

First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025

*Where do we go
from here?*

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.

About today's prelude

Brahms sets the melody from the Chorale, "O Gott du frommer Gott," with syncopations and suspensions that invoke a sense of anguish in this organ piece.

Today is the first Sunday of the season of Lent. It is a time for growth in faith - through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes at sunset on Holy Saturday, at the start of the Great Vigil of Easter.

PRELUDE

Johannes Brahms

"O God, thou Faithful God" Op. 122 No. 7

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Remember the story of our faith.
We are the people God has delivered.
Rejoice in the hope of our faith.
God goes with us, step by step.
Cling to the promise of our faith.
Our God will not abandon us.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, but did not sin,
give us grace so to direct our lives
in obedience to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
we may also know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 81

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

CALL TO CONFESSION

The journey of life inevitably leads to wilderness,
times marked by guilt, frustration,
and the sense that we are not in the right place.
But even in the wilderness, God is with us.
Even in the wilderness, God's mercy is sure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As Lent unfolds before us, great God,
we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem.
The road is long, our sins are many,
and our burdens are heavy.

We can't imagine new life, Easter life,
because our current lives are filled with
bad choices and failed efforts.
Meet us in our weakness.
Take up our sins. Ease our burdens.
Carry us on the way.
Bring us to Jerusalem, at last.
Show us a love that is stronger than death,
a love no tomb can hold. Amen.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

James MacMillan

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of four staves. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." The parts are: Staff 1: Choir (Lord, have mercy.) and Congregation (Lord, have); Staff 2: Choir (mercy. Christ, have mercy.) and Congregation (Christ,); Staff 3: Choir (have mercy.) and Congregation (Lord, have); Staff 4: Congregation and Choir (mercy. Lord, have mercy.).

Call to and Prayer of Confession

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

About the Kyrie
The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

Assurance of Pardon

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

A Prayer for Illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

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.")*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Register,
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.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
(Old Testament, pages 180-181 in your pew Bible)

(Sung responsively after each scripture reading.)

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51:10

Renew a right spirit within me.
Renew a right spirit within me.

Refrain: Choir and Congregation



And God will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the
breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and
hold you in the palm of God's hand.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in God's shadow for life, say to the Lord:
"My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" *Refrain.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
Under God's wings your refuge,
God's faithfulness your shield. *Refrain.*

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day:
Though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *Refrain.*

For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain.*

Luke 4:1-13

(*New Testament, page 61 in your pew Bible*)

SERMON

Where do we go from here?

Donovan Drake

(*A moment for meditation*)

Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

Offering

The collection of tithes and offerings takes place as a response to the Word. These actions are signs of our gratitude for the grace of God proclaimed in the gospel.

To give, please scan the QR code below:



***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem
(8:30 AM)

J.S. Bach/arr. Hopson

O Lord, My God, You are My Refuge

O Lord, my God, You are my refuge;

O let me never be dismayed, Lord in mercy hear my prayer to you.

You are my hope, my refuge. my trust is ever in your care;

Lord, in mercy hear my prayer to you.

Through dark of night, your light shines upon my way.

For you are near to be my comfort.

I will praise your name forever more.

O Lord, my God, You are my refuge;

O let me never be dismayed, Lord in mercy hear my prayer to you.

You are my hope, my refuge. my trust is ever in your care;

I will praise your name forever more.

(11:00 AM)

Wondrous Love

arr. Parker/Shaw

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, O my soul!
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be.
And thro' eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul.
And through eternity I'll sing on.

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

***INVITATION**

The bread served in today's communion is gluten-free.

Communion is by intinction, and all are welcomed. After the choir is served, the ushers will cue your row to walk down the center aisle. After receiving the bread, dip it into the cup and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you are not able to come to the table, notify an usher, and we will serve you in your pew.

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

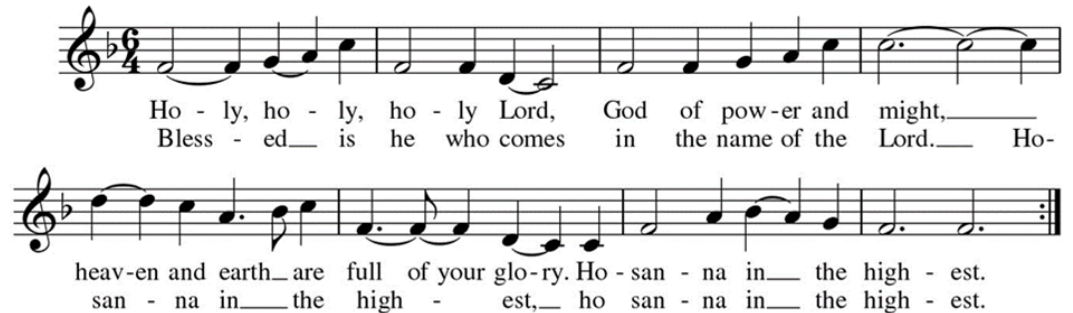
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We do give you thanks and praise, great and loving God....
you call us back to your love.

