

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 2025

*...for he himself is kind
to the ungrateful and the wicked*

GATHERING

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

About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God.

PRELUDE

Felix Mendelssohn

Andante tranquillo from Op. 65 No. 3

Sebastian Temple/arr. Jeffrey Honoré

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 AM)

Mark Patterson

Never-Ending Grace

Let us sing together, children of God.
Lift up your voice, declare God's praise.
Let us sing together with one accord as we share
God's story of love revealed through never ending grace.

Grace that greets us all of our lives, mercy that frees us forever,
hope that strengthens us and opens our eyes to a world
that needs God's gift of love. *Refrain*

And though each one of us is different,
God gives grace to us all: grace to heal, grace to forgive,
grace to begin anew.
As we mend the broken things and celebrate the joyful things
we join as one, one in faith to sing. *Refrain.*

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!
(Those who are able may stand.)

Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." But who are the others?

Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful."
But what is mercy?

**To act with compassion, to help without expecting any
thing in return.**

Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven."
But how do we forgive?

**By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and
ourselves as people in need of compassion.**

Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Holy Jesus, you call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not.

You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us. We want the easy way, but you have given us the hard path.

Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with you, to allow ourselves at times to stumble,

to live into the hard way so that we might fully experience your love, grace, and peace in this world by becoming a people full of love and grace and forgiving others.

In your 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.)

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***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 258**

DEO GRACIAS

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come to you with penitent hearts, acknowledging our need for your grace and forgiveness.

We have not lived as you have called us to live, so we come to you as individuals, and as a community, seeking your mercy.

Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive us when we fail to live in the light of your good news; when we choose politeness instead of kindness, fear instead of love, and routine instead of revelation. Help us to hear your Spirit calling us to new life, and move us to feel your presence wrapping us in love. Amen.

(Silent confession)

(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

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**

Celtic Alleluia

O’Carroll/Walker

(The congregation sings with the choir.)



The Word of the Lord lasts forever.
What is the Word that is living?
It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHILDREN’S TIME (8:30 AM)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

(New Testament, page 42 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40: Hymn 706

Verse 1 Choir alone

Congregation joins the choir beginning with verse 2

Luke 6:27-38

(New Testament, page 64 in your pew Bible)

SERMON “It’s not for everyone.” Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

HYMN 432 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord REPTON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The kingdom represents God’s triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God’s creation.

Already, God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. “Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

from Confession of 1967

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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:



THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthems
(8:30 AM)

arr. Holstein

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there is doubt, true faith in You.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we are born to eternal life.

(11:00 AM)

ADORO TE/arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
and, with words that help and heal thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions neighborly speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let the word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me I would be like thee!

***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.

**Merciful God, who calls us to love beyond measure,
we offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to your
teachings. Help us love our enemies, do good to those who
hate us, and bless those who curse us.
May our lives bring healing and hope, reflecting your
boundless grace in our community. In Jesus' name, we
pray. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Singing together, see inside back cover of your hymnal
for words and music to this prayer.)*

SENDING

***HYMN 819**

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Dieterich Buxtehude
Toccatà in F Major, BuxWV 157

About the Postlude

The Postlude is
considered the final
Alleluia of worship.

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

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 Linda Koon
11:00 AM Mark Beveridge

Music

Tintinnabulation, conducted by Jennifer Barnes

8:30 AM Laudate Choir
11:00 AM Gloria & Jubilate Choirs
Ally Hard, conducting
Westminster Choir

Dale Nickell
Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

Ally Hard
Substitute Laudate Choir Director

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of my mom, **Sandra Ferrell**, on her 76th birthday by Julie Wilson.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Rex Hammock** by his family.

Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a son, **John Lee**, on February 16, 2025, to Caralee and Hampton Farr. Tanza and Stephen Farr are proud grandparents.

Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional.

Hearing Assistance

We offer personal FM Receivers with an earpiece, 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

"...Do to others as you would have them do to you."
Luke 6:31

Describe the last time you felt like you got ripped off.

Describe the last time you got the better portion.

Describe a time when you gave more than you received and a time when you received more than what you could give.

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 hudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 in the church office.

Update Your Membership Contact Info

Contact Hannah Boles, Membership Secretary, hboles@nashvillewpc.org, to update your contact info or your photo. Hannah can also help you to access the online church member directory.

Are you up-to-date on all the WPC news?

We send emails out to the congregation and community three plus times a week. On Monday, we send an email about our mission work. On Wednesdays, we send info about all the events we have going on throughout the month. On Fridays, the Sunday info is included in the email. We also have emails from our Children's, Youth and Young Families ministries. Please scan the QR code to sign up for the emails you would like to receive.





TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Below is the slate of nominees that will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting:

Jennifer Anderson
Lisa Atkinson
Tom Bernstein
Doug Berry
Susan Carey
Jennifer Corbett
Ward DeWitt
Houston Estes
Fred Lowrance
Katherine McElroy
Nicole Oeser
Bobby Veach

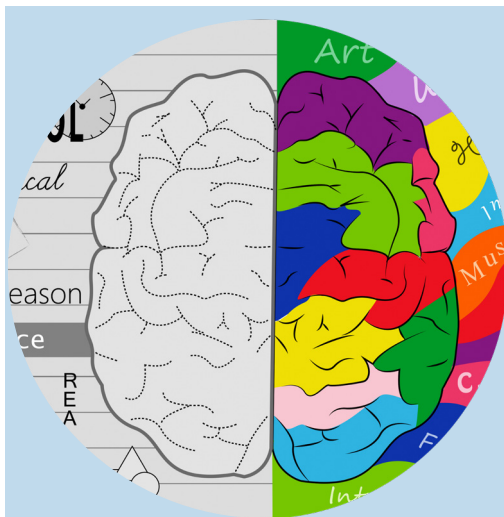
Nominating Committee

Ann Neely
Tom Wilson

Trustee Nominations

Lee Ballew
Elizabeth Lamar
Leighton Liles

To learn more about our slate of nominees, for elders, trustees and the Nominating Committee, please scan the QR code below or visit the nominees web page at nashvillewpc.org.



February 23 Congregational Meeting 9:45 AM • Fellowship Hall

If you're left-brained, we have lots of numbers you can add up. If you're right-brained, there will be things that will make you smile because they don't add up at all. You'll get the latest on what's up and where we're going! Show up!

The purpose of the meeting is (1) to elect Elders for the Class of 2028; (2) to elect members of the Church Nominating Committee for the Class of 2028; (3) to elect Trustees for the Westminster Presbyterian

Church Legacy Fund for the Class of 2028; (4) to review the church's annual budget for 2025 and our pastors' "Terms of Call"; (5) to hear a report on the State of the Church; and (6) to act on any other matters arising out of the above.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Youth Sunday School • 9:45 AM

Please join us in the Koinonia Youth Café for donuts and fellowship before class. Eighth graders and Senior High students will gather together in the café and then join the Congregational meeting.

Youth Group • 6:00 PM GROG!



Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM Rehearsals

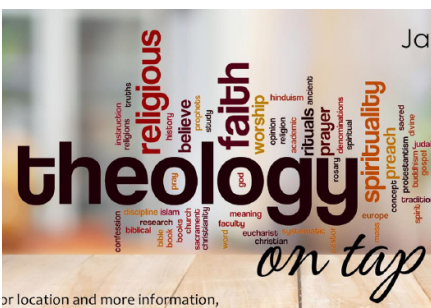
5:00 PM Rehearsals

Gloria
Alleluia
Jubilate
Tintinnabulation

Laudate Choir
Chiming Children



YOUNG ADULTS



March 4

Theology on Tap

7:00 PM • Location TBD

For more info, please contact:
Michael Drake, drakerduck@gmail.com
Lane Russell, lrussell7942@yahoo.com



March 23

Luncheon

12:15 PM • Location TBD

We will go out to one of the local Nashville restaurants. We hope you can join us.



For info or to RSVP please contact:
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Lane Russell, lrussell7942@yahoo.com



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.



