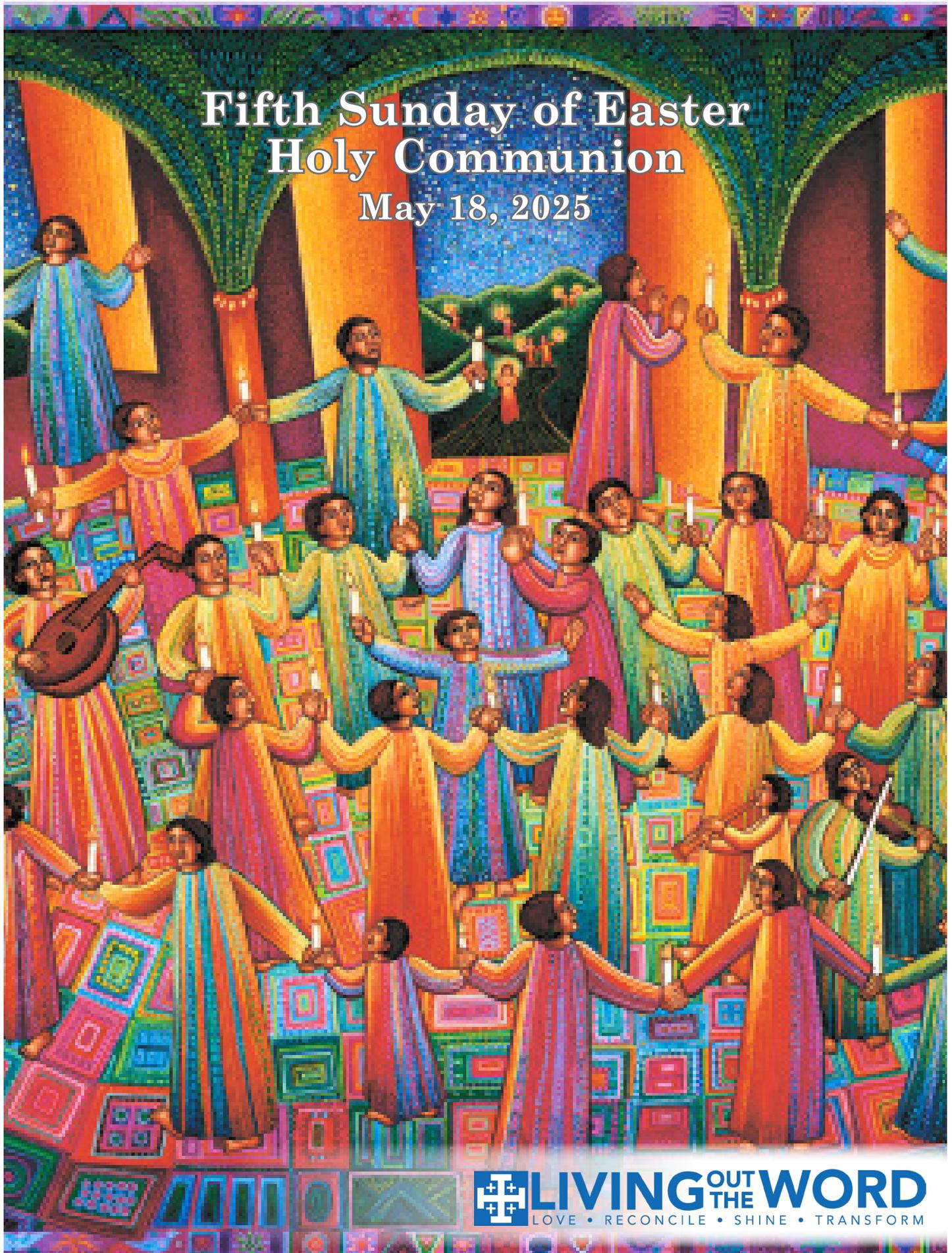


Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion

May 18, 2025



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.

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.

On the cover

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PRELUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful with This Is My Father's World

Linda R. Lamb

Michael Helman

Three American Folk Hymns

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Why have we gathered here?

We have responded to the gospel of God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

What do we hope to do here?

We unite with joy in the worship of God as disciples of Jesus Christ.

With what mission will we be sent from this place?