Therefore, we lift our voices
with the faithful of every time
and place, and the choirs of the Kingdom,
who forever sing of your goodness and love:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high - est.

(The congregation may be seated.)

You sent Jesus to speak to the world,...
and we remember his story.

Great is the mystery of faith:



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

Today we gather around this table to do as he asked us....
Come, Holy Spirit.

Draw near to us,
and hear the words of our feeble lips as we strive to pray.



A - men, a - men, a - - men.

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

Panis Angelicus César Franck/arr. by Dale Nickell

SENDING

***HYMN 167**

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

Forty Days and Forty Nights

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a right spirit within me.
Renew a right spirit within me.

POSTLUDE

Dieterich Buxtehude

Ciacona BuxWV 160

A translation of the text for this piece reads, "Thus Angels' Bread is made the Bread of man today: the Living Bread from heaven with figures dost away: O wondrous gift indeed! The poor and lowly may upon their Lord and Master feed."

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

Sophie Maness
Executive Director of Children's & Community Life Ministries

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Ann Neely
11:00 AM Clisby Hall

Music

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

Dale Nickell
Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

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

The music used in the service this morning is copyrighted under Christian Copyright Licensing International, Inc., No. 1121525.

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

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

During the season of Lent, make a plan to memorize some scripture. Here are some familiar ones: Proverbs 3:5-8, Isaiah 40:27-31, Micah 6: 6-8, Psalm 23, 46, 121, Matthew 5:14-16, Romans 5:1-5, 2 Corinthians 5: 17.

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.

Update Your Membership Contact Info

Visit the membership table in the Parlor and talk with a member of the *GETconnected* team to update your contact info and individual/family photo.

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.



Second Sunday Celebration

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



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall



Keeping Sacred Time: An Exploration of Life's Rhythms.

What rhythms are driving your life? This Covenant Class series is an invitation to look closely at this question and explore the sacred rhythms woven into the world today. The Lenten season offers a unique opportunity to examine one's practices, habits, and daily routines, and to shift focus toward deeper alignment with God. Together, we'll examine how these rhythms—both individual and collective—can guide us toward deeper connection with God and towards lives of deeper compassion

for ourselves and others.

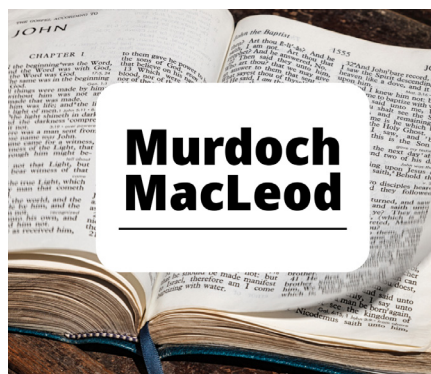
Today, we'll begin discussing these questions - highlighting the rhythms inherent to everyday life and providing a sneak peak of what's to come! Class today we will be led by Jessie King, Adult Education Intern and senior at Belmont studying Faith and Social Justice.



Faith & Fellowship • 214

The History of Popes: Church of Man or Church of God?

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

Not meeting due to spring break. Class will resume on March 23 in the Overlook Room.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Spring Break Week!

No Youth Sunday School or Youth Group for 6th - 12th grades.



Looking Ahead...

Practicing Together

March 23 - April 13 • Koinonia Youth Café

Wondering what to do this Lent? Tired of just giving up chocolate? Wonder no more. Join us this Lent for an intergenerational Sunday School class exploring spiritual formation. This class will learn about a variety of spiritual practices across four Sundays, including Lectio Divina, Sabbath, Anam Cara, the Examen, and Visual Prayer. Not

only will we be introduced to these disciplines and practice them in class, but we'll also discuss how they can help us meaningfully engage in Holy Week and prepare us for the world-changing good news of Easter. This class is intentionally intergenerational, and all ages youth group and up are welcome! Don't just give up chocolate this year, add our intergenerational spiritual formation class as your Lenten practice this year. Invite an (intergenerational) friend to join you! Led by Adam DeVries and Will Wellman.



