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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.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Felix Mendelssohn

Sonata II: Grave & Adagio, Op. 65

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

As the Creator and Savior are one,

may we all be one.

So that the world will see Christ,

may we all be one.

So that the nations will know the love of God for them,

may we all be one.

As the body of Christ for the sake of the world,

may we all be one.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lord Jesus Christ, make us one one in the gathering of the church, one in the teaching of the Scriptures; one in the sharing of the Eucharist; one in the sending of the Spirit. Make us one, Lord Jesus Christ, so that the world will believe in you and receive the gift of life you offer; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

(The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality in worship of Jesus Christ - the Living Word, and the Bible - the written Word.)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 525

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let Us Break Bread Together

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You have set us free to serve you, but we serve our own interests. You have delivered us from captivity, but we remain captive to our fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your loving-kindness upon this whole family of believers so that we may rejoice in our redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 (Hymn 513)

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.

This Is the Feast of Victory

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. *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.

Acts 16:16-34

(New Testament, page 136 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 47, Hymn 261

GENEVAN 47

Choir will sing verse 1 alone. The congregation is invited to sing verse 2 with the choir.

John 17:20-26

(New Testament, pages 111-112 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON "What Jesus Wants"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

arr. Mark Hayes

Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch, a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already safely come;
This grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and surely, surely grace will lead me home,
I shall go home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, the glorious sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun, Than since the day we first begun.

The anthem *Grace* is given to the Glory of God in honor of The Barnes Family by Marjorie Proctor.

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! Alleluia!

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION

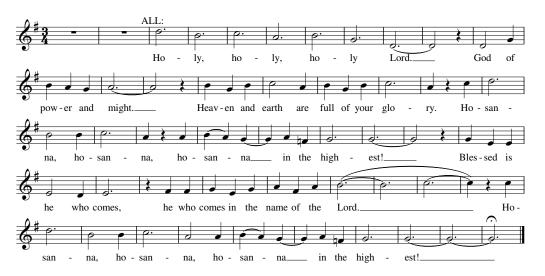
*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

We lift our praise to you, Gardener of Creation...

...Therefore we join our glad songs of Easter with those in every time and in every place who sing to you their praise:



(The congregation may be seated.)

You alone are holy, Steadfast God...

...As we remember you raising him from the dead and giving us life, great is the mystery of faith:



Here at this Table we are nourished by your steadfast love...

...may we bear witness to the presence of the Risen Lord in our lives.



Then, when we are united with all the saints, may we gather around your Table, one people, lifting our voices in praise to you, praying with the words Christ taught us:

*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

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

Anthem

Larry Visser

Do This In Remembrance of Me

On the night he was betrayed,
Christ took bread and, when he gave thanks,
he broke it and said,
"This is my body, which is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper
Christ took the cup, the new cov'nant in his blood,
he poured it and said,
"This is my blood, poured out for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 260 HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Secondo Libro di Toccate: Toccata Nona

*(Those who are able may stand.)

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

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

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Mark Beveridge 11:00 AM Lisa Atkinson

Communion Preparation

Debbie and Mike Sandwith

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 celebration of the marriage of Mary Britton Anderson and George Aidan Hite on May 31, 2025.

Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a daughter, *Elizabeth Ann Landstreet*, on May 11, 2025, to Kathryn and Fairfax Landstreet. Patrice and Mike Stockoff are thrilled 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



"I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them." John 17:26

John invites us into Jesus' prayer. What might be the prayer of someone you love? What might be the prayer of some people you don't know, but whom Jesus loves? Why does Jesus want us to know and be the love that Jesus shares with God? What is Jesus' prayer for you?



TO THE WESTMINSTER CHURCH FAMILY

Dear friends,

Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, for the amazing retirement celebration luncheon on May 18th! The box lunches and beautiful tables, packed gymnasium, kind words said, slide show and video, "Heidi" fans, gifts presented, and contributions given were generous beyond measure. Your cards, gifts, individual contributions and Bible verses continue to delight me as I open and read them. You abundantly blessed me in my leave taking just as

you have throughout our 8½ years of life and ministry together.

I give thanks to God for each of you, and for this beloved community of faith. I will hold you in my heart and in my prayers.

With gratitude and love,

Heidi

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

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.