To be God's servants in serving humanity, spreading the gospel of love, bearing Christ's compassion and peace to all people.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**Almighty God,
you have taught us
that all our deeds without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
your most excellent gift of love,
the very bond of peace and of all goodness,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 14**

DIX

For the Beauty of the Earth

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has told you, O mortal, what is good;

Micah 6:8

**and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?**

Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of truth,
you have called us into covenant with you,
and in Jesus Christ you have fulfilled all your
promises to us.**

**Forgive us – for words that wound and wall us off,
for actions that contradict our convictions,
for broken promises to you and to others,
for love withheld.**

**Restore us to wholeness, O God.
May your truth rule throughout our lives,
conforming us to the image of our true humanity,
redeemed and renewed by your love
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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!**

*Call to and Prayer
of Confession*

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

About the Kyrie

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

Assurance of Pardon

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

Act of Praise

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

Scripture

The scriptures bear witness to the word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who “became flesh and lived among us.” (John 1:14) Where the word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord’s Day.

***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

Richard Shephard

Exultet: "Sing Choirs of Heaven"

Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
Around God’s throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!
Salute your king in glorious symphony.
Sing choirs of earth! Behold your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
The night is past the day of life is here!
Sing church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!
The gospel trumpets tell of vict’ry won!
Your Saviour lives: he’s with you evermore!
Let all God’s people shout the long Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

INTERLUDE

A Festive Rondo

Michael Helman

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

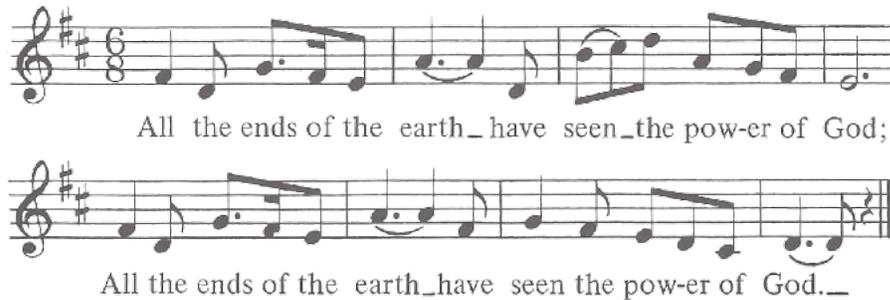
Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

I John 4:7-12

(New Testament, pages 241 in your pew Bible)

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

All the Ends of the Earth

Refrain:


All the ends of the earth_ have seen_ the pow-er of God;

All the ends of the earth_ have seen the pow-er of God._

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds;
God's right hand has won the victory, God's holy arm. **Refrain.**

The Lord has made salvation known, God's justice revealed to all;
Remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel. **Refrain.**

All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God.
Joyfully sing out, all you lands, break forth in song. **Refrain.**

Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn.
Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord. **Refrain.**

Mark 2:1-12

(New Testament, pages 36 in your pew Bible)

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

SERMON

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

"Lifted Up"

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are not alone.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word in the flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

United Church of Canada, "A New Creed"

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

Thomas Hewitt Jones

This Joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen.

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver,

Had Christ, that once was slain...

"This Joyful Eastertide"
is given for the glory of
God in honor of Phil
Osborne by the
Eshelman family.
Easter 2025

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:



My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,
till sound from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Had Christ, that once was slain...

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

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

***INVITATION**

***GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

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

Blessed are you, O Lord our God...

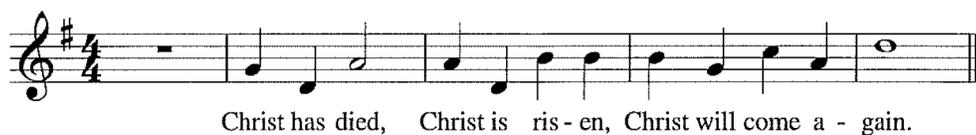
...Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

ALL:

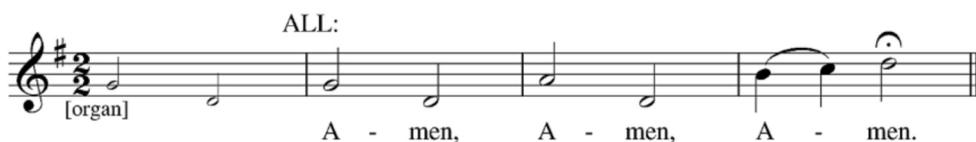
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of
pow-er and might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles-sed is
he who comes, he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

(The congregation may be seated.)

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior...
...as we share this joyful feast.
Great is the mystery of faith:



Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...now and forever.



***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

Anthem

The Father's Love

Simon Lole

As the Father has lov'd me, so have I lov'd you.
Remain in my love.
This is my commandment:
that you love one another, as I have lov'd you.