Children & Youth Choirs

Spring Break
Rehearsals will resume March 16th.



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:

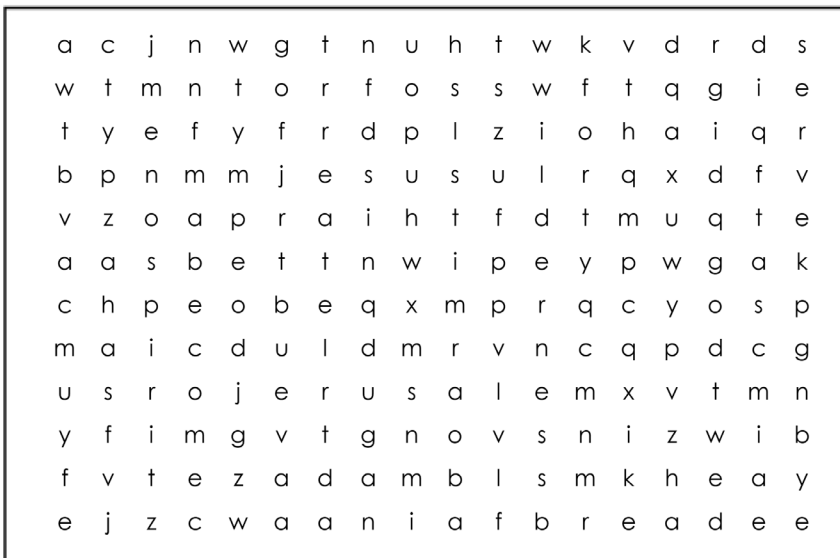


In the Luke story, Jesus is tempted in the desert with all kinds of things. It is tempting to want what other people have. There is a difference between wanting and needing.

What do you think we need as people? Not stuff, or things, what is it that we need?

LIVING OUT THE WORD

What do you think God can give us that we need?



Word Search

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

- | | |
|-----------|------------|
| become | bread |
| forty | God |
| Jerusalem | Jesus |
| serve | spirit |
| tempted | wilderness |
| worship | |



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We Welcome These New Members!

On Sunday, March 2, the Session of Westminster formally received new members with joy into our church family.



William Banks



Henry Crochiere



**Lee Lee & Wally
Dietz**



Lois Finch



Zach Fullerton



Harper Hawk



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Julie Anne James



Matt James



Jessie King



Allison McGuire



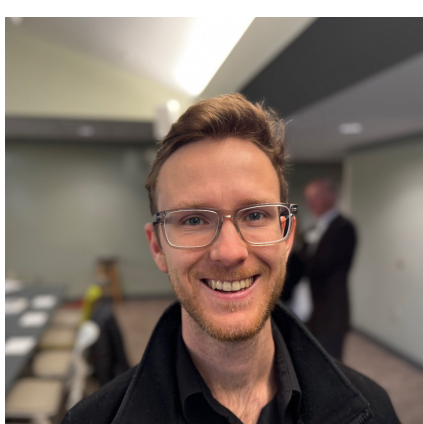
Caroline Montgomery



Rick Montgomery



Abbi Nelson



**Zach
Passalacqua**



Katie Atkins-Ritzen



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



George Ritzen



**Mary Katherine
Roberts**



Josh Roberts



Anne Rogers



Brad Rogers



**Meredith & Bryan
Schapman**



Beth Sherwood



Taylor Sherwood



Carol Spayde



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Bryant Tirrill



Caldwell Treadway-Williams



**Betty & Mike
Tudor**



Susan Williams



ANNOUNCEMENTS



March 10
Women's Covenant
Group
Goodpasture Hall

11:30 AM • BYO Lunch
12:00 PM • Program

Bringing Out Our Best: Cosmetics for the Mature Woman

Join us as Grace Stevenson from Private Edition Cosmetics will demonstrate make-up techniques on two volunteers, one for eyes and another for lips and complexion. We will select two ladies to participate from a random drawing during our fellowship time.

For more info, please contact Lisa Atkinson, Frances Baird or Suzanne Allen.