Word Search

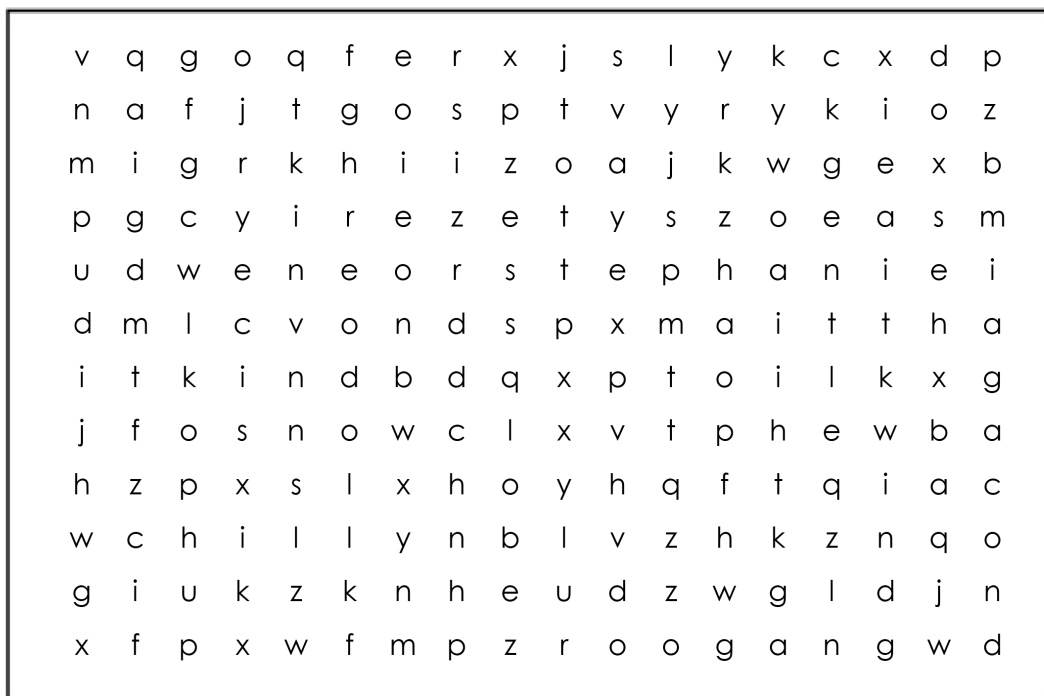
See if you can find these words in the puzzle on the left.

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gentle
others

cold
kind
snow

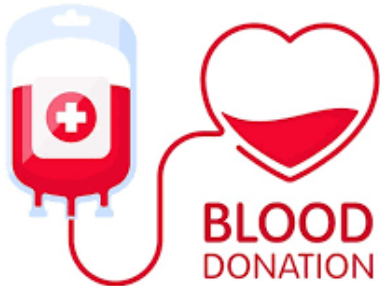
friendly
nice
wind

LIVING OUT THE WORD





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30 More Donors Needed

February 25
Blood Drive
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Goodpasture Hall

Donors critical amid significant drop in donations

The American Red Cross needs donors to give now, especially type O donors and those giving platelets. Dangerous snow and ice conditions continue to stretch across the nation, resulting in more than 25,000 blood and platelet donations uncollected since the beginning of the year – a number already closing in on the total number of uncollected donations due to weather for all of 2024. ***By making an appointment now, donors can keep crucial blood products available in the weeks ahead for patients who need them.***

Scan the QR code to register.



Thursdays
M.E. Moms
9:15 AM - 10:45 AM
Westminster Café
Breakout Room 89

M.E. (Mary and Elizabeth) Moms is a space for moms with littles who could just use a moment: a moment to breathe, a moment to connect with other mamas, a moment to pray together, a moment to think about something other than that day’s long to-do list.

Join us, along with some other moms whose “littles” aren’t little anymore, moms who’ve said yes to being a voice of encouragement, perspective, and perhaps a bit of comedic relief with us along the way. ***For the next two weeks, we will have an oil painting class with Jillian Morse.*** Childcare for littles not yet in school is available.

Please scan the QR code to register.
Questions? Contact Ashley Higgins, ahiggins@nashvillewpc.org.





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March 13
Music Box Series
11:00 AM • Fellowship
11:15 AM • Program
12:00 PM • Lunch
Goodpasture Hall

We are SO excited to introduce our trio for March, the Hollerin' Hunnys. Who are the Hollerin' Hunnys? They are Westminster's own Hannah Boles, Anna Ketron, and Emily Zapata. They will sing a collection of songs from the Wailin' Jennys. Don't know who they are? Scan

the QR code to connect to a video to hear the Wailin' Jennys music. Contact Sherri Givens, sgivens@nashvillewpc.org, if you would like to make lunch reservations. Cost \$10.



April 4, 2025
Bossa Nova to Bluegrass:
An Evening with Steve Leslie & Special Guests
6:00 - 7:00 PM • Café open for coffee & pastries
7:00 - 8:30 PM • Show
\$20 per person Westminster Café

Benefitting Nations Ministry youth summer programs

Steve Leslie comes from a distinguished line of successful songwriters. His father, Edgar Leslie, was a Tin Pan Alley lyricist who wrote songs for Al Jolson, Judy Garland, and Connie Francis, while Steve's second-cousin, Don Gohman, wrote hits with many Hall of Fame songwriters including Oscar Hammerstein.

Scan the QR code to register.





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We were created to do life together.