God is love, and those who live in love.
Live in God and God lives in them.
God is love.
If you keep my commandments,

love one another, as I have lov'd you.
Then your joy will be complete.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

***HYMN 300**

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
We Are One in the Spirit

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fuga in Basso Continuo
Bernardo Pasquini

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

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

About today's Postlude

This fugue is an exercise in playing figured bass. The composition supplies one fugal voice along with numbers indicating intervals that the performer uses to improvise an additional 1-3 voices to fill out the texture.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith
Associate Pastor for Adult Education

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Jane Kirchner
11:00 AM Lynne Trost

Communion Preparation

Debbie and Mike Sandwith

Music

Harvard Handbells, Tintinnabulation
Jennifer Barnes, Conductor
Jane Kirchner, Flute
Phu Le, Cantor

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

John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell
Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Sue and Trimmier McCarley, and to honor the ministry of Heidi Hudnut-Beumler by Beth and Ross O'Shea and Susan and Bruce Spaulding.

The flowers in the Parlor are given in celebration of Heidi Hudnut-Beumler with gratitude for her care and friendship from Elizabeth and Clay Trabue.

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



“Then some people came, bringing to [Jesus] a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.”
Mark 2:3

Think of a time you experienced being carried to Jesus to receive his love, grace, healing, and mercy in a time of need.

What did it feel like, and how did it impact you?

In what ways did you see Jesus in those who carried you in love and care, with faith and hope?

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.

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.



Preston Taylor Ministries is gearing up for summer programming which means lots of hungry students to feed! If you would like to contribute nonperishable snacks, we will be collecting donations until the end of May.

Please deposit items in the box labeled “PTM Snack Drive” in the church office. Questions? Contact Janet Kuhn at janetkuhn@mac.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Children's Ministry would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of the following volunteers who have made our 2024 -2025 school year successful.

Jaleen Rayburn
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Linda Koon
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Jennifer Caver
Jennie Rebecca Springer
Holly Conner
Amanda Fend

Thank you to all of those who made commitments to share their energy, intelligence, imagination, and love with our children. To nurture the faith of another is a gift. We are so very grateful to each and every one of you.



**May 23, 30
June 6, 13, 27
Musikgarten**

Music and movement can have a dramatic effect on babies, toddlers, and older children. Some studies indicate that early music instruction positively impacts language and literacy development; others point to improved pattern recognition skills which are the basis for mathematical learning; still others reveal the social and emotional benefits of being involved in music. Given our long-standing reputation as the leader in the field of affordable early music education, Musikgarten can give your child a learning advantage for life.

Join us for a five-week session. Cost \$45.
Scan the QR code to register.





TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



May 18
Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Resurrection & Everything After

In his letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul claimed, “if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain.” But what exactly is resurrection and what does it mean for us? Join the Covenant Class for a two-week series exploring this central facet of Christianity. We will explore the concept of resurrection, read scriptural accounts of Jesus’ resurrection and post-resurrection appearances, discuss the ways the church has understood resurrection, and ask what all of this means for us today.

All are welcome! Contact Will Wellman if you have any questions, wwellman@nashvillewpc.org.



WE NEED YOU!

We are doing a MAJOR membership directory update project, and we need your help to stay connected.

Please scan the QR code below to share basic information with us for the directory or fill out the pew card and drop it in the offering plate.

Also, we are seeking updated photos on all members/ couples/families. Please scan the QR code below to submit a photo; if you took a photo at the Easter flower cross in

front of the Sanctuary on April 20, send us that one!

If you prefer to send in a photo directly, or to gain access to the online church membership directory, please contact Hannah Boles, Membership Secretary, hboles@nashvillewpc.org; 615-292-5526. We would also love for you to let us know if you would like a printed church directory when they become available in early fall.

To update your contact info, please scan this QR code:



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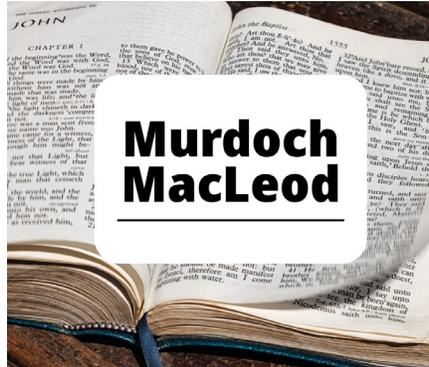
TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Faith & Fellowship • 214

Study of the Prophets - Speaking Wisdom to Power

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 • Overlook Room

How often do you and your kids pick up a Bible? Why is storytelling even important in the first place? Join Ashley Higgins for a discussion on the Bible and storytelling.



