

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

Mike Moyers Fine Art
"I firmly believe that
art is a communion
with the soul.
Through my art, I
strive to make known
the beauty and
wonder of life and
faith." -MM

PRELUDE J.S. Bach

Pastorella: Mvt. 2, BWV 590

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

May God be gracious to us; May God bless us. Psalm 67

We gather in worship, knowing God is here.

May God's face shine upon us.

May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace.

Let us worship our God in praise.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

God of love and peace, whose healing Word is offered to every person and group and nation, we long to hear and see and feel your presence with us. Send your Holy Spirit to overpower our excuses, lend new perspective to our troubled thoughts, and equip us to walk into the future with courage. Reign among us that we may proclaim good news to all who need it. 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 403

UNSER HERRSCHER

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

CALL TO CONFESSION

All who keep God's Word know God's love and live by it. But obedience is not easy amid all the world's distractions, and the gift of love is not incorporated in our lives without effort. There is a gap between intention and reality, a chasm we create between ourselves and God. That is why we observe a time of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your Word in the torrent of words that we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled amid the conflicts and violence of our world. Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change, lest it require more of us. We know you are reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by your love. Let us feel it deep within, that we may reflect that love to all we meet. Amen.

(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.

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.") 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.

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.

ACT OF PRAISE

O'Carroll/Walker

Celtic Alleluia

(The congregation sings the Refrain with the choir.)

Refrain



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

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.

John 14:18-29 (New Testament, page 109 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 67 Bruce Neswick

Let the Peoples Praise You, O God

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of God's countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon the earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us God's blessing. May God give us God's blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of God.

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

Acts 16:9-15

(New Testament, page 136 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Where the Spirit Leads" Stephanie Boaz

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and
neighbor, and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

from A Brief Statement of Faith

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem John Foley, S.J.

Come to the Water

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,
let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load, and light:
come 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:



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!

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION

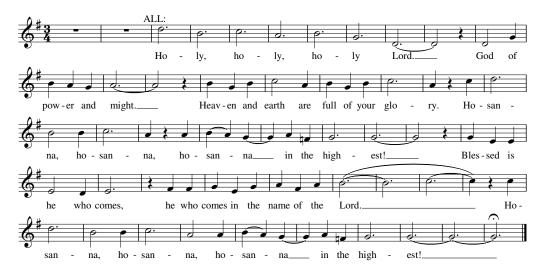
*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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:



(The congregation may be seated.)

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



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Harold W. Friedell

Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou are in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya!
Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya!
So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee,

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

That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
We will serve thee faithfully.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 295 SINE NOMINE

Go to the World!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE J.S. Bach

Fuga in G, BWV 577

S. Bach | About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

^{*(}Those who are able may stand.)

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Stephanie Boaz Parish Associate for Congregational Care

Liturgist

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

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Suzie Lane
11:00 AM Hamilton Proctor

Communion Preparation

Suzie and Richard Lane

Music

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 and in gratitude for our many blessings by Beth and Jim Felch.

The flowers in the Parlor are given in honor of Jenny Lynn Boswell and in memory of Betty Campbell and Judy Campbell by Julie Boswell and Kevin Campbell.

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)



Why do we go to places of prayer regularly? What do we experience in those places?

How do we know where God is sending us? Are we willing to respond when we sense that God is instructing us to go to unplanned places?

Lydia prevailed upon Paul and his companions to come stay at her home. How do we extend hospitality to others as a result of our encounter with the Word of God?

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 one of our pastors by calling the office, 615.292.5526.

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.

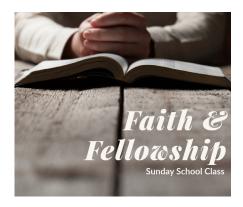
Please deposit items in the box labeled "PTM Snack Drive" in the church office. Questions? Contact Janet Kuhn at janetkuhn@mac.com.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

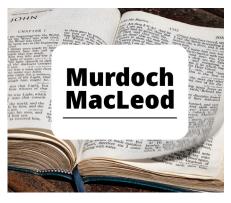
Covenant Class

Fellowship Sunday. Please greet old friends and meet new ones in the Parlor.



Faith & Fellowship

Fellowship Sunday



Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt, pdewitt@comcast.net.

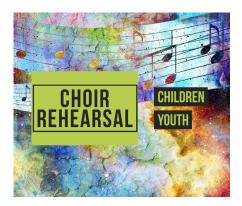


Young Families

The Young Families class will break for the summer. Please join one of the other adult ed classes.



Fellowship Sunday



Children & Youth Choirs

No rehearsals today.

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

No Sunday School today. Childcare is available for infants through kindergarten-age children.

What's happening this summer?

June 1 - June 29 Summer Sunday School

July 6 - July 27 No Sunday School Childcare available

August 3, 10 Sunday School in the Courtyard

The Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers for a few dates of summer Sunday school. We need two teachers each for June 1, 15, 22, and 29.

Preschool will meet in the preschool wing using the curriculum they are used to, and the elementary children will meet in the Wilson Wing in the movie room with Bible stories and movies. We have a few spots left. Please scan QR code and volunteer.



LIVING OUT THE WORD

Questions for Children and Their Families:

Who is the Holy Spirit?

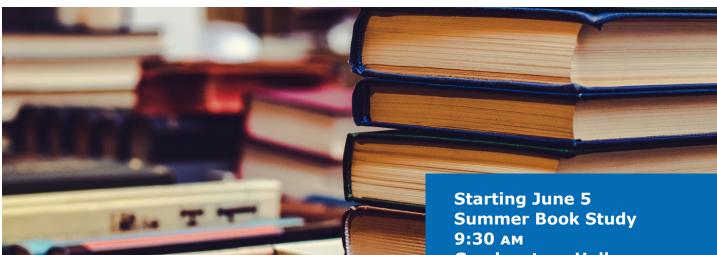
Is the Holy Spirit a "thing" or a person?

How does the Holy Spirit help us?

Does the Holy Spirit live inside of us?



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.

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.



🔡 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.



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 Open Studio

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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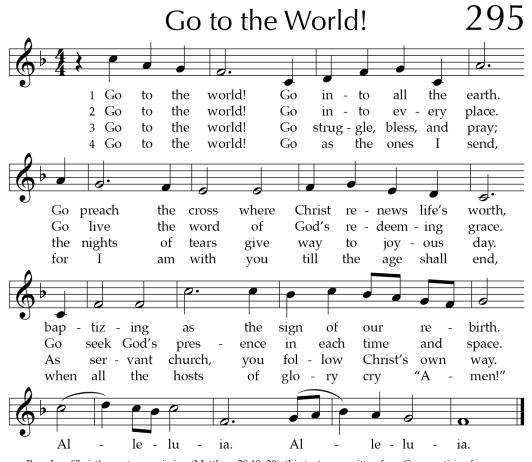


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In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.



Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

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