Our friendships, families, and communities flourish more fully when we choose to live them in deep relationships with God and one another.

Westminster Presbyterian Church Presents

Life Together Conference

February 28 - March 1



Life Together
2025 Conference



Carlos Whittaker
Best-Selling Author
and Speaker



Erin Loechner
NYT Best-Selling
Author and Editor



Adam DeVries
Pastor & Foster
Care Advocate



**Dr. Lauren
Spooner**
Clinical Psychologist



Jami Nato
Author & Speaker

Join us for part or all of this first annual event where we seek to more fully live into the people God has called us to be with the relationships God has called us to share. This is a space for all of us. No matter your demographics, you belong with us at the Life Together Conference. Invite a friend. ***We hope to see you there.***

You will need to register separately for the Friday evening session and the Saturday sessions. *Childcare is only available for the Saturday sessions.*

Friday, February 28

How To Human

A discussion with Carlos Whittaker

6:00 p.m. - Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Cost \$20

Scan the QR code
to register.



Saturday, March 1

Join us for all or part of the day. Cost for lunch is \$10.

9:00 a.m. | Unplugging Childhood with Erin Loechner

10:30 a.m. | Follow Me with Adam DeVries

12:00 p.m. | Lunch Together (\$10/person)

1:30 p.m. | Parenting Adult Children with Dr. Lauren Spooner

1:30 p.m. | Holy and Whole: Reclaiming the Goodness of Our Bodies with Jami Nato



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March 2
Basketball Jamboree
4:30 - 7:30 PM
WPC Gym

Come join us for Westminster's Annual Basketball Jamboree.

This is a fun, intergenerational event, open to the entire congregation! We would love spectators, as well as teams of all ages and abilities.

For more information, please contact Hannah Norris, hnorris@nashvillewpc.org.

Please scan the QR code to register.



February 25
Westminster Book Group
9:30 AM • Fellowship
10:00 AM • Presentation
Overlook Room
-ROOM CHANGE-

**Room
Change**

The Demon of Unrest
by Erik Larson

Presented by Joe Gaines

Drawing on governmental records, diaries, communiques, and plantation records, Eric Lawson writes a political story that captures the intense feelings and built-up hostilities that led America into an unforeseen and unspeakable Civil War. The book covers events preceding Lincoln's election in November 1860 to the April 14, 1861 Confederate firing on Fort Sumter in the Charleston Harbor.

Much has been written about the U.S. Civil War. It's in the details about people, places and actions that made the approach of war inexorable.



WEDNESDAYS @ WPC



Wednesdays

Musik Garten

4:15 - 4:45 PM • 292

Cost \$75 for 12 weeks

Kelly Posey, one of the music teachers at Westminster School for Young Children, will introduce the world of music to our youngest of God's children.



Scan QR code for more info and to register.



Wednesdays in February

A Drop-In Chess/Puzzles/Games for Adults

4:30 - 5:30 PM • Westminster Café

Join us before Wednesday Night Dinner. If interested, come on by! Use the Café door by the blue umbrella and ring the doorbell. Questions? Contact Beth@westminsterjoy.org.



February 26

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 PM • Westminster Café

Martin's

(bbq, sides, chicken tenders for kids, dessert)

Please make your reservations by Tuesday at Noon. To roll your reservation over from 2/19/25, please contact Ashley Higgins, ahiggins@nashvillewpc.org.



February 26

Westminster Academy

6:30 PM • Overlook Room

Join Sue Tully Trout as she discusses *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.



JOY IN LEARNING

What Number Are You?

Join Kimberly Dillard to explore the Enneagram and discover how you can use this ancient and beautiful spiritual tool to know yourself and the people around you more deeply. Whether you are new to the Enneagram or not, this group will take your self-discovery to a new level. Scan QR code to register.



Painting Open Studio

Tuesdays
9:00 AM - Noon
Coordinator:
Jackie Shrago

Wednesdays
9:00 AM - Noon
Coordinator: Susan Holt

Scan QR code for more info and to register.



Fridays
February 21, 28
New Pottery Workshop
12:00 - 3:00 PM
No fee

Create Café Coffee Mugs!
Free workshop, come and go, choose what day(s) you would like to come!
Beginners and experienced potters welcome! Mugs are hand built (not on the wheel).

Scan QR code to register.



April 10, 17, 24
May 1
Watercolor Painting
9:30 - 11:30 AM

All-Level Class with Missy Perry

\$40 for supplies

Scan QR code to register.





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We believe that every member has a mission.

We have many ways for you to build friendships while living out God's Word.