March 13
Music Box Series
Goodpasture Hall

11:00 AM • Fellowship
11:15 AM • Program
12:00 PM • Lunch

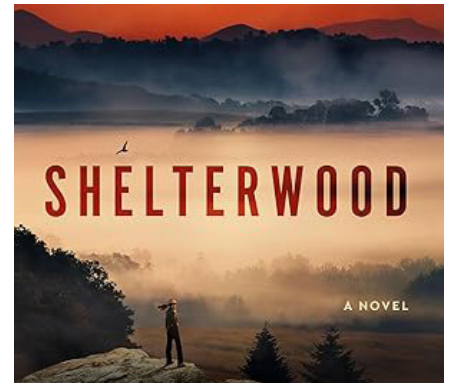
Change in Programming

Please join us as Audrey Campbell presents a monologue, "Hand of God" by Alan Bennett.

Lunch: \$10

Deadline to reserve lunch is Tuesday, March 11.

Contact: Sherri Givens,
sgivens@nashvillewpc.org



March 25
Westminster Book Group
9:30 AM • Fellowship
10:00 AM • Presentation
Goodpasture Hall

Shelterwood
by Lisa Wingate
Presenter: Beth O'Shea

Shelterwood is a book with two distinctive stories that are separated in time, yet have history and issues in common. In the 1990s, a park ranger in Oklahoma meets a precocious and spirited girl in a foster home where she is too easily overlooked. At the earlier end of the century, a girl runs away from an abusive stepfather, bringing with her a Choctaw girl her father adopted. The stories of these two will intersect showing how some of the problems of the past have not been solved at all.



JOY IN LEARNING

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Spring Pottery Session
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
\$50 per person

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, from beginners to experienced folks. Scan QR code to register.



Oil Painting Classes
9:00 AM - Noon
Cost \$50 Supplies included

Tuesdays with René Poe for intermediate and advanced painters
March 11- April 22

Wednesdays with René Poe for intermediate and advanced painters
March 12 - April 23

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.



March 7, 14, 21, 28
Mug Workshop
Noon - 3:00 PM

Let's work together ... in a very different kind of pottery service workshop! **It's free!** It's all hand-building with slabs. We will not be using the wheel in this workshop. You will be working with others in an assembly line with unique textures and glaze colors! It's geared for beginners and experienced folks! Scan QR code to register.





MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Taking Care of Our Planet

Our faith calls us to be caretakers of our planet, but what that means, what scripture says, and how we might put our faith into action is not often clear. The Earth Care Task Force Recommends two books: *Inhabiting Eden* by Dr. Patricia Tull, Professor Emeritus at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and *Saving Us* by Katharine Hayhoe, Professor of Climate Science at Texas Tech University.

NaCoMe

April 5, 6
Join us for a fun-filled weekend that includes a duck race, good food, dancing, a campfire, and s'mores. Jump in the creek, talk to new and old friends, and join us for worship on Sunday. NaCoMe Camp is a Presbyterian Camp just west of Nashville about an hour and a half. Sign up for the day or spend the night. **We have a blast.** Scan QR code to register.



FaithWorks

Save the Date!

May 3, 2025

Join us for our annual day of community service. More info to come.

MINISTRY TEAM



Donovan Drake
Pastor
ddrake@nashvillewpc.org



Sophie Maness
Executive Director of Children's
& Community Life Ministries
smaness@nashvillewpc.org



Guy D. Griffith
Associate Pastor for Adult
Education & Spiritual Nurture
ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org



Adam DeVries
Parish Associate for Youth
adevries@nashvillewpc.org



Ashley Higgins
Associate Pastor
for Young Families
ahiggins@nashvillewpc.org



Hannah Norris
Interim Associate Director of
Senior High Youth
and College Ministries
hnorris@nashvillewpc.org



Heidi Hudnut-Beumler
Associate Pastor for
Congregational Care, New
Members, & GETconnected
hhudnutbeumler@
nashvillewpc.org



John Semingson
on sabbatical
Director of Music Ministries
johns@nashvillewpc.org



Stephanie Boaz
Parish Associate for
Congregational Care
sboaz@nashvillewpc.org



Dale Nickell
Associate Director of Music
Ministries and Organist
dnickell@nashvillewpc.org



Will Wellman
Parish Associate for
Adult Education
wwellman@nashvillewpc.org

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, March 9

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Westminster Bells
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 4:00 PM Musik Garten
- 6:00 PM RITI
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball
WPC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 15

- 11:30 AM AA



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.



3900 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205-1899
615.292.5526 | www.nashvillewpc.church

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

167 Forty Days and Forty Nights



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side,



for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.
 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
 vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!
 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.
 that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.



This text, given sharper focus by being reduced from nine stanzas to five, reflects both on Christ's temptation in the wilderness and on the purpose and goal of Lent as preparation for Easter. It pairs well with a 17th-century German chorale setting for Psalm 130.

