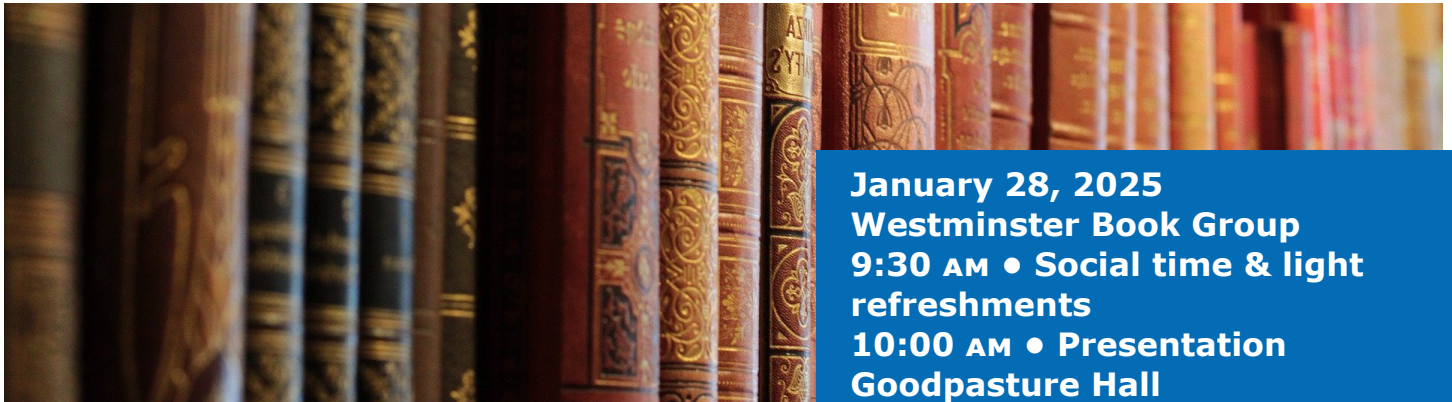
Word Search

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

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| baby | Isaiah |
| baptism | love |
| blizzard | precious |
| cold | snow |
| glory | winter |
| honored | |



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday, January 13, 2025

Women's Covenant Group

11:30 AM - BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch)

12:00 PM - Program

Goodpasture Hall

Adam DeVries, our new Parish Associate for Youth Ministries, will be our guest. Adam is the founder of Crowded Table, an organization whose mission is to equip local churches to provide practical support to foster families and their case workers in Davidson County, thereby sustaining and expanding the network of foster parents. Come and get to know Adam, welcome him to our community, and learn more about Crowded Table.

We look forward to this time of fellowship. Although our group is comprised of "grandmother" aged women, all women are invited, as well as friends and guests.

For questions, please contact:

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January 28, 2025

Westminster Book Group

9:30 AM • Social time & light refreshments

**10:00 AM • Presentation
Goodpasture Hall**

The Moviegoer

by Walker Percy

Presenter: Will Wellman

Book Description:

Binx Bolling, a young New Orleans stockbroker, fills his days with movies and casual sex. His life offers him nothing worth retaining, not the kind of personal experiences he knows that other people cherish. Treasurable moments for Binx are dallying with his secretaries and going to movies, which provide him with 'treasurable moments' that he does not find in daily life real life. About to turn 30, "something changes: At Mardi Gras, Binx embarks on a quest for authentic experience that has consequences for both himself and his unstable cousin Kate." His search for authenticity outrages his family and "sends him reeling through the gaudy chaos of the French Quarter.

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

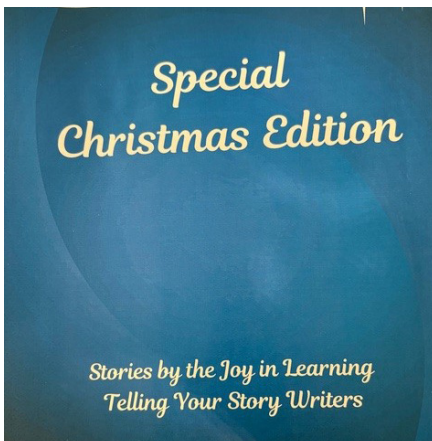
If you have a need, are anticipating a need, or want to serve on a care ministry team, please contact: Emily Coleman – Chair, Congregational Care Steering Committee, emilyandersonart32@gmail.com; 615-579-0870.