As we approach the Lenten season for 2025, we encourage each member to ponder this bold approach of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Lent is a 40-day period beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Tradition has often suggested that we give up something for Lent.

The Westminster Hands on Mission Committee suggests all of us examine the Great Commandment that Jesus said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

- Consider a neighbor, a stranger, or someone who needs you beyond those whom you usually help and support.
- Talk within a group where you participate at Westminster. Is there an activity that reaches out to others you might assist or who are otherwise alone?
- Consider people who don't know, how can you help?
- Hands on Mission serves 26 organizations – can you join in helping one you don't know?
- Congregation Care serves many people in our congregation who are alone, can you help?

For more info, please contact Jackie Shrago, jshrago@comcast.net.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

**11:45 AM
Midday Service**

**5:30 PM
Dinner**

**6:30 PM
Ash Wednesday Service**

April 17

Maundy Thursday

**7:00 PM
Service**

Lenten Devotionals

Family and individual devotionals will be available in the Parlor starting March 2.

MINISTRY TEAM



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258 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the
 3 To all, the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to

out the world shall ring; Christ, by a road be -
 Mount of Ol - ives stand, and with his fol - low -
 gaze up - on the sky? This is the Sav - ior!"
 por - tals of the sky. Here - af - ter you shall
 you let earth ac - cord. You are, while end - less

fore un - trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 ers they see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
 thus they say; "This is his glo - rious tri - umph - day."
 Je - sus see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.

These stanzas have been crafted from various English translations of a much longer Latin hymn preserved in an 11th-century manuscript in the British Museum. This text celebrating Christ's majesty is well set to a 15th-century English tune commemorating a military victory.

Commit Your Way to God the Lord 706

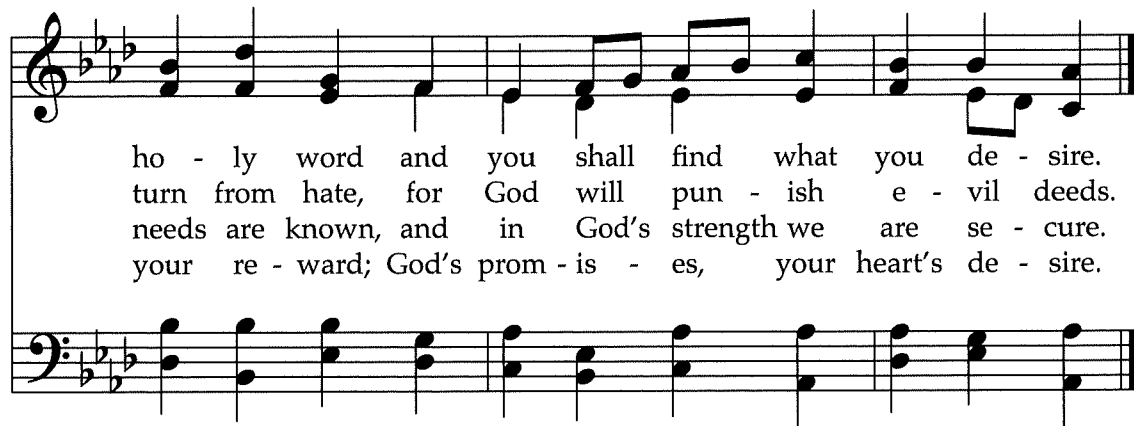
(Psalm 37)



1 Com - mit your way to God the Lord: your cause will
 2 Be still be - fore the Lord and wait, and do not
 3 Sal - va - tion comes from God a - lone: the faith - ful
 4 Com - mit your way to God the Lord; to peace and



shine as bright as fire; de - light to do God's
 fret when wrong suc - ceeds; re - frain from an - ger,
 know their help is sure; to heav - en, all our
 truth and grace as - pire; then mer - cy shall be



ho - ly word and you shall find what you de - sire.
 turn from hate, for God will pun - ish e - vil deeds.
 needs are known, and in God's strength we are se - cure.
 your re - ward; God's prom - is - es, your heart's de - sire.

John Calvin summarized Psalm 37 by saying, "It enjoins us to confide in the providence of God." This compact paraphrase maintains that perspective by drawing mainly on the psalm's promises and assurances rather than on its descriptions of the activities of the wicked.

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)
 E^b B^b Cm A^b E^b B^b E^b

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)
 A^b Fm B^b Gm Cm A^b Fm

to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re -
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)
 B^b7 E^b B^b7 C Fm A^b B^b7 E^b

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.

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Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.