Ushers Needed

Looking for a way to contribute to our wonderful worship services? Meet more people? As a parent or grandparent, are you looking for a way to keep your child or grandchild engaged during services? Please consider serving as an usher. At least four ushers are needed for each service, and you are welcome to join the team this summer or start in the fall. Duties include handing out bulletins, taking up offering, and other responsibilities as you become more comfortable with the role.

Interested? Email reynolds.virginia@gmail.com to find out more.



Flower Dedications

If you would like to dedicate flowers in memory of or in honor of someone, we have dates available this summer.

Please scan the QR code to see if the date you would like is available.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Covenant Class

Join us for an overview of the recent Holland-Belgium study trip.

Led by Guy Griffith.

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Faith & Fellowship ● 214

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.

Youth

Donuts & Devos 9:45 AM Koinonia Youth Café

Drop in and stay for a few minutes or the whole hour.

Everyone welcome!

Children

Summer Sunday School Begins

Room 161 Two-year olds - fours

Room 195 Kindergartern through rising fifth graders

Childcare

Room 146 Nursery

Room 152 Toddlers

Room 151
2s and 3s

THIS WEEK @WPC



Tuesdays - Fridays 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Westminster Café

Join us for iced or hot coffee and a yummy pastry while chatting with old friends or making new ones.

MONDAY

11:45 AM Centering Prayer Chapel

Contact the office for details.

Sunday - Thursday High School Mission Trip to West Virginia

A group of youth and adults from WPC will serve the residents of Panther, West Virginia, by providing construction support and maintenance on trailer homes. Please keep this team in your prayers.

For info, please contact Adam DeVries, adevries@ nashvillewpc.org.

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM Ladies Bridge ● Café

Contact Donna
Summar, summard
@comcast.net.

Monday - Saturday Music Camp 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Rising first graders through rising sixth graders are invited to join us for camp this week which includes fun, games and snacks and concludes with a performance of "The Tale of the Three Trees" by Allen Pote and Tom Long.

Contact Dale Nickell, dnickell@nashvillewpc.org.

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Knitting • Parlor

Contact the office for details.

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.

Copies of this book are available in the office. Cost: \$15.

Contact Guy, ggriffith@ nashvillewpc.org.



🔡 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**

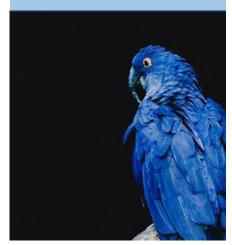
\$50 for 6 days, which includes all supplies for the class.

Deadline to register: June 10 Limit: 12

Scan QR code for more info.



June



June 3 - 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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MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Fun Summer Activity

Each summer PTM elementary students get hands-on experience running a Lemonade Stand, learning valuable skills and raising money for a special end-of-summer field trip. Now, you can join the fun too! Host your own Lemon(aid) Stand anytime this summer and help raise support for PTM. It's a simple, fun, and a

meaningful way to make a difference with your kids. Scan the QR code to register.

Jr. High Mission Trip

June 9-14, 2025

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. Our Youth who have completed grades 5th through 8th are going.





Save the Date

July 13 Rise Against Hunger

We have set our goal higher and going for 15,000 meals. The need is large and our hearts are big!! Come join us and bring friends. It will be a great use of time and it will be fun! Scan the QR code to register.

MINISTRY TEAM



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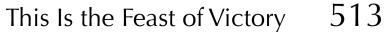
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Let Us Break Bread Together 525



This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshipers' experience.





This exuberant unrhymed paraphrase is especially well suited for use at celebrations of the Lord's Supper in Easter Season. The stanzas are derived from several passages in Revelation (5:9–10, 12–14; 7:10b, 12), while the refrain possibly refers to 1 Corinthians 15:54b–56.

TEXT: John W. Arthur, 1970 MUSIC: Richard Hillert, 1975, alt. Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship (admin. Augsburg Fortress) Music © 1975, 1988 Richard Hillert (Published by OCP) FESTIVAL CANTICLE Irregular

Peoples, Clap Your Hands!



In joining this 20th-century English paraphrase of Psalm 47—a psalm long associated with Christ's Ascension—with the 16th-century Genevan psalm tune written for a French metrical version, an important affirmation of the continuity of Reformed tradition is being made.