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.



Telling Your Story Christmas Edition Booklets

Pick up a copy of the Telling Your Story Christmas Edition Booklet featuring stories from the participants in the latest class. Copies are available in the Parlor and the Café.



Painting Open Studio

Tuesdays
January 7 - February 25
9:00 AM - Noon
Coordinator: Jackie Shrago

Wednesdays
January 8 - February 26
9:00 AM - Noon
Coordinator: Susan Holt

Scan QR code for more info and to register.





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. Open to all.



January 16
The Joy of Jazz with Sam Levine's
Jazz Quartet
Westminster Café

Playing songs from the 40s and later that make up the Great American Songbook.

6:00 PM | Café opens ~ Coffee, tea, and desserts available.

6:30-6:50 PM | Sam Levine will discuss the spirituality of group improvisation and the basic elements of mainstream jazz.

7:00-8:15 PM | Jazz Music ~ Sam Levine performs with Jim Ferguson, Bruce Dudley and Chris Brown.

Cost \$20 benefiting flood relief in TN and NC.

Scan QR code to register.



MINISTRY TEAM



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149 All Hail to God's Anointed

(Psalm 72)

1 All hail to God's a - noint-ed, great Da - vid's great-er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 All rul - ers bow be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring.

All hail, in time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 All na - tions shall a - dore you; your praise all peo - ple sing.

You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light,
 Be - fore you on the moun-tains shall peace, the her - ald, go,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend.

to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, are pre-cious in your sight.
 and righ-teous-ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 Your rule is still in - creas - ing; your rule is with-out end.

Originally a celebration of God's sovereignty, Psalm 72 has often been given a Christological interpretation, notably in Isaac Watts's "Jesus Shall Reign" (see no. 265). The references to rulers here probably influenced the view that the Magi of Matthew 2 were kings (see no. 151).

The God of Heaven

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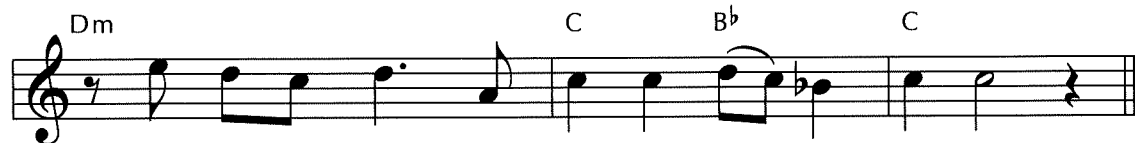
(Psalm 29)



1 The God of heav - en thun - ders, whose voice in stri - dent
 2 The des - ert writhes in tem - pest; wind whips the trees to
 3 The might - y God e - ter - nal is to the throne as -



ech - oes re - sounds a - bove the wa - ters,
 fu - ry; the light - ning splits the for - est
 cend - ed, and we who are God's peo - ple,



and all the world sings, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!"
 and flame dif - fus - es glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!
 with - in these walls cry, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!"

This rather telegraphic paraphrase of Psalm 29 effectively conveys the psalm's recurring contrast between the mighty voice of God heard in thunder and tempest and the awestruck response of creation. Above this tumult, God reigns in peace, and the people of God sing praise.

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Loving Spirit

1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,
 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

A gift to the whole church, the Holy Spirit is also experienced by individuals in meaningful ways such as those described in this reflective (and structurally circular) consideration of the relational aspects of the Spirit. The tune may have originated in a folk melody.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1986

MUSIC: Corner's *Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 19th cent.

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Dans nos obscurités

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er
Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é -

This Taizé chant can be used in several ways. Its inclusion in the Holy Spirit section connects the fire it celebrates with the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost. It might also be appropriate at evening services or as part of the Easter Vigil found in the *Book of Common Worship*.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1991

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1991

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DANS NOS OBSCURITÉS

Irregular

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."

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.