Sunday School

9:45 AM • Sunday School
Koinonia Youth Café



Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM Rehearsals
Music Camp Audition Rehearsal



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:

Read Mark 2:1-12

Why do you think the man's friends wanted to help him?

Have you ever seen someone who was sick or had a disability?

How can we show Jesus' love to others?

LIVING OUT THE WORD

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Word Search

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

amazed	Capernaum
forgiven	God
Jesus	paralyzed
questions	sins
stand	



ANNOUNCEMENTS



May 27

Westminster Book Group

9:30 AM • Fellowship

10:00 AM • Presentation

Goodpasture Hall

James by Everett Percival

Presenter: Ray Berry

Percival Everett's *James* reimagines Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. In a masterful way with emphasis on the character's humanity, Everett presents Jim, here called James, the slave who tries to escape on a trip down the Mississippi with Huck Finn. Rather than telling the story in Huck's young, naive, nineteenth century voice, Everett presents the events from James's point of view, beautifully depicting his intelligence, compassion, and struggle. Readers immediately see the tragic truth of Jim's situation in a less humorous light than in Twain's novel. Everett examines themes of freedom, identity, and belonging. Readers do not need to dig out old copies of Twain's novel to understand this retelling. Indeed, reviewers of the novel comment that it "honors and interrogates" the original novel.

Starting June 5
Summer Book Study
9:30 AM
Goodpasture Hall

We will study Jaroslav Pelikan's *Whose Bible Is It? A History of the Scriptures Through the Ages*.

A grand history of the Bible written by a major historian of theology. Pelikan takes the reader through the Bible's evolution from its earliest incarnation as oral tales to its modern existence in various configurations and translations.

Books are available in the office for \$15.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School Summer Mission Trips



June 1 - June 5 **West Virginia - Mission Trip**

The West Virginia Mission Experience allows youth to serve one of the poorest counties in the country. A group of youth and adults from Westminster will serve the residents of Panther, West Virginia, by providing construction support and maintenance on trailer homes.

Details:
Cost: \$700.00 *Scholarships available.
\$100.00 non-refundable deposit
Where to: Panther, WV 24872



BAREFOOT REPUBLIC CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

June 30 - July 5 **Barefoot Republic High School Camp**

Every summer for the past 25 years Barefoot Republic Camp has gathered campers and counselors from diverse socio-economic and racial backgrounds to practice joyful Christian community together. Inspired, convicted and called by Christ's ministry of reconciliation, Barefoot provides a space for young people to see the beautiful diversity of God's kingdom.

Details:
Cost: \$949.00 *Scholarships available; \$100.00 non-refundable deposit
Where to: Fountain Run, KY 42133





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Middle School Summer Mission Trips



**BAREFOOT
REPUBLIC**
CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

June 9-14

Barefoot Republic Junior High Camp

Every summer for the past 25 years Barefoot Republic Camp has gathered campers and counselors from diverse socio-economic and racial backgrounds to practice joyful Christian

community together.

Details:

Who Can Attend: Students who have just completed 5th-8th grade.

Cost: \$949.00 *Scholarships available. \$100.00 non-refundable deposit

Where to: Fountain Run, KY 42133



June 23-26

Hometown Middle School Mission Trip

Explore the many ways to get involved with mission and service in our hometown of Nashville, TN. Each day we'll explore a different mission site together, as well as, have fun, share good meals, and build friendships.

Details:

Who Can Attend: Students who have completed 5th through 7th grades.

Cost: \$150 *Scholarships available. \$100.00 non-refundable deposit, due 6/2/25

Where to: Nashville (we'll start and end each day at WPC)





JOY IN LEARNING/CAFÉ NEWS



Tuesday-Friday

Making Pot Holders

9:00 AM - Noon • Westminster Café

Continuing by demand! The potholder fun is continuing May 20 and throughout June! Come and have fun making a potholder for you, a friend, or for Joy in Learning to give away! Scan the QR code and let us know you are coming.



Acrylic Painting

June - July



Tuesdays
June 17-July 29
(skipping July 8)
1:00-3:00 PM
Instructor:
Emily Coleman

\$50 for 6 days, which includes all supplies for the class.

Deadline to register:
June 10
Limit: 12

Scan QR code for more info.



Painting Open Studio

May - June



May 20 - June 24
9:00 AM to Noon

For watercolor, oils and acrylic painters!

Scan the QR code if you are interested and to learn more.



Pottery

June and July



This is NOT a class. This Open Studio is created for those who have gone through a beginners class and are ready to play more on their own.

Scan the QR code for detailed info and dates.



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For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.